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Session 1: Word List

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

octopus

n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

synonym : devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

confluence

n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

synonym : merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas

A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

delta

n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

synonym : floodplain, estuary

(1) river **deltas**, (2) **delta** cone

The Nile **Delta** is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

alligator

n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
synonym : crocodile, caiman, gator

(1) **alligator** habitat, (2) **alligator** watch strap

Alligator skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym : creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

cypress

n. a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees

synonym : evergreen, conifer

(1) **cypress** swamp, (2) **cypress** wood

The **cypress** trees provide a picturesque backdrop for the lake.

drip

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

synonym : drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

flavor

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

synonym : taste, savor, essence

(1) a delicate **flavor**, (2) **flavor** enhancer

The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

absolute

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

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

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

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

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

wonderland

n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

synonym : fantasyland, dreamland, fairyland

(1) magical **wonderland**, (2) Alice's **wonderland**

The colorful garden was a **wonderland** of various plants and flowers.

bay

n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building

synonym : inlet, cove, gulf

(1) **bay** area, (2) the mouth of a **bay**

She walked along the **bay** and collected shells.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

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**.

impressive

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

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

strength

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

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

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

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

agility

n. the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym: nimbleness, quickness, dexterity

(1) ninja-like **agility**, (2) **agility** training

The coach had the team run through the **agility** ladder to improve their coordination.

pry

v. to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

synonym: probe, investigate, inquire

(1) **pry** a secret out of a person, (2) **pry** into the affairs

He used a crowbar to **pry** open the locked door.

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.

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.

calm

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

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

palm

n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family *Palmae* having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

synonym: hand, fist

(1) the **palm** side of the forearm, (2) coconut **palm** trees

This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the **palm** of your hand.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym: sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

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

pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym: beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym : insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

spherical

adj. having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance

synonym : round, orbicular, spherical

(1) **spherical** shape, (2) **spherical** object

The Earth is a nearly **spherical** planet.

stripe

n. a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears

synonym : line, band, streak

(1) a white **stripe**, (2) **stripe** texture

The plates have a blue **stripe** around the edge.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym : wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym : curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

rubble

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

synonym : debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

whoosh

n. a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

synonym : swoosh, swish, whizz

(1) **whoosh** of a falling object, (2) hear a **whoosh**

The **whoosh** of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

zoology

n. the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution

synonym : animal science, biology, zoography

(1) **zoology** book, (2) **zoology** professor

She's studying **zoology** at university and hopes to work at a zoo someday.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

aquarium

n. a transparent tank of water in which fish and other water animals and plants are kept; a building containing tanks of live fish of different species, especially one that is open to the public

synonym : fish tank, water tank, aqua park

(1) **aquarium** fish, (2) virtual **aquarium**

This world-class **aquarium** offers educational programs for school groups.

invertebrate

n. a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks

synonym : animal, mollusk, worm

(1) **invertebrate** species, (2) study of **invertebrates**

Many species of marine **invertebrates**, such as corals and sponges, are important components of ocean ecosystems.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym : show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

spineless

adj. lacking courage, determination, or resilience; weak-willed or lacking in backbone or strength of character

synonym : weak, feeble, cowardly

(1) **spineless** jellyfish, (2) **spineless** response

His **spineless** behavior during the crisis disappointed everyone who had counted on his leadership.

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym : detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym : beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset

She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

slink

v. to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky

synonym : sneak, slither, crawl

(1) **slink** back home, (2) **slink** in the shadows

The thief tried to **slink** away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym : sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

fuzzy

adj. having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

synonym : hazy, blurry, indistinct

(1) **fuzzy** logic, (2) **fuzzy** memory

The picture was **fuzzy** because it was taken with an old camera.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

gravel

n. small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material

synonym : pebbles, stones, rocks

(1) **gravel** road, (2) **gravel** pit

We spread **gravel** over the driveway to prevent cars from getting stuck in the mud.

jet

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

synonym : plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

filtration

n. the process of passing a substance (such as liquid or gas) through a medium to remove impurities or unwanted particles

synonym : purification, straining, sieving

(1) **filtration** cylinder, (2) water **filtration**

The pool water is kept clean through continuous **filtration**.

lift

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

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

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

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

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

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.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same
Essentially, a society is an organism.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean
They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

expedition

n. a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

synonym : journey, trip, voyage

(1) **expedition** team, (2) a polar **expedition**

The **expedition** to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

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.

blast

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

synonym : blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym : adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

quitter

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

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

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

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

filmmaking

n. the process or art of making movies

synonym: movie-making, film production, cinema

(1) **filmmaking** industry, (2) retire from **filmmaking**

The history of **filmmaking** dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.

shingle

n. a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding

synonym: tile, slate, clapboard

(1) asphalt **shingle**, (2) wooden **shingle**

The roofer installed new **shingles** on the roof to replace the old and worn-out ones.

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym: useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

wildlife

n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

(1) **wildlife** sanctuary, (2) bird and other **wildlife**

The conservation area has an abundance of **wildlife**.

fundamental

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

synonym: basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate

treatment.

reef *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
(1) barrier **reef**, (2) coral **reefs**
The vessel ran aground on a **reef**.

surge *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
synonym: rush, spate, deluge
(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism
She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

tide *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
synonym: ripple, surge, swell
(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change
Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

complexity *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration
(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory
The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

camouflage *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
synonym: guise, mask, cloak
(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**
They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

acclimate *v.* to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning

synonym: adjust, adapt, acclimatize

(1) **acclimate** to the climate, (2) **acclimate** to the culture
It takes time for your body to **acclimate** to a new environment.

disturb

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

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

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

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

twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

synonym: spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

threat

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

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

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

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

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

technique

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

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

crab

n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

synonym : crustacean, shellfish, crusty

(1) **crab** cakes, (2) **crab** legs

I ordered a plate of fresh **crab** at the seafood restaurant.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

engulf

v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
synonym: swallow, submerge, inundate

(1) **engulf** the politician, (2) **engulf** in water

The fire quickly **engulfed** the entire building.

beak

n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
synonym: nib, pecker, snoot

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

seal

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

synonym: enclose, shut, close

(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**

He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.

