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Session 1: Word List

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

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

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

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

moral

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

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

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

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym : bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

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.

incense

n. a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions

synonym : fragrance, aroma, perfume

(1) **incense** burner, (2) **incense** stick

In ancient times, people believed that burning **incense** helped ward off evil spirits.

phrase

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

synonym : expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

top-down

adj. controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management

synonym : centralized, hierarchical

(1) **top-down** management, (2) **top-down** approach

The **top-down** management approach could have been more

effective in implementing organizational changes.

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.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

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**.

chemistry

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

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

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

molecule

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

synonym : particle, element, atom

(1) small **molecules**, (2) **molecule** behavior

The shape of the DNA **molecule** is a double helix.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

syringe

n. a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid

synonym : needle, injector, shot

(1) **syringe** needle, (2) **syringe** injection

Addicts often share dirty **syringes**, putting themselves at risk for disease.

oxytocin

n. a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk

(1) **oxytocin-degrading** enzyme, (2) **oxytocin** receptor

Women may increase **oxytocin** production through romantic love.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

rodent

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

synonym : mouse, rat, hamster

(1) **rodent** repellent, (2) prevent **rodent** damage

He set up a trap to catch the **rodent**.

offspring

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

synonym : children, descendants, heirs

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

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

toleration

n. the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices

synonym : forbearance, patience, endurance

(1) **toleration** policy, (2) religious **toleration**

The school's policy on religious **toleration** meant that students were free to practice any faith they chose.

burrow

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

synonym : tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

synonym : aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process

The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

breastfeeding

n. the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

synonym : nursing, lactation, suckling

(1) **breastfeeding** mother, (2) **breastfeeding** support

Getting the hang of **breastfeeding** at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym : free, let go, discharge

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

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

colleague

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

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym : bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

baseline

n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

synonym : standard, criterion

(1) **baseline** budget, (2) establish a **baseline**

The products they sell are the **baseline** for performance in the industry.

stimulus

n. something that causes growth or arouses action

synonym : incitement, inspiration, motivation

(1) a response to a **stimulus**, (2) economic **stimulus**

This book provides children with ideas and a **stimulus** for outside recreation.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
synonym: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

surge

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

synonym: rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism
She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

grab

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

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity
Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

neurosurgery

n. medical operations conducted on the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and individual nerves

(1) the department of **neurosurgery**, (2) specialize in **neurosurgery**

She has 20 years of experience in **neurosurgery**.

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.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym : reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym : ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

transaction

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

synonym : trade, dealing, commerce

(1) card with no foreign **transaction** fees, (2) **transaction** balance

Electronic **transactions** remain incomplete due to system errors.

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.

alleviate

v. to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden

synonym: ease, relieve, lessen

(1) **alleviate** anxiety, (2) **alleviate** stress

Taking ibuprofen can **alleviate** the pain from a headache.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym: entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice versa**.

recruit

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

synonym: raise, enroll, enlist

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

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

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

triple

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

synonym: threefold

(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits

His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
synonym : crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

jab

v. to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle

synonym : poke, prod, thrust

(1) **jab** a finger, (2) booster **jab**

The nurse had to **jab** the patient with a needle to give them the medicine.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym : thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

tube

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

synonym : pipe, hose, duct

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

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

vampire

n. a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain

synonym : undead, bloodsucker, nosferatu

(1) **vampire** fiction, (2) hunting **vampires**

The **vampire's** pale complexion and sharp fangs made him

stand out in the crowd.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym : social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

experimental

adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

synonym : empirical, exploratory, observed

(1) **experimental** data, (2) **experimental** design

The product is still in the **experimental** stage.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym : share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

consensus

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

synonym : agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists

The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

flummox

v. to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised

synonym: baffle, confuse, perplex

(1) **flummox** user, (2) **flummox** the audience

The complex puzzle game **flummoxed** me for hours, but I finally solved it.

assume

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

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

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

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

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

biology

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

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

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

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym : aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

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

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

indirect

adj. happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way

synonym : unintended, ambiguous, ancillary

(1) **indirect** taxation, (2) **indirect** lighting

He expressed his dissatisfaction in an **indirect** way.

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.

manipulate

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

synonym : control, exploit, abuse

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

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

drill

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

synonym : exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

nasal

adj. relating to the nose or the sense of smell; characterized by or involving the nasal passage

synonym : adenoidal, pinched, rhinal

(1) **nasal** congestion, (2) **nasal** bone

The **nasal** spray helped alleviate my allergies.

inhale

v. to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

synonym : breathe in, take in, draw in

(1) **inhale** the smoke, (2) **inhale** the aroma

He **inhaled** deeply, trying to calm down.

placebo

n. harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug

(1) **placebo** therapy, (2) patient in the **placebo** group

A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and **placebo** effects.

mood

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

synonym : mindset, disposition, temper

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

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

cognition

n. the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind

synonym : awareness, understanding, comprehension

(1) social **cognition**, (2) **cognition** disorder

The professor focused on the research of infant **cognition**.

infusion

n. a liquid, especially one containing medicine that is introduced into the body through a vein, muscle, or joint;

the act of adding such liquid

synonym : injection, transfusion, instillation

(1) **infusion** therapy, (2) **infusion** pump

The nurse prepared an **infusion** of pain medication for the patient.

