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Session 1: Word List

divide

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

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

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

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

ridiculous

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

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

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

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

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

akin

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

synonym : similar, related, alike

(1) **akin** to anger, (2) **akin** to the prior experiences

Her interests are **akin** to mine.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

synonym : sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

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.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

barrel

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

synonym : cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

inaugurate

v. to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

synonym : initiate, launch, commence

(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy

The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

atheism

n. the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity

synonym : non-belief, disbelief, godlessness

(1) militant **atheism**, (2) **atheism** in philosophy

The convention was a gathering of thinkers discussing **atheism** in contemporary society.

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

synonym : assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

deity

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

synonym : god, goddess, divine being

(1) existence of a **deity**, (2) **deity** of commerce

The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun **deity** Ra was the most powerful god.

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym: paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

spirit

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

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

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

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

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym: messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

constituency

n. a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

synonym: voters, electorate

(1) **constituency** needs, (2) local **constituency**

The politician met with his **constituency** to hear their concerns and ideas.

doctrine

n. a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups

synonym: creed, principle, tenet

(1) religious **doctrine**, (2) **doctrine** of non-violence

The church **doctrine** teaches that all are equal in the eyes of God.

carol

n. a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

synonym : song, hymn, anthem

(1) Christmas **carol**, (2) sing a **carol**

I love the sound of **carols** playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym : tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

morality

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

synonym : decency, rectitude, righteousness

(1) business **morality**, (2) sense of **morality**
She found fault with the **morality** of politicians.

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.

unpleasant

adj. not enjoyable or comfortable

synonym: disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful

(1) **unpleasant** behavior, (2) with **unpleasant** body odor
It is **unpleasant** to see criminal behavior even though it is
minor.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or
someone

synonym: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise
The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to
a lack of experience.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as
opposed to material or physical things

synonym: otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and
cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

wasteland

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

synonym: desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**
The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

guidance

n. advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

synonym: advice, direction, support

(1) vocational **guidance**, (2) **guidance** counselor

The mentor provided **guidance** to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

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

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

impious

adj. showing a lack of respect or reverence towards religious or sacred things; not devout or religious

synonym: irreverent, profane, blasphemous

(1) **impious** lifestyle, (2) **impious** remark

His **impious** behavior during the religious ceremony offended many.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

synonym: nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

thorough

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

synonym: complete, comprehensive, meticulous

(1) **thorough** investigation, (2) provide **thorough** analysis

A **thorough** brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

insight

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

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

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

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

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.

ceremony

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

synonym : ritual, rite, observance

(1) **ceremony** hall, (2) **ceremony** location

The wedding **ceremony** was a beautiful and emotional event.

lyric

n. the words of a pop song

synonym : song, jingle, ballad

(1) **lyrics** of a song, (2) **lyric** poetry

He embedded the strong will in this **lyric**.

claim

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

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

noble

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

synonym : dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

(1) a **noble** family, (2) **noble** gas

He is a **noble-minded** man

attendance

n. the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering

synonym : presence, participation, appearance

(1) **attendance** sheet, (2) low **attendance**

Attendance at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.

slide

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

synonym : glide, drift, drop

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

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

sharply

adv. suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner

synonym: dashing, smartly, snappily

(1) **sharply** questioned, (2) drop **sharply**

The value of our house rose **sharply** last year.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

consolation

n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

synonym: comfort, condolence, solacing

(1) a letter of **consolation**, (2) ask for **consolation** money

Your company has been a great **consolation** to me.

influential

adj. having significant impact or power on someone or something

synonym: potent, significant, meaningful

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

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

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

platonic

adj. (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual

synonym: nonphysical, nonsexual, spiritual

(1) **platonic** relationship, (2) **platonic** love

His relationship with her was completely **platonic**.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

gospel

n. a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred

synonym: doctrine, truth, teaching

(1) preach the **gospel**, (2) **gospel** music

The **gospel** of love and forgiveness is central to their religion.

saint

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

synonym: holy person, martyr, angel

(1) **saint** statue, (2) the departed **saint**

The faithful follower venerated the **saint's** relic.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

scripture

n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

synonym: religious text, Bible, holy writ

(1) **scripture** study, (2) biblical **scripture**

Many people find comfort in reading **scripture** during times of hardship.

plausible

adj. seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

synonym : probable, conceivable, credible

(1) **plausible** explanation, (2) a **plausible** liar

She could find no **plausible** explanation for its failure.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym : crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

asylum

n. protection granted to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee

synonym : refuge, shelter, haven

(1) grant **asylum**, (2) **asylum** law

The refugees sought **asylum** in the neighboring country.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

institute

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

synonym : academy, university, college

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

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

urgent

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

synonym : pressing, critical, immediate

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

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

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym : help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal
Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
synonym: harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia
The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

didactic

adj. intended to teach or instruct, often morally or ethically; tending to give instruction or advice in an overly preachy or pedantic manner
synonym: instructive, educational, pedagogical

(1) **didactic** approach, (2) **didactic** book
The teacher's **didactic** lesson on history was informative and engaging.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses
The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

sermon

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
synonym: homily, discourse, lecture

(1) lengthy **sermon**, (2) a lay **sermon**
The preacher delivered a powerful **sermon** on the importance of forgiveness.

medium

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

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**
The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

classic

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

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

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

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

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym : sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

individualism

n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

synonym : self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

independence

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

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

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.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice

synonym: expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

nonsense

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

synonym: ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

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

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

sieve

n. a utensil with a mesh bottom or fine holes, used for separating larger objects from smaller ones or for straining liquids; (verb) to check and sort carefully

synonym: strainer, colander, tamis

(1) **sieve** tissue, (2) molecular **sieve**

The baker sifted the flour through a **sieve** to remove any lumps.