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.

oxygen

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

and plants to live

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

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

scrub

v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

synonym: clean, wash, sanitize

(1) **scrub** off graffiti, (2) **scrub** dirt from potatoes

She decided to **scrub** the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.

chuck

v. to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone

synonym: toss, throw, discard

(1) **chuck** the ball across the yard, (2) **chuck** my job

I will **chuck** these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.

overboard

adv. to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational

synonym: recklessly, excessively

(1) fell **overboard**, (2) dumped **overboard**

He went **overboard** with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.

funk

n. a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B

synonym: melancholy, depression, gloom

(1) **funk** music, (2) get in a **funk**

When she heard about her friend's illness, she fell into a deep **funk** that lasted for days.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

lavender

n. a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking

(1) **lavender** fields, (2) **lavender-scented** bath products

I love the soothing scent of **lavender** essential oil.

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

suffice

v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

synonym: satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

zip

n. a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper

when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

synonym: fastener, postcode, slide

(1) **zip** code, (2) **zip** file

She put her phone in the **zip** pocket of her backpack.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

ridge

n. a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation

synonym: crest, summit, peak

(1) top of the **ridge**, (2) the **ridge** of the nose

The mountain range was full of rocky **ridges** and deep valleys.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym: Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

bust

v. to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating,

drinking, etc.

synonym : ruin, fall apart, (noun) breast

(1) **bust** my leg, (2) the **bust** of the statue

I'm **bust** with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

split

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

synonym : break, divide, break apart

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

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

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym : split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

dive

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

synonym : dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff

The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym : mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

tectonic

adj. relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it

synonym : seismic, geologic, geological

(1) **tectonic** valleys, (2) a **tectonic** earthquake

The **tectonic** plates shifted, causing an earthquake.

magma

n. molten rock that is located beneath the earth's surface and can solidify to form igneous rock

synonym : molten rock, lava, igneous rock

(1) volcanic **magma**, (2) **magma** flow

Magma chambers are large underground reservoirs where molten rock is stored before an eruption.

lava

n. molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

synonym : molten rock, magma, volcanic rock

(1) **lava** flow, (2) molten **lava**

The volcano's eruption caused a **lava** river to flow down the mountainside.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

crack

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

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym : association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

superheat

v. to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point

synonym : overheat, heat up, scorch

(1) **superheat** the cheese, (2) **superheat** the solution

The metal must be **superheated** before being shaped into the final product.

saturated

adj. (of chemistry) describing a compound or substance that contains the maximum amount of a particular atom or group of atoms and has no further capacity to bond; (of nutrition) describing a food that is high in saturated fats, which are linked to an increased risk of heart disease

synonym : soaked, drenched, soaked through

(1) **saturated** fat, (2) **saturated** colors

The company decided not to enter the smartphone market because it was already **saturated** with numerous established players.

reverse

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

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

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

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

eject

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

synonym: discharge, expel, emit

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

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

geyser

n. a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes

synonym: hot spring, fumarole

(1) erupting **geyser**, (2) Yellowstone **geyser**

The **geyser's** hot water generates electricity for nearby towns and cities.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

trim

v. to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance

synonym: cut, pare, prune

(1) **trim** a dog's nails, (2) **trim** the budget

I must **trim** the bushes in my front yard before they get too overgrown.

vent

n. a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion

synonym : duct, outlet, venthole

(1) volcanic **vent**, (2) **vent** tube

He gave **vent** to his anger by playing the guitar.

fluid

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

synonym : liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

suspension

n. the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles

synonym : moratorium, abeyance, break

(1) **suspension** of arms, (2) **suspension** bridge

The court ordered a long-term **suspension** of business.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

precipitate

v. to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process

synonym : hasten, accelerate, expedite

(1) **precipitate** a reaction, (2) **precipitate** a global energy crisis

The sudden rainstorm will **precipitate** flooding in low-lying

areas.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

chimney

n. a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

synonym: flue, smokestack, stack

(1) smoke **chimney**, (2) **chimney** sweep

The **chimney** in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.

shimmer

v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

synonym: gleam, glimmer, flash

(1) **shimmer** with tears, (2) **shimmer** in the moonlight

The sunlight made the water in the pool **shimmer** like diamonds.

smoker

n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

(1) **smoker** behavior, (2) an inveterate **smoker**

Many **smokers** are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.

tube

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

synonym: pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**

The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

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.

plume

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

synonym: feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

tangle

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

synonym: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

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**.

lobster

n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

synonym: crustacean, crawfish, crayfish

(1) **lobster** dinner, (2) fresh **lobster**

The restaurant served a delicious **lobster**, steamed to perfection.

clam

n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**

The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.

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.

arthropod

n. a type of invertebrate animal with a segmented body, jointed limbs, and an exoskeleton, including insects, spiders, crustaceans, and centipedes

synonym : insect, crustacean, spider

(1) **arthropod** exoskeleton, (2) small **arthropod**

The classification of **arthropods** is constantly evolving as new species are discovered, and genetic studies provide new insights into their evolutionary relationships.

scald

v. to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam

synonym : burn, scold, sear

(1) **scald** the milk, (2) **scald** my tongue

Be careful not to **scald** yourself with the hot water.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

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**.

photosynthesis

n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

(1) oxygenic **photosynthesis**, (2) process of **photosynthesis**

In **photosynthesis**, plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.

synthetic

adj. made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring

synonym : artificial, manufactured, fabricated

(1) **synthetic** fiber, (2) **synthetic** fertilizer

Synthetic diamonds play an essential role as machine tool blades.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym : temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

hydrothermal

adj. relating to hot water or steam, especially in the Earth's crust, and the thermal energy and chemical reactions

that occur as a result

synonym: geothermal, thermal, volcanic

(1) **hydrothermal** vents, (2) **hydrothermal** chemistry

The **hydrothermal** activity in this area creates a unique environment for marine creatures.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

synonym: bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs

The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

spook

v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

synonym: frighten, scare, discomfort

(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children

The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym: empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym: arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next

week.

algae

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

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

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

pea

n. a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable

synonym: legume, bean, pulse

(1) **pea** protein, (2) **pea** family

She shelled the **peas** and added them to the pot.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

synonym: slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

bulldoze

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

synonym: level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying

They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym : precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

flood

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

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

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

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

sediment

n. the substance that forms a solid layer at the bottom of the liquid

synonym : deposition, residue

(1) **sediment** runoff, (2) gravel **sediment**

Heavy rain often washes away **sediments** of the river.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym : build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

smother

v. to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion

synonym : smother, suffocate, stifle

(1) **smother** flames, (2) **smother** a sneeze

She tried to **smother** her fears and doubts with positive affirmations.

fertilizer

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

synonym: manure

(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**

Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of **fertilizers**.

pesticide

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

synonym: insecticide, herbicide, fungicide

(1) **pesticide** application, (2) **pesticide** residue

The farmer sprayed **pesticide** on his crops to protect them from insects.