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.

unilateral

adj. involving or done by only one side or party; decided or performed by one person, group, or country without the agreement or input of others; one-sided or biased

synonym : one-sided, independent, solo

(1) **unilateral** disarmament, (2) **unilateral** action

The president made a **unilateral** decision without consulting with his advisors or considering other opinions.

monetary

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

synonym : financial, fiscal, economic

(1) the stance of **monetary** policy, (2) **monetary** rewards

The policy might bring more excellent **monetary** stability to the country.

donation

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

synonym : contribution, gift, subsidy

(1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**

He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym : philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

investigate

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

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

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

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

pharmacology

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study of drugs and their effects on the body, including their properties, uses, and interactions with other substances

synonym: pharmacy, pharmaceuticals

(1) **pharmacology** research, (2) **pharmacology** textbook

Medical professionals must stay up-to-date with the latest developments in **pharmacology** to ensure optimal patient care.

mass

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

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

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.

willingness

n. the state of being ready or inclined to do something
synonym: readiness, eagerness, enthusiasm

(1) **willingness** to help, (2) indicate a **willingness** to change

Her **willingness** to help others earned her many friends.

flood

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

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

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

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

terminal

n. a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

synonym: endpoint, final, concluding

(1) **terminal** disease, (2) a **terminal** syllable

The **terminal** at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

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**.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil

(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop

The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

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.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

outskirt

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

synonym : suburb, periphery, edge

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

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

cashier

n. an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business

synonym: teller, clerk

(1) **cashier** position, (2) bank **cashier**

After working as a **cashier** for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.

jewelry

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

synonym: accessories, ornaments, adornments

(1) **jewelry** designer, (2) precious **jewelry**

I received a beautiful piece of **jewelry** from my partner for our anniversary.

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym: bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

necklace

n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

synonym: chain, choker, pendant

(1) beaded **necklace**, (2) pearl **necklace**

She received a beautiful **necklace** from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

excite

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

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

reward

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

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

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

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

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym : soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

galena

n. a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings

synonym : mineral, lead ore, sulfide

(1) **galena** crystal, (2) **galena** ore

The **galena** mineral is often used for lead extraction in mining.

split

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

synonym : break, divide, break apart

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

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

con

n. an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

synonym : oppose, objection, deception

(1) telemarketing **cons**, (2) the pros and **cons**

The **con** artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

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.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

con-artist

n. an individual who deceives and manipulates others, often through deceit or trickery, to gain personal benefits or financial advantage

synonym: swindler, fraudster, cheat

(1) **con-artist** tricks, (2) serial **con-artist**

The **con-artist** scheme defrauded older adults out of their life savings.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

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.

bastardize

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

synonym: corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym: ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

psychopath

n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

synonym: sociopath, antisocial, monster

(1) **psychopath** tendencies, (2) violent **psychopath**

The detective identified the **psychopath** who had been terrorizing the city for months.

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.

improper

adj. not following established conventions or norms for appropriate behavior, manners, or conduct; inappropriate or unsuitable for a particular situation or context

synonym : inappropriate, unsuitable, incorrect

(1) **improper** behavior, (2) **improper** road use

The patient suffered complications due to **improper** dosage of medication

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

abuse

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

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

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**.

testosterone

n. a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics

(1) **testosterone** enhancer, (2) a synthetic derivative of **testosterone**

Training with sufficient intensity increases blood **testosterone** levels.

administrator

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

synonym : manager, executive, supervisor

(1) school **administrator**, (2) network **administrator**

The university's **administrator** announced new policies regarding campus safety.

pun

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

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

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

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

yin

n. in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold

synonym : feminine, negative, passive

(1) **yin** deficiency, (2) kidney **yin**

The concept of **yin** and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.

yang

n. in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat

synonym : masculine, positive, active

(1) the **yang** principle, (2) embody **yang** energy

He saw the balance between the yin and **yang** as crucial for a harmonious life.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the

next fiscal year.

laboratory

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym : lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**

Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

mansion

n. a very large and imposing house

synonym : estate, palace, villa

(1) reside in a **mansion**, (2) haunted **mansion**

They turned away the crowd at the gate of the governor's **mansion**.