repetition

n. the act of doing or saying something many times

synonym: duplication, iteration, recurrence

(1) **repetition** of the word, (2) habitual **repetition**

Repetition is the mother of all learning.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

boredom

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

synonym: ennui, tedium, monotony

(1) **boredom** relief, (2) chronic **boredom**

The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off **boredom**.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

arrange

v. to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

synonym: set up, order, organize

(1) **arrange** the meeting, (2) the list was **arranged** alphabetically

I need to **arrange** plans with him for the celebration.

bump

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

synonym: collide, hit, jolt

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

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

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

chronology

n. the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time

synonym: history, timeline, order

(1) astronomical **chronology**, (2) **chronology** order

The **chronology** of events was important for understanding history.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

accident

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

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

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

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

encounter

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

synonym: meet, run into, come across

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

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

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

zen

n. a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements

synonym: meditative, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **zen** garden, (2) **zen** meditation

Daily yoga helped her achieve a **zen** state of mind and calmness.

canonical

adj. relating to or following the accepted, authorized, or traditional rules, standards, or beliefs, especially in religion or literature

synonym: orthodox, traditional, standard

(1) **canonical** form, (2) **canonical** books

The **Canonical** Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the most authoritative.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

festival

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

synonym : fair, holiday, celebration

(1) **festival** attendee, (2) international film **festival**

The music **festival** attracts visitors from all over the world.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym : ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

frailty

n. the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

synonym : weakness, fragility, delicacy

(1) cognitive **frailty**, (2) **frailty** syndrome

The doctor warned us about the human body's **frailty** and the dangers of neglecting our health.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

louse

n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

synonym : bug, insect, parasite

(1) pubic **louse**, (2) **louse** egg

The child was sent home from school because of a lice

infestation caused by one **louse**.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true
synonym : clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

rousing

adj. exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest

synonym : exciting, stirring, invigorating

(1) **rousing** music, (2) **rousing** business

The **rousing** speech by the coach pumped up the team before the big game.

paragraph

n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

synonym : section, chapter, indentation

(1) an editorial **paragraph**, (2) first **paragraph**

Article VII, **Paragraph** 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym : hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

- cult** *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
synonym : sect, faith, religion
(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices
The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- rhythm** *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
synonym : beat, cadence, tempo
(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**
He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.
- brain** *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon
(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.
- Jewish** *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
synonym : Judaic
(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture
My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
- forgiveness** *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
synonym : pardon, amnesty, compassion
(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**
He gained debt **forgiveness**.
- anew** *adv.* in a new or different way
synonym : again, once more, fresh

(1) arm **anew**, (2) review **anew**

He decided to start **anew** and leave his old life behind.

afresh

adv. in a new or different manner; again from the beginning; starting over

synonym : anew, again, freshly

(1) approach **afresh**, (2) begin **afresh**

She started her day **afresh** with a positive mindset and renewed energy.

orthodox

adj. following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

synonym : traditional, conventional, established

(1) an **orthodox** doctrine, (2) **orthodox** thought

He challenged the **orthodox** views on business.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym : dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic

artifacts.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,
(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

surplus

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

synonym: excess, surplusage, remainder

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

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

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident
We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

hover

v. to stay in one place in the air
synonym: hang, float over, drift

(1) **hover** between life and death, (2) **hover** around the table
Two birds were **hovering** overhead.

inhibit

v. to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal
synonym: deter, hinder, impede

(1) **inhibit** desires, (2) **inhibit** tumor growth
Excessive parental interference may **inhibit** children's eagerness to learn.

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.

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done
synonym: purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument
He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

hermetic

adj. completely sealed or airtight, often used to describe a container or space; having a mysterious or hard-to-understand quality, often used to describe a text or idea that is difficult to interpret or decode
synonym: airtight, sealed, closed

(1) **hermetic** philosophy, (2) **hermetic** environment

The scientists used a **hermetic** seal to prevent air from entering the laboratory experiment.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym : discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

destroy

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

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

puzzle

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

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

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

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

structural

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

synonym : architectural, basic, anatomical

(1) **structural** analyses, (2) **structural** reorganization

The earthquake resulted in significant **structural** destruction.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym : mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

faith

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

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

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

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

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym : instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

mosque

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

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

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

imbibe

v. to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information

synonym : drink, consume, absorb

(1) **imbibe** the idea, (2) **imbibe** alcohol

She **imbibed** the culture and traditions of the country during her visit.

propaganda

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

synonym: disinformation, misinformation, publicity

(1) **propaganda** campaign, (2) self-serving **propaganda**

The government used **propaganda** pictures to spread its message of national unity.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym: notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

cement

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

synonym: adhesive, glue

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

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

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.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

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.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym: versifier, rhymmer, writer

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

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

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

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.

cot

n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

synonym: bed, bunk, pallet

(1) **cot** in the tent, (2) baby's **cot**

The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

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

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

depressed

adj. sad and without any hope

synonym: despondent, despairing, sad

(1) **depressed** feeling, (2) the market is **depressed**

After his mother died, he got **depressed**.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym: periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

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

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

multinational

adj. relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries

synonym : international, global, cross-border

(1) **multinational** enterprise, (2) **multinational** team

The **multinational** corporation has offices in over 30 countries.

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym : training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

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.

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym : business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym : monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym : antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

foremost

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

synonym : leading, primary, first

(1) **foremost** expert, (2) keep **foremost** in mind

The **foremost** priority is the safety of the passengers.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym : esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

institutional

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

synonym : corporate, governmental

(1) **institutional** bank, (2) address **institutional** constraints

We have to discuss the **institutional** reforms of our country.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym :

character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

conclude

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

synonym: complete, finish, decide

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

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

pilgrim

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

synonym: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

educator

n. a person who teaches or educates people

synonym: teacher, instructor, lecturer

(1) business **educator**, (2) duty as an **educator**

She is an **educator** with progressive ideas.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym : slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

complicated

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

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

intelligent

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

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

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

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

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym: fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

missile

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

synonym: projectile, rocket, bomb

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

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

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym: program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

dizzy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

synonym: addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym: cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

accompany

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

synonym: follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym: occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym: watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

superstructure

n. the part of a structure or building that is built on top of the foundation or base; a framework or system that is built on top of something else and supports or enhances it

synonym: framework, structure, infrastructure

(1) **superstructure** design, (2) wooden **superstructure**

The bridge's **superstructure** was carefully constructed to withstand high winds and heavy traffic.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

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**.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

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

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

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

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.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

rally

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

synonym: gathering, meetup, demonstration

(1) **rally** in front of the embassy, (2) the preliminary **rally**

There was a massive police presence at the anti-government **rally**.