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.

plankton

n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

(1) **plankton** blooms, (2) **plankton** community

Plankton is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

bloom

n. a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

synonym: blossom, flush, flower

(1) **bloom** in autumn, (2) black-and-white **blooms**

The cherry blossoms in the park were in full **bloom**.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
synonym: uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

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.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym: garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

crystal

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

synonym: quartz

(1) liquid **crystal**, (2) **crystal** analyses

A vast **crystal** chandelier glittered brightly above us.

galvanize

v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

synonym: energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

recognize

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

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym : legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym : allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

maintenance

n. the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

synonym : care, perpetuation, support

(1) the **maintenance** of the car, (2) **maintenance** work

We have decided to extend our **maintenance** contract until next year.

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.

recover

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

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

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

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

mead

n. an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains

synonym :

honey wine

(1) honey **mead**, (2) **mead** brewing

The **mead** at the Renaissance Faire was delicious.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

grassroots

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

synonym: fundamental, major, elemental

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

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

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

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym: unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

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.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory
He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

backyard

n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house
synonym: courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue
He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

healing

n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

synonym: recovery, recuperation, convalescence

(1) natural **healing** ability, (2) part of the **healing** process
Each ancient tribe has its **healing** traditions.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

encourage

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

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

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

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

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym: sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

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.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

overlap

v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

synonym : overlay, cover, bespread

(1) **overlap** one another, (2) **overlap** in many areas

There was no **overlap** between their proposals.

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.

beseech

v. to ask or beg someone earnestly or urgently; to implore or plead for something with great sincerity or humility; to request or entreat someone with a strong sense of urgency or need

synonym : plead, implore, beg

(1) **beseech** for help, (2) **beseech** forgiveness

I **beseech** you to reconsider your decision and give me another chance.

prick

v. to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication

synonym : poke, jab, sting

(1) **prick** a balloon, (2) **prick** up her ears

He accidentally **pricked** his finger with the needle.

expanse

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym : stretch, field, spread

(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**

She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.

preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

synonym : conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food

The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

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.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra
I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

neglect

v. to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

synonym: delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues
He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

abuse

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

synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**
Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals
This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

landfill

n. a site for the disposal of waste materials

synonym: dump, trash-yard, waste-yard

(1) disposal in a **landfill**, (2) **landfill** sites
This country faces problems in finding enough suitable **landfill** sites.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
2. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
3. p_a protein *n.* a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable
4. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
5. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
6. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
7. 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
8. ch__k my job *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
9. v__t tube *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
10. wi_____fe sanctuary *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

ANSWERS: 1. ephemeral, 2. overwhelming, 3. pea, 4. isolate, 5. degree, 6. fantastic, 7. discovery, 8. chuck, 9. vent, 10. wildlife

11. go____us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
12. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
13. natural he____g ability *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
14. ej__t huge amounts of pollutant *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
15. vast ex____e *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
16. an el____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
17. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
18. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
19. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
20. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
21. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 11. gorgeous, 12. algae, 13. healing, 14. eject, 15. expanse, 16. elaborate, 17. zone, 18. leap, 19. dive, 20. leap, 21. grab

22. water fil_____on *n.* the process of passing a substance (such as liquid or gas) through a medium to remove impurities or unwanted particles
23. ru___e-strewn road *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
24. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
25. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
26. inv_____ate species *n.* a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks
27. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
28. a sand p___e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
29. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
30. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
31. a capillary t___e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

ANSWERS: 22. filtration, 23. rubble, 24. creature, 25. instantly, 26. invertebrate, 27. decide, 28. pile, 29. interact, 30. construct, 31. tube

32. t__m the budget *v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
33. con_____ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
34. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
35. a te_____ic earthquake *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
36. b__t my leg *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
37. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
38. Alice's won_____nd *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
39. sa_____ed fat *adj.* (of chemistry) describing a compound or substance that contains the maximum amount of a particular atom or group of atoms and has no further capacity to bond; (of nutrition) describing a food that is high in saturated fats, which are linked to an increased risk of heart disease

ANSWERS: 32. trim, 33. confluence, 34. toxic, 35. tectonic, 36. bust, 37. degree, 38. wonderland, 39. saturated

40. sy_____ic fertilizer *adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
41. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
42. d__p from the vicious wound *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
43. tr__h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
44. su_____e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
45. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
46. pl__e of feathers *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
47. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
48. sh___p farming *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
49. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
50. a weak pu__e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

ANSWERS: 40. synthetic, 41. abuse, 42. drip, 43. trash, 44. suffice, 45. grab, 46. plume, 47. essentially, 48. shrimp, 49. launch, 50. pulse

51. de___d of life	<i>adj.</i> completely lacking or free from something
52. beyond the re__m of possibility	<i>n.</i> a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
53. parched s__l	<i>n.</i> the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
54. ha__h a plan	<i>v.</i> 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
55. pe_____de residue	<i>n.</i> a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
56. the mouth of a b_y	<i>n.</i> a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
57. a seafaring na___n	<i>n.</i> a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
58. ig___e a ban	<i>v.</i> to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
59. p_y into the affairs	<i>v.</i> to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
60. pe___t application	<i>v.</i> to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
61. de___e a question	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 51. devoid, 52. realm, 53. soil, 54. hatch, 55. pesticide, 56. bay, 57. nation, 58. ignore, 59. pry, 60. permit, 61. decide

62. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
63. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
64. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
65. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
66. zo_____y book *n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
67. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
68. a polar exp_____on *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
69. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
70. the Pa_____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
71. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
72. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 62. ignore, 63. tide, 64. ephemeral, 65. magical, 66. zoology, 67. dot, 68. expedition, 69. sophisticated, 70. pacific, 71. pacific, 72. situ

73. ancient pr____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
74. ne____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
75. mai____ce work *n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses
76. s__l a hole *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
77. technical ma____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
78. a go____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
79. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
80. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
81. fa____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
82. p_a family *n.* a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable

ANSWERS: 73. proverb, 74. neglect, 75. maintenance, 76. seal, 77. marvel, 78. gorgeous, 79. pile, 80. tuck, 81. fascinate, 82. pea

83. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
84. fil_____on cylinder *n.* the process of passing a substance (such as liquid or gas) through a medium to remove impurities or unwanted particles
85. hyd_____mal vents *adj.* relating to hot water or steam, especially in the Earth's crust, and the thermal energy and chemical reactions that occur as a result
86. ar_____od exoskeleton *n.* a type of invertebrate animal with a segmented body, jointed limbs, and an exoskeleton, including insects, spiders, crustaceans, and centipedes
87. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
88. vo_____o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
89. locust sw___m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
90. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
91. p_y a secret out of a person *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

ANSWERS: 83. responsible, 84. filtration, 85. hydrothermal, 86. arthropod, 87. apparently, 88. volcano, 89. swarm, 90. communal, 91. pry

92. bi____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
93. in a ta____e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
94. road sp____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
95. play in the ba____rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
96. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
97. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
98. fresh lo____r *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
99. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
100. be killed in____ly *adv.* immediately
101. z_p code *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

ANSWERS: 92. bizarre, 93. tangle, 94. sprinkler, 95. backyard, 96. tuck, 97. crack, 98. lobster, 99. threat, 100. instantly, 101. zip

102. ba____rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
103. public re__m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
104. wooden sh____e *n.* a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding
105. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
106. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
107. 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
108. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
109. fl__d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
110. sh____r with tears *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
111. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
112. an icy bl__t *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

ANSWERS: 102. backyard, 103. realm, 104. shingle, 105. damn, 106. crawl, 107. larva, 108. nation, 109. fluid, 110. shimmer, 111. enormous, 112. blast

113. cy____s swamp *n.* a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees
114. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
115. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
116. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
117. fun____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
118. ap____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
119. di____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
120. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
121. ninja-like ag____y *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
122. the te____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
123. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

ANSWERS: 113. cypress, 114. rethink, 115. biology, 116. algae, 117. fundamental, 118. applaud, 119. disturb, 120. communal, 121. agility, 122. technique, 123. alien

124. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
125. top of the ri__e *n.* a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation
126. sm___r behavior *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
127. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
128. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
129. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
130. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
131. la_____er-scented bath products *n.* a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
132. sc__b off graffiti *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
133. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
134. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
135. 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: 124. rainwater, 125. ridge, 126. smoker, 127. disappear, 128. crack, 129. quitter, 130. historic, 131. lavender, 132. scrub, 133. technique, 134. extraordinary, 135. spot

136. bu____ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
137. sc__d the milk *v.* to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam
138. a hackneyed pr____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
139. gravel se____nt *n.* the substance that forms a solid layer at the bottom of the liquid
140. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
141. a ben____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
142. fu__y logic *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
143. clear away ru____e *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
144. ej__t a player from a game *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
145. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste

ANSWERS: 136. bulldoze, 137. scald, 138. proverb, 139. sediment, 140. dot, 141. beneficial, 142. fuzzy, 143. rubble, 144. eject, 145. trash

146. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
147. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
148. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
149. pl__e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
150. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
151. ac_____te to the climate *v.* to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning
152. sc__b dirt from potatoes *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
153. lack of ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
154. small ar_____od *n.* a type of invertebrate animal with a segmented body, jointed limbs, and an exoskeleton, including insects, spiders, crustaceans, and centipedes

ANSWERS: 146. encourage, 147. mere, 148. surrounding, 149. plume, 150. evolution, 151. acclimate, 152. scrub, 153. oxygen, 154. arthropod

155. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
156. giant oc_____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
157. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
158. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
159. 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
160. sc__d my tongue *v.* to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam
161. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
162. sus_____on of arms *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
163. ma__a flow *n.* molten rock that is located beneath the earth's surface and can solidify to form igneous rock
164. 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

ANSWERS: 155. influence, 156. octopus, 157. fundamental, 158. interact, 159. larva, 160. scald, 161. ecosystem, 162. suspension, 163. magma, 164. hatch

165. ne____t ethical issues *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
166. va____y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
167. a su____e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
168. t__m a dog's nails *v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
169. coral r____fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
170. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
171. oxygenic pho______sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
172. the p__m side of the forearm *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
173. di____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

ANSWERS: 165. neglect, 166. valley, 167. surge, 168. trim, 169. reef, 170. vision, 171. photosynthesis, 172. palm, 173. dissolve

174. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
175. the gra_____ts factor in making the decision *adj.* of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
176. ov_____p one another *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
177. the hydrogen binds the ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
178. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
179. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
180. sy_____ic fiber *adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring
181. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
182. a gra_____ts movement for nuclear disarmament *adj.* of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
183. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
184. process of pho_____sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

ANSWERS: 174. abuse, 175. grassroots, 176. overlap, 177. oxygen, 178. sprinkler, 179. immediately, 180. synthetic, 181. release, 182. grassroots, 183. creature, 184. photosynthesis

185. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
186. cy_____s wood *n.* a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees
187. a delicate fl____r *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
188. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
189. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
190. de__a cone *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
191. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
192. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
193. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

ANSWERS: 185. recognize, 186. cypress, 187. flavor, 188. globe, 189. enact, 190. delta, 191. filmmaker, 192. background, 193. dissolve

194. retire from fil_____ng *n.* the process or art of making movies
195. be_____h forgiveness *v.* to ask or beg someone earnestly or urgently; to implore or plead for something with great sincerity or humility; to request or entreat someone with a strong sense of urgency or need
196. su_____at the solution *v.* to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point
197. volcanic ma__a *n.* molten rock that is located beneath the earth's surface and can solidify to form igneous rock
198. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
199. d__p liquid *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
200. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
201. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
202. ag_____y training *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
203. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 194. filmmaking, 195. beseech, 196. superheat, 197. magma, 198. opposition, 199. drip, 200. release, 201. damn, 202. agility, 203. horn

204. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
205. cr____l analyses *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
206. geological r__t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
207. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
208. ine_____ly reach the consumer *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
209. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
210. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
211. the DNA se____ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
212. sp__k the fish *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

ANSWERS: 204. tower, 205. crystal, 206. rift, 207. encouraging, 208. inevitably, 209. biology, 210. fan, 211. sequence, 212. spook

213. sp_____ss jellyfish *adj.* lacking courage, determination, or resilience; weak-willed or lacking in backbone or strength of character
214. river de__as *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
215. sp__k the children *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
216. a fur s__l *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
217. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
218. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
219. lo_____r dinner *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
220. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
221. ben_____al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
222. magical won_____nd *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

ANSWERS: 213. spineless, 214. delta, 215. spook, 216. seal, 217. absolute, 218. environment, 219. lobster, 220. rethink, 221. beneficial, 222. wonderland

223. tw___h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
224. pre_____te a global energy crisis *v.* to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process
225. bu_____ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
226. giant c___m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
227. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
228. fl___r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
229. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
230. al_____or watch strap *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China

ANSWERS: 223. twitch, 224. precipitate, 225. bulldoze, 226. clam, 227. launch, 228. flavor, 229. chamber, 230. alligator

231. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
232. pe__h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
233. a chemical fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
234. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
235. ov_____p in many areas *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
236. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
237. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
238. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
239. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
240. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

ANSWERS: 231. dive, 232. perch, 233. fertilizer, 234. construct, 235. overlap, 236. enact, 237. marine, 238. ecosystem, 239. marvel, 240. surge

241. su____e to live *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
242. sl__k in the shadows *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
243. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
244. fell ov____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
245. b_y area *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
246. barrier r__f *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
247. a glass t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
248. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
249. c__b cakes *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
250. a fa____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
251. ac____te to the culture *v.* to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning

ANSWERS: 241. suffice, 242. slink, 243. gulf, 244. overboard, 245. bay, 246. reef, 247. tube, 248. flood, 249. crab, 250. fantastic, 251. acclimate

252. active vo____o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
253. study of inv____ates *n.* a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks
254. pe____de application *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
255. large ex____es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
256. 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
257. disposal in a la____ll *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
258. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
259. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
260. di____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
261. ra____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

ANSWERS: 252. volcano, 253. invertebrate, 254. pesticide, 255. expanse, 256. swarm, 257. landfill, 258. situ, 259. gap, 260. display, 261. rainwater

262. dumped ov_____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
263. ee__e silence *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
264. sus_____on bridge *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
265. su_____at the cheese *v.* to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point
266. variety of ma___e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
267. 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
268. sl__k back home *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
269. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
270. shuck a c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
271. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
272. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight

ANSWERS: 262. overboard, 263. eerie, 264. suspension, 265. superheat, 266. marine, 267. worm, 268. slink, 269. communicate, 270. clam, 271. unbelievable, 272. visual

273. 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
274. honor gr_____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
275. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
276. l__a flow *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material
277. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
278. work as cam_____ge *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
279. sharp b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
280. sh___p cocktail *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
281. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

ANSWERS: 273. discovery, 274. graduate, 275. complexity, 276. lava, 277. encouraging, 278. camouflage, 279. beak, 280. shrimp, 281. reverse

282. virtual aq____um *n.* a transparent tank of water in which fish and other water animals and plants are kept; a building containing tanks of live fish of different species, especially one that is open to the public
283. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
284. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
285. st___e texture *n.* a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears
286. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
287. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
288. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
289. hyd_____mal chemistry *adj.* relating to hot water or steam, especially in the Earth's crust, and the thermal energy and chemical reactions that occur as a result
290. fil_____ng industry *n.* the process or art of making movies
291. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 282. aquarium, 283. gulf, 284. apparently, 285. stripe, 286. individual, 287. planet, 288. crawl, 289. hydrothermal, 290. filmmaking, 291. quitter

292. ch__k the ball across the yard *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
293. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
294. the b__t of the statue *v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.
295. se_____nt runoff *n.* the substance that forms a solid layer at the bottom of the liquid
296. gr___l pit *n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material
297. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
298. ine_____ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
299. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
300. st_____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
301. sp_____ss response *adj.* lacking courage, determination, or resilience; weak-willed or lacking in backbone or strength of character
302. z_p file *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

ANSWERS: 292. chuck, 293. isolate, 294. bust, 295. sediment, 296. gravel, 297. chemical, 298. inevitably, 299. toxic, 300. strength, 301. spineless, 302. zip

303. aq____um fish *n.* a transparent tank of water in which fish and other water animals and plants are kept; a building containing tanks of live fish of different species, especially one that is open to the public
304. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
305. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
306. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
307. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
308. black-and-white bl__ms *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
309. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
310. hi_____de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
311. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
312. a tip of the b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
313. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
314. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

ANSWERS: 303. aquarium, 304. communicate, 305. fascinate, 306. visual, 307. absolute, 308. bloom, 309. globe, 310. hillside, 311. elaborate, 312. beak, 313. evolution, 314. recover

315. la____er fields *n.* a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
316. f__k music *n.* a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B
317. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
318. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
319. be_____h for help *v.* to ask or beg someone earnestly or urgently; to implore or plead for something with great sincerity or humility; to request or entreat someone with a strong sense of urgency or need
320. asphalt sh_____e *n.* a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding
321. ta___e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
322. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
323. wh___h of a falling object *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

ANSWERS: 315. lavender, 316. funk, 317. recognize, 318. lift, 319. beseech, 320. shingle, 321. tangle, 322. applaud, 323. whoosh

324. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
325. sp_____al object *adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance
326. the pre_____ion of food *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
327. pr__k up her ears *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
328. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
329. pe__h on a ledge *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
330. r__t between friends *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
331. wiggly w__ms *n.* a long, thin creature with a soft and long cylindrical tube-like body, no limbs, and a lack of eyes
332. the ri__e of the nose *n.* a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation

ANSWERS: 324. flash, 325. spherical, 326. preservation, 327. prick, 328. tide, 329. perch, 330. rift, 331. worm, 332. ridge