centrifuge

n. a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to separate liquids from solids

synonym : separator, extractor, spinner

(1) **centrifuge** tube, (2) ultra-high-speed **centrifuges**

The laboratory technician placed the blood samples in the **centrifuge** to separate the different components.

bride

n. a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married

synonym : groom, fiancée, wife-to-be

(1) **bride** of noble birth, (2) June **bride**

The young **bride** looked stunning in her wedding gown.

groom

v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

synonym: brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym: promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up
They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

wed

v. to marry someone

synonym: marry, get hitched with

(1) **wed** my intended, (2) **wed** the rich man

The couple will **wed** after the tenth anniversary.

array

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

synonym: collection, display, batch

(1) a two-dimensional **array**, (2) an **array** of troops

The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable **array** of products.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

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.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

reproduce

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

synonym : duplicate, breed, imitate

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

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

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

synonym : eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

capture

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

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

strap

n. a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport

synonym: band, belt, sling

(1) leather **strap**, (2) camera **strap**

The athlete tightened the **strap** on his running shoes before the race.

spike

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

synonym: end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

digit

n. one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

synonym: number, integer, numeral

(1) **digit** identifier, (2) the **digit** in the hundreds place

We must enter a six- **digit** number to unlock the safe.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

astound

v. to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
synonym: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
synonym: common, broad, worldwide

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

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

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym: coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

highland

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

synonym: upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture

This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

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.

tribe

n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities

synonym:

family, clan, kinsfolk

(1) aboriginal **tribe**, (2) mountain **tribe**

The **tribe** had distinctly defined gender roles.

subsistence

n. the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival

synonym : survival, livelihood, existence

(1) **subsistence** economy, (2) **subsistence** farming

The farmer's **subsistence** depended on his crops and livestock.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

primitive

adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

synonym : elementary, naive, rudimentary

(1) **primitive** society, (2) artifact of a **primitive** humankind

The industry in this country is still **primitive**.

penchant

n. a strong and habitual liking or preference for something or someone

synonym : inclination, predilection, affinity

(1) **penchant** for music, (2) natural **penchant**

She has a **penchant** for spicy food and always adds hot sauce.

nickname

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

synonym : moniker, sobriquet, handle

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

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

prescription

n. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

synonym: directive, instruction, order

(1) **prescription** drugs, (2) fill the **prescription**

I need to refill my **prescription** for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

shove

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

synonym: push, jab, elbow

(1) **shove** a person aside, (2) **shove** hamburger into my mouth

He forcibly **shoved** the flyer into my bag.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
2. in_____ct lighting *adj.* happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
3. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
4. the country's is_____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
5. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
6. re_____t a good worker *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
7. bu___w through the forest *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
8. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
9. fl_____x the audience *v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised

ANSWERS: 1. pigeon, 2. indirect, 3. pigeon, 4. isolation, 5. release, 6. recruit, 7. burrow, 8. nurture, 9. flummox

10. as____d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
11. bla_____th welding *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
12. the dr__l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
13. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
14. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
15. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
16. w_d the rich man *v.* to marry someone
17. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
18. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
19. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
20. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
21. 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

ANSWERS: 10. astound, 11. blacksmith, 12. drill, 13. proportion, 14. economical, 15. ritual, 16. wed, 17. brain, 18. nurture, 19. mad, 20. solid, 21. classic

22. uni_____al disarmament *adj.* involving or done by only one side or party; decided or performed by one person, group, or country without the agreement or input of others; one-sided or biased
23. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
24. camera st__p *n.* a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport
25. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
26. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
27. tru_____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
28. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
29. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
30. 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

ANSWERS: 22. unilateral, 23. economy, 24. strap, 25. participate, 26. reward, 27. trustworthy, 28. poverty, 29. proportion, 30. argue

31. June br__e *n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
32. sy_____e needle *n.* a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid
33. 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
34. y_n deficiency *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold
35. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
36. aboriginal tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
37. serial con_____st *n.* an individual who deceives and manipulates others, often through deceit or trickery, to gain personal benefits or financial advantage
38. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
39. pearl ne_____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

ANSWERS: 31. bride, 32. syringe, 33. inhibit, 34. yin, 35. creature, 36. tribe, 37. con-artist, 38. tweet, 39. necklace

40. v_w allegiance to the new king v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
41. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
42. ex___e rebellion v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
43. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
44. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
45. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
46. tes_____one enhancer *n.* a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics
47. mo_____le behavior *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
48. im_____er road use *adj.* not following established conventions or norms for appropriate behavior, manners, or conduct; inappropriate or unsuitable for a particular situation or context
49. is_____e a compound v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
50. gr__m duties v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

ANSWERS: 40. vow, 41. prosperous, 42. excite, 43. instruction, 44. solid, 45. stake, 46. testosterone, 47. molecule, 48. improper, 49. isolate, 50. groom

51. cen_____ge tube *n.* a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to separate liquids from solids
52. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
53. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
54. in_____on therapy *n.* a liquid, especially one containing medicine that is introduced into the body through a vein, muscle, or joint; the act of adding such liquid
55. embody y__g energy *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
56. inv_____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
57. al_____te anxiety *v.* to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden
58. per_____te chronic pain *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
59. hi_____nd agriculture *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

ANSWERS: 51. centrifuge, 52. religion, 53. decision-maker, 54. infusion, 55. yang, 56. investigate, 57. alleviate, 58. perpetuate, 59. highland

60. in___e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
61. the y__g principle *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
62. bas_____ze a recipe *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
63. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
64. bas_____ze culture *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
65. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
66. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
67. establish a ba_____ne *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
68. fac_____te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen

ANSWERS: 60. inhale, 61. yang, 62. bastardize, 63. temperature, 64. bastardize, 65. philosophy, 66. universal, 67. baseline, 68. facilitate

69. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
70. lab_____ry accident *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
71. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
72. a cultured pe__l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
73. economic st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
74. at____d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
75. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
76. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
77. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
78. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

ANSWERS: 69. generosity, 70. laboratory, 71. pearl, 72. pearl, 73. stimulus, 74. attend, 75. develop, 76. decide, 77. investigate, 78. reproduce

79. pre_____ion drugs *n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient
80. anthropology lab_____ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
81. 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
82. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
83. the department of neu_____ery *n.* medical operations conducted on the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and individual nerves
84. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
85. precious je_____y *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
86. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
87. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 79. prescription, 80. laboratory, 81. prop, 82. lab, 83. neurosurgery, 84. grab, 85. jewelry, 86. isolate, 87. biology

88. tr___e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
89. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
90. a tr___e mirror *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
91. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
92. booster j_b *v.* to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle
93. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
94. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
95. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
96. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
97. fac_____te the process *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
98. haunted ma_____n *n.* a very large and imposing house

ANSWERS: 88. triple, 89. ancient, 90. triple, 91. relation, 92. jab, 93. flood, 94. instruction, 95. recruit, 96. individual, 97. facilitate, 98. mansion

99. gu___a coins *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
100. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
101. psy_____th tendencies *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
102. sub_____ce economy *n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
103. in_____on pump *n.* a liquid, especially one containing medicine that is introduced into the body through a vein, muscle, or joint; the act of adding such liquid
104. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
105. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 99. guinea, 100. flood, 101. psychopath, 102. subsistence, 103. infusion, 104. mass, 105. pun

106. as____d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
107. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
108. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
109. sh__e hamburger into my mouth *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
110. vi____e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
111. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
112. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
113. bla_____th shop *n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
114. as____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
115. gu____a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

ANSWERS: 106. astound, 107. planet, 108. victim, 109. shove, 110. virtue, 111. decision, 112. capture, 113. blacksmith, 114. assume, 115. guinea

116. social co_____on *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
117. sub_____ce farming *n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
118. the ou_____rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
119. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
120. a su__e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
121. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
122. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
123. ox_____in-degrading enzyme *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
124. bre_____ing mother *n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
125. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 116. cognition, 117. subsistence, 118. outskirts, 119. immediately, 120. surge, 121. emotional, 122. poverty, 123. oxytocin, 124. breastfeeding, 125. pray

126. indicate a wil_____ss to change *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
127. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
128. exp_____tal data *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
129. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
130. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
131. to_____wn approach *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
132. per_____te a myth *v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
133. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
134. ga___a crystal *n.* a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings
135. bre_____ing support *n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

ANSWERS: 126. willingness, 127. transfer, 128. experimental, 129. lab, 130. abuse, 131. top-down, 132. perpetuate, 133. administrator, 134. galena, 135. breastfeeding

136. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
137. in____t desires *v.* to prevent something, such as an action, process, etc., from happening or make it less likely to happen than normal
138. ready-made ph____es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
139. de____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
140. sy____e injection *n.* a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid
141. sense of mo____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
142. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
143. de____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
144. va____e fiction *n.* a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain

ANSWERS: 136. ancient, 137. inhibit, 138. phrase, 139. degrade, 140. syringe, 141. morality, 142. decide, 143. deceive, 144. vampire

145. gr__m a horse *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
146. the pros and c_ns *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
147. ca___r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
148. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
149. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
150. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
151. on the western ou_____rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
152. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
153. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

ANSWERS: 145. groom, 146. con, 147. cancer, 148. release, 149. emotional, 150. participate, 151. outskirts, 152. reproduce, 153. manipulate

154. sh__e a person aside *v.* to push someone or something in a rough way
155. sh____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
156. im____er behavior *adj.* not following established conventions or norms for appropriate behavior, manners, or conduct; inappropriate or unsuitable for a particular situation or context
157. fl____x user *v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised
158. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
159. re__x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
160. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
161. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
162. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

ANSWERS: 154. shove, 155. shyness, 156. improper, 157. flummox, 158. mad, 159. relax, 160. develop, 161. mass, 162. ritual

163. climate sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
164. ask ch____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
165. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
166. bank ca____r *n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business
167. in____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
168. religious tol____on *n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
169. to sp__e *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
170. w_d my intended *v.* to marry someone
171. di__t identifier *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
172. sewing ne____e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

ANSWERS: 163. skeptic, 164. charity, 165. relation, 166. cashier, 167. interact, 168. toleration, 169. spike, 170. wed, 171. digit, 172. needle

173. ga___a ore *n.* a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings
174. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
175. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
176. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
177. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
178. in_____e stick *n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions
179. br__e of noble birth *n.* a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
180. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
181. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 173. galena, 174. grab, 175. decision-maker, 176. manipulate, 177. tweet, 178. incense, 179. bride, 180. decision, 181. predict

182. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
183. violent psy_____th *n.* a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies
184. 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
185. fill the pre_____ion *n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient
186. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
187. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
188. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
189. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
190. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
191. bu___w into a mystery *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

ANSWERS: 182. biology, 183. psychopath, 184. classic, 185. prescription, 186. split, 187. generosity, 188. emotion, 189. trustworthy, 190. moral, 191. burrow

192. the m__d in a room *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
193. specialize in neu______ery *n.* medical operations conducted on the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and individual nerves
194. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
195. a public co____us *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
196. mo____ry rewards *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
197. ba____ne budget *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
198. an eco____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
199. hunting va____es *n.* a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain
200. na__l bone *adj.* relating to the nose or the sense of smell; characterized by or involving the nasal passage
201. je____y designer *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

ANSWERS: 192. mood, 193. neurosurgery, 194. wealth, 195. consensus, 196. monetary, 197. baseline, 198. economical, 199. vampire, 200. nasal, 201. jewelry

202. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
203. a glass t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
204. hi_____nd Indian *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
205. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
206. network adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
207. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
208. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
209. vi____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
210. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
211. an ar__y of troops *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

ANSWERS: 202. predict, 203. tube, 204. highland, 205. empathy, 206. administrator, 207. religion, 208. attend, 209. victim, 210. government, 211. array

212. ch____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
213. leather st__p *n.* a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport
214. female of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
215. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
216. beaded ne_____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
217. a te_____al syllable *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
218. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
219. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 212. charity, 213. strap, 214. offspring, 215. wealth, 216. necklace, 217. terminal, 218. surge, 219. individual

220. professor of ch_____ry *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
221. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
222. ca_____r position *n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business
223. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
224. a synthetic derivative of
 tes_____one *n.* a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics
225. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
226. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
227. in_____e burner *n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions
228. endearing ni_____me *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

ANSWERS: 220. chemistry, 221. pun, 222. cashier, 223. moral, 224. testosterone, 225. interact, 226. philosophy, 227. incense, 228. nickname

229. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
230. ca___r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
231. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
232. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
233. exp_____tal design *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
234. in an ugly m___d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
235. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
236. patient in the pl_____o group *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
237. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
238. a capillary t___e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

ANSWERS: 229. experiment, 230. cancer, 231. prosperous, 232. economics, 233. experimental, 234. mood, 235. experiment, 236. placebo, 237. sentimental, 238. tube

239. 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
240. in___e the smoke *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
241. the stance of mo_____ry policy *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
242. card with no foreign tra_____on fees *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
243. political do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
244. a two-dimensional ar__y *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
245. acquire a vi___e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
246. business mo_____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
247. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
248. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
249. the di__t in the hundreds place *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

ANSWERS: 239. argue, 240. inhale, 241. monetary, 242. transaction, 243. donation, 244. array, 245. virtue, 246. morality, 247. abuse, 248. stake, 249. digit

250. fire dr__l *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
251. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
252. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
253. tra_____on balance *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
254. mountain tr__e *n.* a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
255. pe_____nt for music *n.* a strong and habitual liking or preference for something or someone
256. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
257. j_b a finger *v.* to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle
258. pha_____ogy textbook *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study of drugs and their effects on the body, including their properties, uses, and interactions with other substances

ANSWERS: 250. drill, 251. obsess, 252. vice, 253. transaction, 254. tribe, 255. penchant, 256. reward, 257. jab, 258. pharmacology

259. lose some of my sh____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
260. 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
261. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
262. ni____me for a person *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
263. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
264. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
265. pha_____ogy research *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study of drugs and their effects on the body, including their properties, uses, and interactions with other substances
266. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
267. co_____on disorder *n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
268. kidney y_n *n.* in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold

ANSWERS: 259. shyness, 260. pray, 261. creature, 262. nickname, 263. immediately, 264. economics, 265. pharmacology, 266. government, 267. cognition, 268. yin