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

synonym : courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

overlook

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

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

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

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

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym : integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

hypocrisy

n. the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

synonym : insincerity, dissembling, duplicity

(1) without **hypocrisy**, (2) self-serving **hypocrisy**

The commentaries often criticized the government's political **hypocrisy**.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

politely

adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

synonym : courteously, respectfully, graciously

(1) **politely** ask, (2) nodded **politely**

She **politely** declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

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**.

harmonious

adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

synonym : concordant, consistent, melodious

(1) **harmonious** relationship, (2) **harmonious** blend

The painting's **harmonious** composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym : suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

suspicious

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

synonym : fishy, questionable, doubtful

(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is **suspicious**

We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we

receive.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym: structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym: drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym: start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

Session 2: Spelling

1. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

2. or____ox thought *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

3. lengthy se___n *n.* a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

4. habitual rep_____on *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times

5. militant at____m *n.* the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity

6. po___e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

7. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

8. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 1. alarm, 2. orthodox, 3. sermon, 4. repetition, 5. atheism, 6. polite, 7. institutionalize, 8. perspective

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| 9. the list was ar_____ed alphabetically | v. | to plan, prepare for, and carry out something |
| 10. ambitious ag____a | n. | a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered |
| 11. cruise mi_____e attack | n. | a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism |
| 12. ma_____e amounts | adj. | enormous amount; very heavy and solid |
| 13. con_____ion in English | n. | an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc. |
| 14. ind_____al alcohol | adj. | of or relating to or resulting from industry |
| 15. nation of ind_____ism | n. | the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant |
| 16. re_____e a phone | v. | to take the place of something |
| 17. sing a ca__l | n. | a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme |
| 18. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl | adv. | without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly |
| 19. for the s__e of argument | n. | purpose; reason for wanting something done |
| 20. sl__e a card across the table | v. | to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption |
| 21. har_____us blend | adj. | characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone |

ANSWERS: 9. arrange, 10. agenda, 11. missile, 12. massive, 13. conversation, 14. industrial, 15. individualism, 16. replace, 17. carol, 18. absolutely, 19. sake, 20. slide, 21. harmonious

22. the local chamber of co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
23. take ad____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
24. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
25. report sus____us activity *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
26. Platonic di____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
27. vi____e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
28. pray to the sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
29. pi____m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
30. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
31. di____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

ANSWERS: 22. commerce, 23. advantage, 24. brand, 25. suspicious, 26. dialogue, 27. virtue, 28. savior, 29. pilgrim, 30. relation, 31. disagree

32. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
33. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
34. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
35. an advertising me____m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
36. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
37. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
38. ab____b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
39. low att_____ce *n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
40. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
41. ha____ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
42. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 32. involve, 33. abandon, 34. observation, 35. medium, 36. combine, 37. brand, 38. absorb, 39. attendance, 40. constantly, 41. handle, 42. accident

43. 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
44. vi_____al fear
adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
45. ig___e a ban
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
46. share my in_____ts
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
47. po___e manners
adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
48. fas_____ng story
adj. extremely interesting
49. su___e changes
adj. not readily apparent or visible
50. ind_____nce ceremony
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
51. legal fr_____rk
n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
52. a no___e family
adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

ANSWERS: 43. recognize, 44. visceral, 45. ignore, 46. insight, 47. polite, 48. fascinating, 49. subtle, 50. independence, 51. framework, 52. noble

53. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
54. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
55. break dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
56. ca_____al books *adj.* relating to or following the accepted, authorized, or traditional rules, standards, or beliefs, especially in religion or literature
57. chronic bo_____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
58. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
59. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
60. duty as an ed_____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
61. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

ANSWERS: 53. severe, 54. ritual, 55. discipline, 56. canonical, 57. boredom, 58. agenda, 59. puzzle, 60. educator, 61. delivery

62. the mi____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
63. my____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
64. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
65. address ins_____nal constraints *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
66. rampant ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
67. ro____g music *adj.* exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest
68. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
69. su____s of exports *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
70. co____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 62. mindset, 63. mystical, 64. poem, 65. institutional, 66. individualism, 67. rousing, 68. spirit, 69. surplus, 70. combine

71. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
72. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
73. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
74. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
75. scientific jo_____l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
76. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
77. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
78. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
79. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
80. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
81. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 71. pray, 72. contemporary, 73. necessarily, 74. brain, 75. journal, 76. insight, 77. relation, 78. accident, 79. corporation, 80. associate, 81. overlook

82. ca_____al form *adj.* relating to or following the accepted, authorized, or traditional rules, standards, or beliefs, especially in religion or literature
83. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
84. rigid dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
85. th_____gh investigation *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
86. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
87. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
88. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
89. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
90. for your own s__e *n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
91. sup_____ral beings *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

ANSWERS: 82. canonical, 83. complicated, 84. discipline, 85. thorough, 86. individual, 87. preach, 88. rally, 89. bubble, 90. sake, 91. supernatural

92. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
93. biblical sc_____re *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
94. interim cu_____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
95. in_____t tumor growth *v.* to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal
96. vi_____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
97. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
98. b__p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
99. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
100. an editorial pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

ANSWERS: 92. grand, 93. scripture, 94. curator, 95. inhibit, 96. visceral, 97. filmmaker, 98. bump, 99. photograph, 100. paragraph

101. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
102. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
103. ac_____ny a chicken dish *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
104. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
105. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
106. he_____ic environment *adj.* completely sealed or airtight, often used to describe a container or space; having a mysterious or hard-to-understand quality, often used to describe a text or idea that is difficult to interpret or decode
107. di_____ic book *adj.* intended to teach or instruct, often morally or ethically; tending to give instruction or advice in an overly preachy or pedantic manner
108. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
109. gu_____ce counselor *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making

ANSWERS: 101. scratch, 102. platform, 103. accompany, 104. journal, 105. broad, 106. hermetic, 107. didactic, 108. conversation, 109. guidance

110. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
111. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
112. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
113. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
114. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
115. self-serving pro_____da *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
116. the market is de_____ed *adj.* sad and without any hope
117. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
118. \$30 a ba___l *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
119. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 110. process, 111. philosophy, 112. massive, 113. poet, 114. novel, 115. propaganda, 116. depressed, 117. absorb, 118. barrel, 119. aspect

120. an ur___t telegram *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
121. as___t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything
122. preach the go___l *n.* a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred
123. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
124. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
125. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
126. beg for for_____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
127. di___ic approach *adj.* intended to teach or instruct, often morally or ethically; tending to give instruction or advice in an overly preachy or pedantic manner
128. lack of hu___ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
129. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
130. as___m law *n.* protection granted to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee

ANSWERS: 120. urgent, 121. assist, 122. gospel, 123. filmmaker, 124. alternative, 125. Jewish, 126. forgiveness, 127. didactic, 128. humility, 129. Catholic, 130. asylum

131. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
132. mul_____nal enterprise *adj.* relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
133. bo_____m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
134. feel di__y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
135. de_____ed feeling *adj.* sad and without any hope
136. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
137. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
138. har_____us relationship *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
139. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
140. a__n to the prior experiences *adj.* similar or related in nature, character, or origin
141. an or_____ox doctrine *adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church

ANSWERS: 131. essentially, 132. multinational, 133. boredom, 134. dizzy, 135. depressed, 136. generosity, 137. framework, 138. harmonious, 139. rhythm, 140. akin, 141. orthodox

142. ina_____te a new policy *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
143. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
144. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
145. im_____s remark *adj.* showing a lack of respect or reverence towards religious or sacred things; not devout or religious
146. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
147. acquire a vi_____e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
148. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
149. im_____s lifestyle *adj.* showing a lack of respect or reverence towards religious or sacred things; not devout or religious
150. astronomical chr_____gy *n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
151. ins_____nal bank *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

ANSWERS: 142. inaugurate, 143. isolate, 144. philosophy, 145. impious, 146. quarter, 147. virtue, 148. cult, 149. impious, 150. chronology, 151. institutional

152. rep_____on of the word *n.* the act of doing or saying something many times
153. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
154. im___e alcohol *v.* to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information
155. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
156. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
157. self-serving hy_____sy *n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
158. 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
159. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
160. international film fe_____al *n.* a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works

ANSWERS: 152. repetition, 153. Jewish, 154. imbibe, 155. absolutely, 156. mystery, 157. hypocrisy, 158. graduate, 159. religion, 160. festival

161. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
162. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
163. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
164. ce_____ny location *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
165. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
166. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
167. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
168. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
169. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
170. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
171. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general

ANSWERS: 161. spark, 162. convincing, 163. mosque, 164. ceremony, 165. cheat, 166. contemporary, 167. platform, 168. consultant, 169. universe, 170. complicated, 171. broad

172. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
173. without hy_____sy *n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform
174. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
175. drop sh_____y *adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner
176. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
177. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
178. at_____de toward mistakes *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
179. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
180. baby's c_t *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
181. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 172. mystical, 173. hypocrisy, 174. destroy, 175. sharply, 176. stick, 177. conclude, 178. attitude, 179. divide, 180. cot, 181. communal

182. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
183. con_____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
184. the major pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
185. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
186. sc_____re study *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
187. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
188. normal se_____r life *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
189. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
190. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
191. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
192. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

ANSWERS: 182. grand, 183. convincing, 184. premise, 185. industrious, 186. scripture, 187. sketch, 188. secular, 189. universe, 190. observation, 191. modern, 192. insane

193. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
194. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
195. si__e tissue *n.* a utensil with a mesh bottom or fine holes, used for separating larger objects from smaller ones or for straining liquids; (verb) to check and sort carefully
196. shrine for pi_____ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
197. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
198. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
199. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
200. ly__c poetry *n.* the words of a pop song
201. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
202. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
203. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 193. vulnerable, 194. religion, 195. sieve, 196. pilgrim, 197. testament, 198. generosity, 199. cathedral, 200. lyric, 201. supernatural, 202. mindset, 203. ignore

204. ce____ny hall *n.* a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn
205. ce___t a close relationship *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
206. a pl_____le liar *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
207. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
208. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
209. political sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
210. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
211. irregular heart rh____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

ANSWERS: 204. ceremony, 205. cement, 206. plausible, 207. cheat, 208. process, 209. savior, 210. dismiss, 211. rhythm

212. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
213. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
214. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (*v.*) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
215. th_____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
216. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
217. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (*n.*) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
218. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
219. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
220. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
221. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 212. disagree, 213. curator, 214. institute, 215. therapy, 216. adopt, 217. abandon, 218. immerse, 219. humility, 220. divide, 221. mechanism

222. ad__t a bill	v.	to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
223. cou_____us rescue attempt	adj.	able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
224. score an ad_____ge	n.	a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
225. im_____e a process	v.	to make or become better
226. an easy de_____ry	n.	the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
227. no__e gas	adj.	having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
228. sheer no_____se	n.	an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
229. int_____nt assisting system	adj.	having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
230. at_____m in philosophy	n.	the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
231. st_____re and function of the brain	n.	the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 222. adopt, 223. courageous, 224. advantage, 225. improve, 226. delivery, 227. noble, 228. nonsense, 229. intelligent, 230. atheism, 231. structure

232. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
233. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
234. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
235. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
236. z_n meditation *n.* a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements
237. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
238. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
239. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
240. sh_____y questioned *adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner

ANSWERS: 232. individual, 233. argue, 234. gap, 235. involve, 236. zen, 237. optimistic, 238. modern, 239. classic, 240. sharply

241. nuclear wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
242. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
243. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
244. for_____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
245. ne_____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
246. ask for con_____on money *n.* the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
247. py_____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
248. a ri____l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
249. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

ANSWERS: 241. wasteland, 242. institute, 243. fascinating, 244. forgiveness, 245. neglect, 246. consolation, 247. pyramid, 248. ritual, 249. associate

250. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
251. mi_____e defense *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
252. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
253. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
254. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
255. in_____t desires *v.* to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal
256. pl_____ic relationship *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
257. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 250. structure, 251. missile, 252. isolate, 253. Christ, 254. wealth, 255. inhibit, 256. platonic, 257. claim

258. im___e the idea *v.* to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information
259. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
260. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
261. sa__t statue *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
262. fo_____st expert *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
263. make a pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
264. business ed_____or *n.* a person who teaches or educates people
265. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
266. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
267. as___t his goal *v.* to help someone in doing anything
268. se_____r trends *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

ANSWERS: 258. imbibe, 259. identity, 260. medium, 261. saint, 262. foremost, 263. premise, 264. educator, 265. propose, 266. panic, 267. assist, 268. secular

269. end of the first qu____r	<i>n.</i> one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
270. pa__c buying	<i>n.</i> a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
271. a ba___l of beer	<i>n.</i> a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
272. ins_____ize a system	<i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
273. provide th____gh analysis	<i>adj.</i> done completely; significantly careful and accurate
274. an alt_____ve plan	<i>n.</i> one of two or more available possibilities or choice
275. ina_____te an enterprise	<i>v.</i> to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
276. pr___h the gospel	<i>v.</i> to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
277. co_____de that he is healthy	<i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
278. the form of a di_____ue	<i>n.</i> a conversation in a book, play, or film
279. go in___e with pleasure	<i>adj.</i> extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
280. fr_____y syndrome	<i>n.</i> the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

ANSWERS: 269. quarter, 270. panic, 271. barrel, 272. institutionalize, 273. thorough, 274. alternative, 275. inaugurate, 276. preach, 277. conclude, 278. dialogue, 279. insane, 280. frailty

281. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
282. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
283. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
284. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
285. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
286. a su___e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
287. he_____ic philosophy *adj.* completely sealed or airtight, often used to describe a container or space; having a mysterious or hard-to-understand quality, often used to describe a text or idea that is difficult to interpret or decode
288. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

ANSWERS: 281. independence, 282. alarm, 283. claim, 284. ridiculous, 285. bubble, 286. subtle, 287. hermetic, 288. prop

289. ov____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
290. nontechnical as____ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
291. a person who is sus____us *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
292. ce____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
293. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
294. co____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
295. an inf____al politician *adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something
296. cor____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
297. ro____g business *adj.* exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest
298. become ess____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
299. unsolved my____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 289. overlook, 290. aspect, 291. suspicious, 292. celebrate, 293. slide, 294. construct, 295. influential, 296. corporation, 297. rousing, 298. essentially, 299. mystery

300. a lay se___n	<i>n.</i> a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service
301. fa__y tale	<i>n.</i> a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
302. re_____e one word with another	<i>v.</i> to take the place of something
303. completely im_____e the ingredient	<i>v.</i> to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
304. ho__r between life and death	<i>v.</i> to stay in one place in the air
305. fe_____al attendee	<i>n.</i> a celebration or event, usually marking a particular religious or cultural occasion, often involving processions, music, dancing, and the performance of plays or other artistic works
306. a__n to anger	<i>adj.</i> similar or related in nature, character, or origin
307. constant sp_____al striving	<i>adj.</i> relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
308. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions	<i>v.</i> to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
309. ha___e a precious object	<i>v.</i> to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
310. the departed sa__t	<i>n.</i> a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

ANSWERS: 300. sermon, 301. fairy, 302. replace, 303. immerse, 304. hover, 305. festival, 306. akin, 307. spiritual, 308. admire, 309. handle, 310. saint

311. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
312. chr_____gy order *n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time
313. te_____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
314. ly__cs of a song *n.* the words of a pop song
315. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
316. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
317. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
318. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
319. business mo____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
320. 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
321. de__y of commerce *n.* a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

ANSWERS: 311. attract, 312. chronology, 313. testament, 314. lyric, 315. volunteer, 316. equivalent, 317. wealth, 318. collaborate, 319. morality, 320. recognize, 321. deity

322. ac_____ny the book *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
323. talk no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
324. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
325. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
326. pl_____le explanation *adj.* seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing
327. po_____ly ask *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
328. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
329. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
330. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
331. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
332. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 322. accompany, 323. nonsense, 324. rally, 325. improve, 326. plausible, 327. politely, 328. destroy, 329. constantly, 330. faith, 331. attitude, 332. Catholic

333. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
334. att_____ce sheet *n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
335. str_____al analyses *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
336. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
337. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
338. ho__r around the table *v.* to stay in one place in the air
339. begin af____h *adv.* in a new or different manner; again from the beginning; starting over
340. a truncated py____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
341. chief con_____nt *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
342. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
343. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 333. intelligent, 334. attendance, 335. structural, 336. equivalent, 337. Christ, 338. hover, 339. afresh, 340. pyramid, 341. consultant, 342. scratch, 343. brain

344. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
345. di____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
346. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
347. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
348. first pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
349. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
350. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
351. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
352. grant as___m *n.* protection granted to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee

ANSWERS: 344. dizzy, 345. dismiss, 346. reject, 347. prop, 348. paragraph, 349. encounter, 350. stick, 351. angel, 352. asylum

353. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
354. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
355. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
356. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
357. Christmas ca__l *n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme
358. go___l music *n.* a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred
359. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
360. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
361. vocational gu_____ce *n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
362. religious do_____ne *n.* a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups

ANSWERS: 353. optimistic, 354. industrious, 355. encounter, 356. tradition, 357. carol, 358. gospel, 359. ridiculous, 360. classic, 361. guidance, 362. doctrine

363. pl____ic love *adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
364. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
365. col____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
366. wooden sup_____ure *n.* the part of a structure or building that is built on top of the foundation or base; a framework or system that is built on top of something else and supports or enhances it
367. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
368. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
369. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
370. make a cou_____us decision *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
371. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
372. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

ANSWERS: 363. platonic, 364. poem, 365. collaborate, 366. superstructure, 367. industrial, 368. severe, 369. admire, 370. courageous, 371. celebrate, 372. reject

373. nodded po_____ly *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
374. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
375. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
376. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
377. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
378. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
379. with unp_____nt body odor *adj.* not enjoyable or comfortable
380. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
381. local con_____ncy *n.* a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

ANSWERS: 373. politely, 374. spark, 375. communal, 376. pray, 377. tradition, 378. cult, 379. unpleasant, 380. church, 381. constituency

382. cognitive fr____y *n.* the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality
383. budget su____s *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
384. sense of mo____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
385. co____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
386. pr____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
387. small ch____h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
388. a penciled sk____h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
389. c_t in the tent *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
390. my vo____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
391. at____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
392. review a__w *adv.* in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 382. frailty, 383. surplus, 384. morality, 385. construct, 386. propose, 387. church, 388. sketch, 389. cot, 390. volunteer, 391. atheist, 392. anew

393. the per_____ve of the battle	<i>n.</i> a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
394. a letter of con_____on	<i>n.</i> the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment
395. ur____t situation	<i>adj.</i> requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
396. field of gene th_____y	<i>n.</i> the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
397. an inf_____al newspaper	<i>adj.</i> having significant impact or power on someone or something
398. pho_____ph album	<i>n.</i> a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
399. ne_____t ethical issues	<i>v.</i> to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
400. religious fa__h	<i>n.</i> complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
401. at_____t customers	<i>v.</i> to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
402. approach af____h	<i>adv.</i> in a new or different manner; again from the beginning; starting over
403. con_____ncy needs	<i>n.</i> a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product

ANSWERS: 393. perspective, 394. consolation, 395. urgent, 396. therapy, 397. influential, 398. photograph, 399. neglect, 400. faith, 401. attract, 402. afresh, 403. constituency

404. the sacred mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
405. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
406. unp_____nt behavior *adj.* not enjoyable or comfortable
407. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
408. ar___e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
409. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
410. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
411. str_____al reorganization *adj.* associated with the way on construction or organization of anything
412. ar_____e the meeting *v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something
413. lo___e egg *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

ANSWERS: 404. mosque, 405. synchronize, 406. unpleasant, 407. puzzle, 408. argue, 409. spirit, 410. vulnerable, 411. structural, 412. arrange, 413. louse

414. do_____ne of non-violence *n.* a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups
415. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
416. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
417. pubic lo__e *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
418. sup_____ure design *n.* the part of a structure or building that is built on top of the foundation or base; a framework or system that is built on top of something else and supports or enhances it
419. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
420. arm a__w *adv.* in a new or different way
421. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
422. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
423. 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: 414. doctrine, 415. poet, 416. gap, 417. louse, 418. superstructure, 419. necessarily, 420. anew, 421. ridicule, 422. commerce, 423. graduate

424. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
425. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
426. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
427. molecular si__e *n.* a utensil with a mesh bottom or fine holes, used for separating larger objects from smaller ones or for straining liquids; (verb) to check and sort carefully
428. ca_____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
429. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
430. z_n garden *n.* a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements

ANSWERS: 424. strength, 425. possibility, 426. novel, 427. sieve, 428. cathedral, 429. ridicule, 430. zen

431. at_____t belief	<i>n.</i>	a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
432. existence of a de__y	<i>n.</i>	a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture
433. ce____t blend	<i>v.</i>	make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
434. pro_____da campaign	<i>n.</i>	information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
435. fallen an__l	<i>n.</i>	a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
436. syn_____ze movements	<i>v.</i>	to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
437. b__p against a wall	<i>v.</i>	to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
438. keep fo_____st in mind	<i>adj.</i>	most important, leading, or prominent
439. a water fa__y	<i>n.</i>	a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
440. mul_____nal team	<i>adj.</i>	relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
441. pos_____ty of a major earthquake	<i>n.</i>	a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 431. atheist, 432. deity, 433. cement, 434. propaganda, 435. angel, 436. synchronize, 437. bump, 438. foremost, 439. fairy, 440. multinational, 441. possibility

442. sp_____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
443. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
444. post-apocalyptic wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
445. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
446. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 442. spiritual, 443. mechanism, 444. wasteland, 445. strength, 446. identity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
2. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.
n. a person who provides professional or expert advice
3. _____ is the mother of all learning.
n. the act of doing or saying something many times
4. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
5. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
6. The church _____ teaches that all are equal in the eyes of God.
n. a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups
7. Excessive parental interference may _____ children's eagerness to learn.
v. to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal
8. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.
n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

ANSWERS: 1. volunteer, 2. consultant, 3. Repetition, 4. brain, 5. complicated, 6. doctrine, 7. inhibit, 8. corporation

9. It is _____ to see criminal behavior even though it is minor.

adj. not enjoyable or comfortable

10. We have to discuss the _____ reforms of our country.

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

11. The _____ of love and forgiveness is central to their religion.

n. a set of beliefs or teachings of a particular religious group, especially when considered authoritative or sacred

12. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

13. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

14. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

15. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

16. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

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

ANSWERS: 9. unpleasant, 10. institutional, 11. gospel, 12. atheist, 13. courageous, 14. quarter, 15. observation, 16. puzzle

17. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

18. It's important to be _____ even when you disagree with someone.

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

19. The government used _____ pictures to spread its message of national unity.

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

20. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

21. Daily yoga helped her achieve a ____ state of mind and calmness.

n. a school of Mahayana Buddhism that originated in China and was later developed in Japan, emphasizing the practice of meditation as the way to achieve enlightenment or awakening; (adjective) characterized by a sense of peace and tranquility, often through the practice of meditation or the use of natural elements

22. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

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

23. Ethics is a branch of _____.

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 17. accident, 18. polite, 19. propaganda, 20. severe, 21. zen, 22. combine, 23. philosophy

24. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.
- n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
25. _____ at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.
- n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
26. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
- n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
27. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.
- n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
28. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
29. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
- v.* to take the place of something
30. The mentor provided _____ to the young entrepreneur, helping her navigate the business world.
- n.* advice or instructions given to help direct someone's behavior or decision-making
31. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

ANSWERS: 24. framework, 25. Attendance, 26. agenda, 27. strength, 28. institutes, 29. replace, 30. guidance, 31. spiritual

32. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

33. She _____ declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

34. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

35. She had many good _____ and few faults.

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

36. We have finally lost our last _____.

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

37. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

38. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

39. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

ANSWERS: 32. identity, 33. politely, 34. advantages, 35. virtues, 36. prop, 37. premise, 38. convincing, 39. journals

40. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting _____.
adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
41. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
42. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
43. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
44. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
45. She is an _____ with progressive ideas.
n. a person who teaches or educates people
46. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
47. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 40. dizzy, 41. perspective, 42. commerce, 43. spirit, 44. panic, 45. educator, 46. structure, 47. possibility

48. They are eager to _____ a positive reputation.
- v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
49. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.
- n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
50. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
51. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
52. The parents spoke to their children in no-_____ tones.
- n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
53. His relationship with her was completely _____.
- adj.* (of relationship or emotion) friendly or affectionate but not sexual
54. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
- n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
55. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.
- n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

ANSWERS: 48. cement, 49. fairy, 50. Communal, 51. argue, 52. nonsense, 53. platonic, 54. poem, 55. angel

56. The _____ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.
- n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
57. The _____ Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the most authoritative.
- adj.* relating to or following the accepted, authorized, or traditional rules, standards, or beliefs, especially in religion or literature
58. She _____ the culture and traditions of the country during her visit.
- v.* to consume or absorb something, especially an alcoholic beverage; to accept ideas or information
59. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
60. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
61. The convention was a gathering of thinkers discussing _____ in contemporary society.
- n.* the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
62. I love the sound of _____ playing in the background while we decorate the Christmas tree.
- n.* a song or hymn typically sung at Christmas, often with a joyful or celebratory theme

ANSWERS: 56. cathedral's, 57. Canonical, 58. imbibed, 59. claim, 60. handle, 61. atheism, 62. carols

63. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
64. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
- n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
65. The _____ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.
- adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
66. He quickly learned the military _____.
- n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
67. Many people find comfort in reading _____ during times of hardship.
- n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
68. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
- adj.* belonging to the same or present time
69. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
70. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

ANSWERS: 63. bubble, 64. equivalent, 65. supernatural, 66. discipline, 67. scripture, 68. Contemporary, 69. universe, 70. delivery

71. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
72. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.
- v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
73. He gained debt _____.
- n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
74. The politician met with his _____ to hear their concerns and ideas.
- n.* a group of people who live in a particular geographic area and are represented politically by an elected official; a body of customers or clients who regularly use a particular service or product
75. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
- n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
76. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
- n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
77. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
78. The commentaries often criticized the government's political _____.
- n.* the practice of engaging in the same behavior or activity for which one criticizes another or the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's behavior does not conform

ANSWERS: 71. attract, 72. bumped, 73. forgiveness, 74. constituency, 75. therapy, 76. filmmaker, 77. Christmas, 78. hypocrisy

79. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

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

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

81. The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one _____.

n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

82. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

83. He decided to start _____ and leave his old life behind.

adv. in a new or different way

84. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

85. The _____ corporation has offices in over 30 countries.

adj. relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries

86. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

ANSWERS: 79. improve, 80. industrious, 81. louse, 82. rhythm, 83. anew, 84. necessarily, 85. multinational, 86. catholic

87. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
88. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
- adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
89. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
90. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.
- n.* purpose; reason for wanting something done
91. He challenged the _____ views on business.
- adj.* following or conforming to the traditional, normal, or commonly accepted beliefs, ideas, or activities; of or relating to Judaism; of or relating to the Eastern Orthodox Church
92. She found fault with the _____ of politicians.
- n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
93. He _____ himself in his research.
- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
94. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
- n.* a person who writes poetry

ANSWERS: 87. process, 88. ridiculous, 89. aspects, 90. sake, 91. orthodox, 92. morality, 93. immersed, 94. poet

95. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

96. The _____ priority is the safety of the passengers.

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

97. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

98. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

99. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

100. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

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

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

102. You should not _____ them from the community.

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

ANSWERS: 95. associate, 96. foremost, 97. synchronized, 98. mechanisms, 99. fascinating, 100. visceral, 101. independence, 102. isolate

103. Please let me know if you want to _____ me to my hometown.
v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
104. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
105. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.
n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
106. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
107. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
108. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
109. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
110. Her excessive demands drove me _____.
adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
111. The group of _____ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.
n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 103. accompany, 104. relations, 105. pyramids, 106. Industrial, 107. prayed, 108. collaborate, 109. slide, 110. insane, 111. pilgrims

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

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

113. The castle was _____ several years later.

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

114. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

115. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

116. The earthquake resulted in significant _____ destruction.

adj. associated with the way on construction or organization of anything

117. Two birds were _____ overhead.

v. to stay in one place in the air

118. Jumeirah _____ is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

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

119. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.

v. to help someone in doing anything

ANSWERS: 112. urgent, 113. abandoned, 114. photograph, 115. dismiss, 116. structural, 117. hovering, 118. Mosque, 119. assist

120. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

121. 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

122. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

123. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

124. The sponge _____ water well.

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

125. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

126. The president will _____ the new embassy building next week.

v. to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

127. The guru of that religion thought of himself as a _____.

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

128. The refugees sought _____ in the neighboring country.

n. protection granted to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee

ANSWERS: 120. Jewish, 121. graduate, 122. religion, 123. Essentially, 124. absorbs, 125. conversation, 126. inaugurate, 127. savior, 128. asylum

129. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

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

- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

131. He is a _____ man

- adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

132. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

- v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

133. The national assembly has _____ the budget.

- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

134. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

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

135. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.