333. liquid cr_____l *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
334. pl_____on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
335. pu__e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
336. pr__k a balloon *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
337. the mai_____ce of the car *n.* the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses
338. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
339. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 333. crystal, 334. plankton, 335. pulse, 336. prick, 337. maintenance, 338. lift, 339. essentially

340. sh____r in the moonlight
v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
341. res_____le action
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
342. the story is bi____e
adj. very strange or unusual
343. tw____h of an eye
v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
344. hi____de vineyard
n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
345. a criminal bac_____nd
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
346. the lower ch____r
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
347. ext_____ary weather
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
348. di_____ar after a week
v. to cease to exist or be visible
349. fl__d advisory
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 340. shimmer, 341. responsible, 342. bizarre, 343. twitch, 344. hillside, 345. background, 346. chamber, 347. extraordinary, 348. disappear, 349. flood

350. arterial con_____ce *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
351. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
352. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
353. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
354. the se_____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
355. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
356. smoke ch_____y *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
357. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
358. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
359. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
360. exp_____on team *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

ANSWERS: 350. confluence, 351. strength, 352. filmmaker, 353. overwhelming, 354. sequence, 355. amazing, 356. chimney, 357. impressive, 358. surrounding, 359. tower, 360. expedition

361. c__b legs *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
362. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
363. te____ic valleys *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
364. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
365. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
366. a white st___e *n.* a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears
367. private j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
368. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
369. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
370. air de___d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
371. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
372. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 361. crab, 362. valley, 363. tectonic, 364. amazing, 365. opposition, 366. stripe, 367. jet, 368. flash, 369. crazy, 370. devoid, 371. calm, 372. disturb

373. sp_____al shape *adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance
374. nonsynthetic fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
375. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
376. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
377. 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
378. a bl__t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
379. venomous oc_____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
380. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
381. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
382. ch_____y sweep *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
383. molten l__a *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

ANSWERS: 373. spherical, 374. fertilizer, 375. display, 376. vision, 377. spot, 378. blast, 379. octopus, 380. individual, 381. immediately, 382. chimney, 383. lava

384. fu__y memory *adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers
385. sm_____r flames *v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
386. pre_____te a reaction *v.* to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process
387. coconut p__m trees *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
388. zo_____y professor *n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
389. cam_____ge clothing *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
390. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
391. en___f in water *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
392. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

ANSWERS: 384. fuzzy, 385. smother, 386. precipitate, 387. palm, 388. zoology, 389. camouflage, 390. zone, 391. engulf, 392. calm

393. toxic ch____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
394. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
395. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
396. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
397. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
398. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
399. volcanic v__t *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
400. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
401. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
402. m__d brewing *n.* an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains

ANSWERS: 393. chemical, 394. gap, 395. influence, 396. threat, 397. historic, 398. unbelievable, 399. vent, 400. alien, 401. environment, 402. mead

403. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
404. hear a wh___h *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
405. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
406. ga_____ze steel *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
407. en___f the politician *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
408. sa_____ed colors *adj.* (of chemistry) describing a compound or substance that contains the maximum amount of a particular atom or group of atoms and has no further capacity to bond; (of nutrition) describing a food that is high in saturated fats, which are linked to an increased risk of heart disease
409. the ee___e whistle of dropping bombs *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
410. gr___l road *n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material

ANSWERS: 403. planet, 404. whoosh, 405. encourage, 406. galvanize, 407. engulf, 408. saturated, 409. eerie, 410. gravel

411. erupting ge___r *n.* a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes
412. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
413. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
414. plenty of fl__ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
415. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
416. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
417. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
418. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
419. an inveterate sm___r *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
420. honey m__d *n.* an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains
421. commercial j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
422. la_____ll sites *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials

ANSWERS: 411. geyser, 412. crazy, 413. split, 414. fluid, 415. complexity, 416. split, 417. enormous, 418. recover, 419. smoker, 420. mead, 421. jet, 422. landfill

423. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
424. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
425. bird and other wi_____fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
426. s____ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
427. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
428. pl_____on blooms *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
429. m____e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
430. a handle of h____n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
431. part of the he_____g process *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
432. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

ANSWERS: 423. impressive, 424. reverse, 425. wildlife, 426. soil, 427. magical, 428. plankton, 429. mere, 430. horn, 431. healing, 432. fan

433. work pe___t *v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
434. wildlife pre_____ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
435. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
436. sm_____r a sneeze *v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
437. al_____or habitat *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
438. Yellowstone ge___r *n.* a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes
439. ga_____ze the country *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
440. get in a f__k *n.* a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B
441. bl__m in autumn *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

ANSWERS: 433. permit, 434. preservation, 435. sophisticated, 436. smother, 437. alligator, 438. geyser, 439. galvanize, 440. funk, 441. bloom

442. gr____te degree program

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

ANSWERS: 442. graduate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.
n. a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
2. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
3. The bird _____ on the branch, watching the world below.
v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
4. The pool water is kept clean through continuous _____.
n. the process of passing a substance (such as liquid or gas) through a medium to remove impurities or unwanted particles
5. She wore a _____ dress to the party, which everyone admired.
adj. wonderful and attractive
6. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
7. The colorful garden was a _____ of various plants and flowers.
n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

ANSWERS: 1. whoosh, 2. Soil, 3. perched, 4. filtration, 5. gorgeous, 6. planet, 7. wonderland

8. She decided to _____ the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.
v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
9. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
10. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
11. Many species of marine _____ such as corals and sponges, are important components of ocean ecosystems.
n. a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks
12. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
13. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
14. _____ is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.
n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
15. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.
n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 8. scrub, 9. background, 10. proverb, 11. invertebrates, 12. disturb, 13. absolute, 14. Plankton, 15. horns

16. Their disagreement caused a _____ in their friendship.

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

17. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

18. I ordered a plate of fresh _____ at the seafood restaurant.

n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

19. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

20. They utilized branches of trees as _____.

n. an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

21. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

22. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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

23. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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

ANSWERS: 16. rift, 17. toxic, 18. crab, 19. marvel, 20. camouflage, 21. applaud, 22. opposition, 23. technique

24. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.

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

25. _____ diamonds play an essential role as machine tool blades.

- adj.* made by combining chemical substances as opposed to being naturally occurring

26. He _____ his health to make the project a success.

- v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

27. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

28. 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

29. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.

- adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

30. She was diagnosed with a _____ buildup in her lungs.

- n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid

31. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

- v.* to communicate or react with somebody

32. The _____ shattered the laboratory equipment.

- n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

ANSWERS: 24. reversed, 25. Synthetic, 26. neglected, 27. historic, 28. discovery, 29. encouraging, 30. fluid, 31. interact, 32. blast

33. The _____ activity in this area creates a unique environment for marine creatures.

adj. relating to hot water or steam, especially in the Earth's crust, and the thermal energy and chemical reactions that occur as a result

34. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

35. This world-class _____ offers educational programs for school groups.

n. a transparent tank of water in which fish and other water animals and plants are kept; a building containing tanks of live fish of different species, especially one that is open to the public

36. A _____ of two smaller streams formed the river.

n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

37. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

38. A vast _____ chandelier glittered brightly above us.

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

39. _____ skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.

n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China

40. I _____ you to reconsider your decision and give me another chance.

v. to ask or beg someone earnestly or urgently; to implore or plead for something with great sincerity or humility; to request or entreat someone with a strong sense of urgency or need

ANSWERS: 33. hydrothermal, 34. immediately, 35. aquarium, 36. confluence, 37. complexity, 38. crystal, 39. Alligator, 40. beseech

41. There was no _____ between their proposals.
v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
42. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable _____.
n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
43. Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of _____.
n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
44. The history of _____ dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.
n. the process or art of making movies
45. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
46. The ____ digs through the sand to a significant depth.
n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
47. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
48. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 41. overlap, 42. preservation, 43. fertilizers, 44. filmmaking, 45. recognize, 46. clam, 47. amazing, 48. impressive

49. The _____ hot water generates electricity for nearby towns and cities.
n. a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes
50. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.
adj. completely lacking or free from something
51. The plates have a blue _____ around the edge.
n. a long, narrow band of a different color or texture than the surface on which it appears
52. He experienced nausea after eating live _____.
n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
53. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
54. Many _____ are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.
n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
55. It takes time for your body to _____ to a new environment.
v. to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning
56. Heavy rain often washes away _____ of the river.
n. the substance that forms a solid layer at the bottom of the liquid

ANSWERS: 49. geyser's, 50. devoid, 51. stripe, 52. octopus, 53. display, 54. smokers, 55. acclimate, 56. sediments

57. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.

- v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

58. The picture was _____ because it was taken with an old camera.

- adj.* having a soft and indistinct outline or covered with fine, soft, and hairlike fibers

59. She put her phone in the _____ pocket of her backpack.

- n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

60. The _____ to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

- n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

61. When she heard about her friend's illness, she fell into a deep _____ that lasted for days.

- n.* a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B

62. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.

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

63. He used a crowbar to _____ open the locked door.

- v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

64. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

- n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

ANSWERS: 57. tuck, 58. fuzzy, 59. zip, 60. expedition, 61. funk, 62. dots, 63. pry, 64. Alien

65. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
66. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read
67. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.
adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
68. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.
n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
69. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
70. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.
v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
71. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
72. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
73. 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

ANSWERS: 65. flash, 66. apparently, 67. inevitably, 68. piles, 69. disappear, 70. crawl, 71. communicate, 72. graduate, 73. spot

74. His success as a famous actor was _____.

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

75. The _____ trees provide a picturesque backdrop for the lake.

n. a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees

76. He proposed an _____ program of public works.

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

77. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

78. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

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

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

80. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

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

81. His _____ behavior during the crisis disappointed everyone who had counted on his leadership.

adj. lacking courage, determination, or resilience; weak-willed or lacking in backbone or strength of character

ANSWERS: 74. ephemeral, 75. cypress, 76. elaborate, 77. situ, 78. extraordinary, 79. crack, 80. lifted, 81. spineless

82. I will _____ these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.
v. to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
83. In _____ plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.
n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
84. 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
85. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
86. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
87. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
88. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
89. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 82. chuck, 83. photosynthesis, 84. swarm, 85. threat, 86. rainwater, 87. decide, 88. fantastic, 89. enormous

90. Water is _____ from the faucet.

- v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

91. I must _____ the bushes in my front yard before they get too overgrown.

- v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance

92. I'm a big _____ of French food.

- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

93. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.

- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

94. She couldn't stop her leg from _____ nervously.

- v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

95. The coach had the team run through the _____ ladder to improve their coordination.

- n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

96. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.

- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

97. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 90. dripping, 91. trim, 92. fan, 93. chambers, 94. twitching, 95. agility, 96. rethink, 97. degree

98. The restaurant served a delicious _____ steamed to perfection.
n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
99. The sunlight made the water in the pool _____ like diamonds.
v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
100. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
adj. relating to seeing or sight
101. 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
102. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
103. I love the soothing scent of _____ essential oil.
n. a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
104. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.
n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

ANSWERS: 98. lobster, 99. shimmer, 100. visual, 101. hatch, 102. damn, 103. lavender, 104. volcano

105. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

106. The motivational speech _____ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

107. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

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

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

109. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

110. This country faces problems in finding enough suitable _____ sites.

n. a site for the disposal of waste materials

111. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

112. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.

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

ANSWERS: 105. surge, 106. galvanized, 107. responsible, 108. quitter, 109. Communal, 110. landfill, 111. unbelievable, 112. floods

113. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

114. The cords behind my computer were a _____ mess.

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

115. She looked over the immense _____ of the sea.

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

116. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

117. The _____ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

118. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

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

119. The company decided not to enter the smartphone market because it was already _____ with numerous established players.

adj. (of chemistry) describing a compound or substance that contains the maximum amount of a particular atom or group of atoms and has no further capacity to bond; (of nutrition) describing a food that is high in saturated fats, which are linked to an increased risk of heart disease

120. The Nile _____ is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

ANSWERS: 113. sophisticated, 114. tangled, 115. expanse, 116. surrounding, 117.

flavor, 118. split, 119. saturated, 120. Delta

121. This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the _____ of your hand.
n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
122. The _____ in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.
n. a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
123. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the _____.
n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
124. The truth was more _____ than expected.
adj. very strange or unusual
125. _____ 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
126. 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
127. _____ chambers are large underground reservoirs where molten rock is stored before an eruption.
n. molten rock that is located beneath the earth's surface and can solidify to form igneous rock

ANSWERS: 121. palm, 122. chimney, 123. hillside, 124. bizarre, 125. Worms, 126. influence, 127. Magma

128. Be careful not to _____ yourself with the hot water.

v. to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam

129. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

130. She walked along the ____ and collected shells.

n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building

131. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

132. The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring _____.

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

133. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

134. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

135. He accidentally _____ his finger with the needle.

v. to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication

136. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

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

ANSWERS: 128. scald, 129. release, 130. bay, 131. crazy, 132. shrimp, 133. fundamental, 134. filmmaker, 135. pricked, 136. recovering

137. The _____ at the Renaissance Faire was delicious.

- n.* an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains

138. The thief tried to _____ away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.

- v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky

139. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.

- adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

140. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of _____.

- n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

141. They _____ the old building to make way for a new one.

- v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

142. The _____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

- n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

143. The bird's _____ evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

- n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird

144. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

- adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

ANSWERS: 137. mead, 138. slink, 139. overwhelming, 140. rubble, 141. bulldozed, 142. tube, 143. beak, 144. pacific

145. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

146. She shelled the _____ and added them to the pot.

n. a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable

147. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.

adv. immediately

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

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

149. The court ordered a long-term _____ of business.

n. the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles

150. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

151. 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

152. The farmer sprayed _____ on his crops to protect them from insects.

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

ANSWERS: 145. magical, 146. peas, 147. instantly, 148. ignored, 149. suspension, 150. sprinkler, 151. larva, 152. pesticide

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

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

154. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

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

155. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full _____.

n. a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth

156. He lost the election by _____ votes.

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

157. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

158. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

159. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

160. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

161. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

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

ANSWERS: 153. eject, 154. tide, 155. bloom, 156. mere, 157. tower, 158. permit, 159. valley, 160. ecosystem, 161. Algae

162. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

163. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.

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

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

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

165. The bird had a beautiful _____ on its head.

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

166. The _____ plates shifted, causing an earthquake.

adj. relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it

167. The metal must be _____ before being shaped into the final product.

v. to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point

168. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

169. The roofer installed new _____ on the roof to replace the old and worn-out ones.

n. a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding

170. Each ancient tribe has its _____ traditions.

n. the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

ANSWERS: 162. creature, 163. calm, 164. strength, 165. plume, 166. tectonic, 167. superheated, 168. zone, 169. shingles, 170. healing

171. He went _____ with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.

adv. to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational

172. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

173. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

174. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

175. The bankruptcy of that company _____ markets.

v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

176. He _____ the letter with hot wax.

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

177. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

178. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

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

ANSWERS: 171. overboard, 172. marine, 173. chemical, 174. pulse, 175. spooked, 176. sealed, 177. leap, 178. encouraged

179. The volcano's eruption caused a _____ river to flow down the mountainside.
n. molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material
180. Would one cup of flour _____ for this recipe?
v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
181. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.
n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
182. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.
n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
183. The street was entirely silent and a bit _____.
adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
184. The feeling among the company's _____ is that the CEO is not radical enough.
adj. of or relating to the ordinary people in a society or an organization as constituting a fundamental political and economic group
185. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
186. We have decided to extend our _____ contract until next year.
n. the act or process of keeping something, either artificial materials or living things, in good condition; the money needed for a person's or family's living expenses

ANSWERS: 179. lava, 180. suffice, 181. wildlife, 182. realm, 183. eerie, 184. grassroots, 185. vision, 186. maintenance

187. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.

- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

188. He grows vegetables in his _____.

- n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house

189. She's studying _____ at university and hopes to work at a zoo someday.

- n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution

190. We spread _____ over the driveway to prevent cars from getting stuck in the mud.

- n.* small stones and pebbles, often mixed with sand, used for road surfaces, concrete, landscaping, or as a decorative material

191. The ____ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

- n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

192. I'm ____ with preparation for tomorrow's meeting.

- v.* to break something; (noun) a woman's chest, or the measurement around a woman's chest; (noun) an occasion for something excessive, such as work, eating, drinking, etc.

193. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

194. The mountain range was full of rocky _____ and deep valleys.

- n.* a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation

ANSWERS: 187. gap, 188. backyard, 189. zoology, 190. gravel, 191. jet, 192. bust, 193. environment, 194. ridges

195. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.
n. discarded material, refuse, or waste
196. You should not _____ them from the community.
v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
197. The government _____ this law in 1925.
v. to make a law; to put something into practice
198. The vessel ran aground on a _____.
n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
199. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
200. The classification of _____ is constantly evolving as new species are discovered, and genetic studies provide new insights into their evolutionary relationships.
n. a type of invertebrate animal with a segmented body, jointed limbs, and an exoskeleton, including insects, spiders, crustaceans, and centipedes
201. 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
202. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 195. trash, 196. isolate, 197. enacted, 198. reef, 199. nation, 200. arthropods, 201. biology, 202. abuse

203. They study the _____ of the universe.

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

204. 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

205. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

206. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

207. He gave _____ to his anger by playing the guitar.

n. a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion

208. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

209. Laughing is _____ to our health.

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

210. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 203. evolution, 204. individual, 205. sequence, 206. Gulf, 207. vent, 208. grab, 209. beneficial, 210. launch

211. She tried to _____ her fears and doubts with positive affirmations.

- v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion

212. The Earth is a nearly _____ planet.

- adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance

213. The fire quickly _____ the entire building.

- v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

214. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.

- v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

215. The magic tricks _____ the children.

- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

216. The sudden rainstorm will _____ flooding in low-lying areas.

- v.* to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process

217. _____ a society is an organism.

- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

218. His final goal is to sail around the _____.

- n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

219. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

ANSWERS: 211. smother, 212. spherical, 213. engulfed, 214. dissolved, 215. fascinated, 216. precipitate, 217. Essentially, 218. globe, 219. constructs

220. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.

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

221. The sperm whale can _____ to 1,000 meters.

- v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

ANSWERS: 220. oxygen, 221. dive