269. con_____st tricks *n.* an individual who deceives and manipulates others, often through deceit or trickery, to gain personal benefits or financial advantage
270. ro___t repellent *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
271. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
272. is_____on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
273. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
274. 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
275. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
276. reside in a ma_____n *n.* a very large and imposing house
277. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
278. make a do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

ANSWERS: 269. con-artist, 270. rodent, 271. assume, 272. isolation, 273. temperature, 274. prop, 275. colleague, 276. mansion, 277. millennium, 278. donation

279. to prevent blood sugar sp__es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
280. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
281. an ingrained sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
282. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
283. de____e skillfully *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
284. former co____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
285. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
286. natural pe____nt *n.* a strong and habitual liking or preference for something or someone
287. pl____o therapy *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
288. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

ANSWERS: 279. spike, 280. split, 281. skeptic, 282. excite, 283. deceive, 284. colleague, 285. planet, 286. penchant, 287. placebo, 288. basis

289. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
290. te_____al disease *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
291. produce of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
292. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
293. prevent ro____t damage *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
294. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
295. in_____ct taxation *adj.* happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
296. na__l congestion *adj.* relating to the nose or the sense of smell; characterized by or involving the nasal passage
297. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
298. ox_____in receptor *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk

ANSWERS: 289. transfer, 290. terminal, 291. offspring, 292. millennium, 293. rodent, 294. empathy, 295. indirect, 296. nasal, 297. universal, 298. oxytocin

299. uni_____al action *adj.* involving or done by only one side or party; decided or performed by one person, group, or country without the agreement or input of others; one-sided or biased
300. telemarketing c_ns *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
301. ultra-high-speed cen_____ges *n.* a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to separate liquids from solids
302. to_____wn management *adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
303. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
304. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
305. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
306. small mo_____les *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

ANSWERS: 299. unilateral, 300. con, 301. centrifuge, 302. top-down, 303. capture, 304. phrase, 305. relax, 306. molecule

307. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
308. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
309. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
310. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
311. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
312. the ch_____ry of soil *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
313. co_____us among scientists *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
314. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

ANSWERS: 307. basis, 308. tempt, 309. emotion, 310. vice, 311. economy, 312. chemistry, 313. consensus, 314. sentimental

315. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
316. pr_____ve society *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
317. a response to a st_____us *n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
318. at_____te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
319. ne___e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
320. te__t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
321. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
322. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
323. at_____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

ANSWERS: 315. obsess, 316. primitive, 317. stimulus, 318. attribute, 319. needle, 320. tempt, 321. degrade, 322. brain, 323. attribute

324. wil_____ss to help *n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something
325. tol_____on policy *n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
326. al_____te stress *v.* to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden
327. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
328. artifact of a pr_____ve humankind *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

ANSWERS: 324. willingness, 325. toleration, 326. alleviate, 327. vow, 328. primitive

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.
 - v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

3. The concept of ____ and yang is central to traditional Chinese philosophy.
 - n. in Chinese philosophy, the feminine or passive principle characterized as darkness and the moon and associated with softness, wetness, and cold

4. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.
 - v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

5. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
 - n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

6. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
 - adj. relating to people's feelings

7. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
 - n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 1. argue, 2. manipulate, 3. yin, 4. relaxed, 5. pigeon, 6. emotional, 7. decision

8. The school's policy on religious _____ meant that students were free to practice any faith they chose.
- n.* the act of allowing or permitting something, even if it is disliked or opposed; the willingness to tolerate or accept different opinions, beliefs, or practices
9. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
10. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.
- v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
11. The _____ of water is called ice.
- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
12. I received a beautiful piece of _____ from my partner for our anniversary.
- n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
13. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
14. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
- adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
15. The two parties have reached a _____.
- n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

ANSWERS: 8. toleration, 9. wealth, 10. facilitate, 11. solid-state, 12. jewelry, 13. victim, 14. universal, 15. consensus

16. The professor focused on the research of infant _____.
- n.* the psychological process of perception and learning and reasoning; the mental action or process by which knowledge and understanding are developed in the mind
17. She has 20 years of experience in _____.
- n.* medical operations conducted on the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and individual nerves
18. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
- n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
19. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
- v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
20. Addicts often share dirty _____ putting themselves at risk for disease.
- n.* a device used for injecting or withdrawing fluids from the body, consisting of a tube and a plunger that creates a vacuum or expels the fluid
21. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
- n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
22. The _____ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
- n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

ANSWERS: 16. cognition, 17. neurosurgery, 18. floods, 19. investigated, 20. syringes, 21. Empathy, 22. outskirts

23. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.
- n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
24. The complex puzzle game _____ me for hours, but I finally solved it.
- v.* to perplex, confuse, or bewilder someone; to leave somebody completely unable to respond or react because they are shocked or surprised
25. He finally overcame his _____.
- n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
26. That work _____ his fame.
- v.* to make something continue or prevail for a long time
27. The final result was nothing short of _____.
- v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
28. She has a _____ for spicy food and always adds hot sauce.
- n.* a strong and habitual liking or preference for something or someone
29. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
30. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
- n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
31. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 23. laboratory, 24. flummoxed, 25. shyness, 26. perpetuates, 27. astounding, 28. penchant, 29. planet, 30. instruction, 31. poverty

32. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
33. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
34. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
35. The _____ had distinctly defined gender roles.
n. a social group made up of members who live together, sharing the same language, culture, religion, etc., especially those who do not live in towns or cities
36. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
37. The _____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.
n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
38. He saw the balance between the yin and _____ as crucial for a harmonious life.
n. in Chinese philosophy, the masculine or active principle characterized as light and the sun and associated with hardness, dryness, and heat
39. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 32. government, 33. skeptic, 34. charity, 35. tribe, 36. nurture, 37. tube, 38. yang, 39. economics

40. She found fault with the _____ of politicians.
n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
41. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
42. The young _____ looked stunning in her wedding gown.
n. a woman on her wedding day; a woman who is about to be married or has recently been married
43. A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and _____ effects.
n. harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
44. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
45. That incident led to his _____.
n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
46. The detective identified the _____ who had been terrorizing the city for months.
n. a person with an extreme personality disorder characterized by a lack of empathy, remorse, and ethical values; often associated with manipulative and deceitful behavior, impulsivity, and risk-taking tendencies

ANSWERS: 40. morality, 41. develop, 42. bride, 43. placebo, 44. moral, 45. isolation, 46. psychopath

47. Medical professionals must stay up-to-date with the latest developments in _____ to ensure optimal patient care.
- n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study of drugs and their effects on the body, including their properties, uses, and interactions with other substances
48. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.
- adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
49. Training with sufficient intensity increases blood _____ levels.
- n.* a male hormone that is responsible for the development of male secondary sex characteristics
50. The shape of the DNA _____ is a double helix.
- n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
51. 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
52. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
53. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
- adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

ANSWERS: 47. pharmacology, 48. sentimental, 49. testosterone, 50. molecule, 51. inhibit, 52. cancer, 53. classic

54. How many _____ does the average lion have?

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

55. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

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

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

57. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

58. The _____ mineral is often used for lead extraction in mining.

n. a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings

59. The cost of the antique vase is three _____.

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

60. The product is still in the _____ stage.

adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

61. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 54. offspring, 55. tweet, 56. release, 57. decide, 58. galena, 59. guineas, 60. experimental, 61. stake

62. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's ____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
63. She had many good _____ and few faults.
- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
64. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
- v.* to communicate or react with somebody
65. He expressed his dissatisfaction in an _____ way.
- adj.* happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
66. We do not want to _____ the text's original meaning through poor translations.
- v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
67. In ancient times, people believed that burning _____ helped ward off evil spirits.
- n.* a substance that is burned to produce a pleasant scent, often used in religious or spiritual ceremonies; figuratively, something that is pleasing or satisfying to the senses, feelings, or emotions
68. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
69. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 62. lab, 63. virtues, 64. interact, 65. indirect, 66. bastardize, 67. incense, 68. grab, 69. mass

70. He _____ deeply, trying to calm down.

- v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke

71. Our world is in the third _____.

- n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

72. Her _____ to help others earned her many friends.

- n.* the state of being ready or inclined to do something

73. Taking ibuprofen can _____ the pain from a headache.

- v.* to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden

74. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

75. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

- v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

76. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.

- n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

77. Electronic _____ remain incomplete due to system errors.

- n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

ANSWERS: 70. inhaled, 71. millennium, 72. willingness, 73. alleviate, 74. basis, 75. degrade, 76. decision-makers, 77. transactions

78. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

79. He made a generous _____ to the charity.

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

80. 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

81. This region has a humid subtropical and _____ climate.

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

82. The ____ artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

n. an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

83. 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

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

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

85. You can't _____ through solid metal.

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

ANSWERS: 78. creature, 79. donation, 80. ritual, 81. highland, 82. con, 83. individual, 84. reproduce, 85. burrow

86. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
87. The athlete tightened the _____ on his running shoes before the race.
- n.* a long, narrow strip or belt of leather, fabric, or another material used for binding, fastening, or supporting something or someone; a band or string that attaches one object to another, often used to secure items during transport
88. 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
89. The _____ scheme defrauded older adults out of their life savings.
- n.* an individual who deceives and manipulates others, often through deceit or trickery, to gain personal benefits or financial advantage
90. We must enter a six-_____ number to unlock the safe.
- n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
91. 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
92. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
- n.* a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
93. The industry in this country is still _____.
- adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

ANSWERS: 86. assumes, 87. strap, 88. brain, 89. con-artist, 90. digit, 91. generosity, 92. blacksmith, 93. primitive

94. This book provides children with ideas and a _____ for outside recreation.
- n.* something that causes growth or arouses action
95. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
96. The farmer's _____ depended on his crops and livestock.
- n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
97. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
98. The university's _____ announced new policies regarding campus safety.
- n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
99. After working as a _____ for a few years, she was promoted to a managerial position within the grocery store.
- n.* an employee responsible for handling transactions, such as payments or returns, in a store or other business
100. The magician's illusions were designed to _____ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.
- v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

ANSWERS: 94. stimulus, 95. predict, 96. subsistence, 97. pun, 98. administrator, 99. cashier, 100. deceive

101. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
102. The nurse had to ____ the patient with a needle to give them the medicine.
v. to poke or prod someone or something quickly and forcefully with a pointed object or part of the body; to make a sudden or quick thrusting movement; (noun) the act of administering a vaccination or injection with a needle
103. The _____ pale complexion and sharp fangs made him stand out in the crowd.
n. a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain
104. The president made a _____ decision without consulting with his advisors or considering other opinions.
adj. involving or done by only one side or party; decided or performed by one person, group, or country without the agreement or input of others; one-sided or biased
105. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.
n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
106. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
107. He was ____ with joy to see the results.
adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

ANSWERS: 101. religion, 102. jab, 103. vampire's, 104. unilateral, 105. pearl, 106. colleague, 107. mad

108. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

109. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

110. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

111. Women may increase _____ production through romantic love.

n. a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk

112. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

113. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.

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

114. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 108. prosperous, 109. participated, 110. tempted, 111. oxytocin, 112. economical, 113. recruited, 114. phrase, 115. surge

116. You should not _____ them from the community.

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

117. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

118. The couple will ____ after the tenth anniversary.

- v.* to marry someone

119. The policy might bring more excellent _____ stability to the country.

- adj.* of or relating to the money in the country

120. 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

121. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.

- adj.* reliable and dependable

122. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

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

123. His _____ showed highly positive results.

- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 116. isolate, 117. economy, 118. wed, 119. monetary, 120. prop, 121. trustworthy, 122. capture, 123. experiments

124. His coach is a _____ Olympic champion.

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

125. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

126. He forcibly _____ the flyer into my bag.

v. to push someone or something in a rough way

127. Ethics is a branch of _____.

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

128. They turned away the crowd at the gate of the governor's _____.

n. a very large and imposing house

129. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.

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

130. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

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

131. The _____ at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

n. a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

132. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 124. triple, 125. attributes, 126. shoved, 127. philosophy, 128. mansion, 129. mood, 130. abuse, 131. terminal, 132. obsessed

133. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

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

134. He set up a trap to catch the _____.

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

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

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

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

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

137. 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

138. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

139. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

140. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

141. I need to refill my _____ for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

n. a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

ANSWERS: 133. rewards, 134. rodent, 135. nickname, 136. drill, 137. prayed, 138. temperatures, 139. attend, 140. excited, 141. prescription

142. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

143. Getting the hang of _____ at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.

n. the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

144. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

145. The recent _____ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

146. The products they sell are the _____ for performance in the industry.

n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

147. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

148. She received a beautiful _____ from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

ANSWERS: 142. vice, 143. breastfeeding, 144. ancient, 145. spike, 146. baseline, 147. emotions, 148. necklace

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

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

150. The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable _____ of products.

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

151. I need to _____ my dog before his fur gets too long.

v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

152. The _____ spray helped alleviate my allergies.

adj. relating to the nose or the sense of smell; characterized by or involving the nasal passage

153. 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

154. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

155. The laboratory technician placed the blood samples in the _____ to separate the different components.

n. a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to separate liquids from solids

ANSWERS: 149. biology, 150. array, 151. groom, 152. nasal, 153. relations, 154. needles, 155. centrifuge

156. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
157. The _____ management approach could have been more effective in implementing organizational changes.
- adj.* controlled or implemented from the highest level of authority or management
158. The nurse prepared an _____ of pain medication for the patient.
- n.* a liquid, especially one containing medicine that is introduced into the body through a vein, muscle, or joint; the act of adding such liquid
159. The patient suffered complications due to _____ dosage of medication
- adj.* not following established conventions or norms for appropriate behavior, manners, or conduct; inappropriate or unsuitable for a particular situation or context
160. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
- v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
161. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
162. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
- n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
163. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
- v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

ANSWERS: 156. split, 157. top-down, 158. infusion, 159. improper, 160. transferred, 161. immediately, 162. proportion, 163. vowed

164. He is familiar with _____ and biology.

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

ANSWERS: 164. chemistry