- v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

136. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

- adj.* very wide; general

ANSWERS: 129. wealth, 130. ignored, 131. noble-minded, 132. rejected, 133. adopted, 134. classic, 135. admire, 136. broad

137. She started her day _____ with a positive mindset and renewed energy.

adv. in a new or different manner; again from the beginning; starting over

138. The baker sifted the flour through a _____ to remove any lumps.

n. a utensil with a mesh bottom or fine holes, used for separating larger objects from smaller ones or for straining liquids; (verb) to check and sort carefully

139. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

140. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

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

141. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.

adj. not readily apparent or visible

142. The faithful follower venerated the _____ relic.

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

143. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

144. The painting's _____ composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

ANSWERS: 137. afresh, 138. sieve, 139. modern, 140. encounter, 141. subtle, 142. saint's, 143. ritual, 144. harmonious

145. Her interests are _____ to mine.

adj. similar or related in nature, character, or origin

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

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

147. The long lecture on a topic I already knew left me struggling to fight off _____.

n. a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation

148. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

149. 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

150. The ancient Egyptians believed that the sun _____ Ra was the most powerful god.

n. a divine being or god worshipped and revered by people in a particular religion or culture

151. After his mother died, he got _____.

adj. sad and without any hope

152. The preacher delivered a powerful _____ on the importance of forgiveness.

n. a speech or lecture given by a religious leader, especially a minister or priest, as part of a worship service

ANSWERS: 145. akin, 146. involves, 147. boredom, 148. disagree, 149. constructs, 150. deity, 151. depressed, 152. sermon

153. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

154. Early childhood experiences are very _____ for people.

- adj.* having significant impact or power on someone or something

155. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.

- n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film

156. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

157. 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.

158. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

159. 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

160. One rotten apple spoils the whole _____.

- n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

ANSWERS: 153. novel, 154. influential, 155. dialogue, 156. tradition, 157. gap, 158. church, 159. recognize, 160. barrel

161. 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

162. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

163. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

164. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

165. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

166. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

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

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

168. The doctor warned us about the human body's _____ and the dangers of neglecting our health.

n. the condition of being weak or delicate, often due to age or illness; a weakness or flaw in character or morality

ANSWERS: 161. individual, 162. optimistic, 163. vulnerable, 164. platform, 165. concluded, 166. absolutely, 167. surplus, 168. frailty

169. His _____ behavior during the religious ceremony offended many.

adj. showing a lack of respect or reverence towards religious or sacred things; not devout or religious

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

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

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

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

172. Article VII, _____ 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

173. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

174. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

175. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

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

176. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 169. impious, 170. neglected, 171. festival, 172. Paragraph, 173. propose, 174. rally, 175. overlook, 176. alarm

177. A _____ brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

178. Your company has been a great _____ to me.

n. the comfort received by a person after misfortune or disappointment

179. She could find no _____ explanation for its failure.

adj. seeming reasonable or likely to be true, and therefore convincing

180. The abandoned industrial site is now a _____ of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

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

181. The military launched a ballistic _____ at the enemy's stronghold.

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

182. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

183. The bridge's _____ was carefully constructed to withstand high winds and heavy traffic.

n. the part of a structure or building that is built on top of the foundation or base; a framework or system that is built on top of something else and supports or enhances it

184. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

ANSWERS: 177. thorough, 178. consolation, 179. plausible, 180. wasteland, 181. missile, 182. generosity, 183. superstructure, 184. sketch

185. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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

186. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

- n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

187. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.

- v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

188. The _____ of events was important for understanding history.

- n.* the science of arranging events in their order of occurrence in time

189. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.

- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

190. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

191. The value of our house rose _____ last year.

- adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner

192. I need to _____ plans with him for the celebration.

- v.* to plan, prepare for, and carry out something

ANSWERS: 185. stick, 186. mystery, 187. preached, 188. chronology, 189. mindset, 190. massive, 191. sharply, 192. arrange

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

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

194. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

195. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

196. The _____ speech by the coach pumped up the team before the big game.

adj. exciting, stimulating, or inspiring; causing a strong emotional or physical response; arousing enthusiasm or interest

197. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

198. The scientists used a _____ seal to prevent air from entering the laboratory experiment.

adj. completely sealed or airtight, often used to describe a container or space; having a mysterious or hard-to-understand quality, often used to describe a text or idea that is difficult to interpret or decode

199. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

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

ANSWERS: 193. alternative, 194. celebrated, 195. brand, 196. rousing, 197. constantly, 198. hermetic, 199. faith

200. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

201. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

202. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

203. The wedding _____ was a beautiful and emotional event.

n. a formal event or ritual, often religious or solemn

204. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

205. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

206. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

207. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 200. humility, 201. secular, 202. scratch, 203. ceremony, 204. sparked, 205. curator, 206. cult, 207. institutionalize

208. His wealth is a _____ to his success.

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

209. She had the _____ that work was fun.

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

210. The hospital provides _____ for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out

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

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

212. He embedded the strong will in this _____.

n. the words of a pop song

213. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

214. An ethic of _____ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

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

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

ANSWERS: 208. testament, 209. attitude, 210. cots, 211. destroyed, 212. lyric, 213. suspicious, 214. individualism, 215. insights

216. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

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

217. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

218. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

219. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

220. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.

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

221. The teacher's _____ lesson on history was informative and engaging.

adj. intended to teach or instruct, often morally or ethically; tending to give instruction or advice in an overly preachy or pedantic manner

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

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

223. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 216. divide, 217. cheated, 218. mystical, 219. ridicule, 220. medium, 221. didactic, 222. Intelligent, 223. grand

ANSWERS: