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Session 1: Word List

conventionally

adv. in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional

synonym: traditionally, customarily, conventionally

(1) **conventionally** dressed, (2) **conventionally** grown crops

Conventionally, doctors recommend getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night for optimal health.

divide

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

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

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

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

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

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

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

synonym: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

attune

v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

synonym: align, harmonize, acclimate

(1) **attune** to nature, (2) **attune** myself to the rhythm

It is important to **attune** yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

nuance

n. a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**

The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

generic

adj. not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product

synonym: common, ordinary, typical

(1) a **generic** product, (2) **generic** version

The **generic** aspirin brand was just as effective as the name brand but much cheaper.

qualitative

adj. relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis

that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors

synonym : subjective, interpretative

(1) **qualitative** analysis, (2) **qualitative** factors

The researchers used a **qualitative** approach to analyze their findings.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym : workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

chunk

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

synonym : block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the market within a year.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

neglect

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

synonym : delinquency, carelessness, decay

(1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

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

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

- ruin** *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
synonym: bankrupt, demolish, destroy
(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation
He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.
- viable** *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
synonym: feasible, possible, attainable
(1) achieve a **viable** relationship, (2) develop a **viable** therapy
Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more **viable**.
- backward** *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
synonym: back, rearward, in reverse
(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle
She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.
- relevance** *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection
(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category
The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
- synchronize** *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize
(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches
The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.
- democracy** *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth
(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

opera

n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken

synonym: musical, operetta, oratorio

(1) ballad **opera**, (2) **opera** performance

She loves going to the **opera** house and hearing the beautiful music.

erase

v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it

synonym: wipe out, delete, obliterate

(1) **erase** a memory, (2) **erased** the files

He attempted to **erase** the misspelled word.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

revered

v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

synonym: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President

The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

mall

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

synonym: shopping center, shopping complex

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

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

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event
The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**
The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position
To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

discontent

n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval

synonym: dissatisfaction, unrest, displeasure

(1) political **discontent**, (2) widespread **discontent**
The worker's **discontent** with their wages led to a strike.

pivotal

adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

synonym: crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role
The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

inscribe

v. to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

synonym: engrave, carve, etch

(1) **inscribe** a message, (2) **inscribe** in her mind clearly
The artist **inscribed** a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

commemorate

v. to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

synonym: honor, remember, celebrate

(1) **commemorate** her long life, (2) **commemorate** a deed

The country **commemorated** the war heroes on Memorial Day.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

reproductive

adj. connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

synonym: procreative, generative

(1) **reproductive** ability, (2) during **reproductive** period

This documentary deals with the **reproductive** biology of the buffalo.

civic

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

synonym: community, civic, communal

(1) **civic** activity, (2) **civic** center

The city promotes **civic** collaboration in community development

dissent

n. possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

synonym : discord, conflict, disagreement

(1) **dissent** opinion, (2) with no **dissent**

The dictatorship crushes all **dissent** severely.

synonymous

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

synonym : equivalent, interchangeable, similar

(1) **synonymous** terms, (2) non- **synonymous** mutation

The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are **synonymous**.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym : unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

communicate

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

synonym : convey, share, transmit

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

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

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

discursive

adj. rambling or digressing from one topic to another without a clear or coherent structure; characterized by a tendency to wander or stray from the main point or subject

synonym : rambling, digressive, meandering

(1) **discursive** essay, (2) **discursive** argument

The book includes many **discursive** footnotes that add additional context and information.

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.

receiver

n. the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something

synonym: acceptor, recipient, collector

(1) a GPS **receiver**, (2) aid **receiver**

Delivery companies often require the **receiver's** signature to certify the completion of package delivery.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

insect

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

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

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

locomotive

n. a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks

synonym: train, engine, motor

(1) **locomotive** engine, (2) diesel **locomotive**

The powerful **locomotive** chugged along the tracks, hauling a long line of freight cars.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

advantage

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

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

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

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

inherent

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

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

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

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

implicit

adj. suggested but not directly expressed

synonym: implied, unstated, hinted

(1) **implicit** bias, (2) give **implicit** consent

The **implicit** meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.

forge

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

synonym: create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

insert

v. to put something inside something else

synonym: introduce, add, embed

(1) **insert** coin, (2) **insert** a graphic

She **inserted** a new chapter into her manuscript.

dialogue

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

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

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

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

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym: tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

embassy

n. the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based

synonym: consulate, mission, legation

(1) **embassy** staff, (2) **embassy** function

The **embassy** building was heavily guarded by security personnel.

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym: rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

intellect

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

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

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**.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym: display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym: modern, stylish, coetaneous

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

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

discourse

n. any form of communication in speech or writing

synonym: discussion, dialogue, communication

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

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

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

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.

interdisciplinary

adj. involving or combining several academic disciplines or fields of study

synonym: multidisciplinary, transdisciplinary

(1) **interdisciplinary** research, (2) an **interdisciplinary** conference

The **interdisciplinary** approach to solving the problem involved experts from multiple fields working together.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym: fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym: set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym: actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

dough

n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

synonym: flour, mix

(1) work **dough**, (2) **dough** for pastry

She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make **dough** for the bread.

hulking

adj. large, heavy, and clumsy

synonym: large, bulky, massive

(1) **hulking** silhouette, (2) **hulking** presence

He was intimidated by the **hulking** figure standing in the doorway.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym: quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

cloister

n. a covered walkway, usually surrounding a central courtyard or garden, typically found in monasteries or convents; a tranquil and secluded place, often associated with religious or academic seclusion and contemplation

synonym: monastery, abbey, convent

(1) medieval **cloister**, (2) secluded **cloister**

The peaceful ambiance of the monastery's **cloister** provided a quiet space for reflection.

arrogant

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

synonym: haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**

He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

redeem

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

synonym: rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond

He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

lift

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

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

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

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

void

n. an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force

synonym: emptiness, vacuity, (adjective) null

(1) **void** of expression, (2) **void** contract

The **void** in her heart was filled with the love of her family.

spirit

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

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

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

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

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym: front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym: climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

maim

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

synonym: injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym: memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring

The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

progressive

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

synonym: advanced, forward-thinking, modern

(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development

The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

courtyard

n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

synonym: patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

sculpture

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

synonym : statuary, carving, modeling

(1) create **sculpture**, (2) abstract **sculpture**

The ancient Greek **sculptures** are known for their realism and attention to detail.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

institute

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

synonym : academy, university, college

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

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

neoclassical

adj. relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries

(1) **neoclassical** economics, (2) **neoclassical** music

The **neoclassical** style of architecture is characterized by symmetry and simplicity.

opaque

adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

synonym: impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym: temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials
His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

airbag

n. a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death

synonym : air cushion, safety bag, crash bag

(1) defective **airbag**, (2) **airbag** deployment

The **airbag** system in the car saved the driver's life in a severe crash.

expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

synonym : growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

ooze

v. to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily

synonym : flow, seep, drip

(1) **ooze** from the speakers, (2) **ooze** with confidence

The wound on his leg continued to **ooze** blood even after he applied pressure.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

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.

dub

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

synonym: name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data
We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

bubble

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

synonym: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**
Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

lounge

n. a waiting room as in a hotel or airport

synonym: lobby, saloon, club

(1) departure **lounge**, (2) conversation **lounge**
We will go to the VIP **lounge** at the airport till departure.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**
This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

membrane

n. a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue

synonym: tissue layer

(1) cell **membranes**, (2) nuclear **membrane**
Loud noises might harm the fragile ear **membrane**.

translucent

adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

synonym: semi-transparent, see-through

(1) **translucent** glass, (2) **translucent** skin

The sunlight shone through the **translucent** curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

fiber

n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

synonym: yarn, thread, wool

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

We must consume dietary **fiber** to maintain good health.

inflated

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

synonym: enlarged, swollen, distended

(1) **inflated** prices, (2) an **inflated** balloon

The athlete's ego became **inflated** by their success.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym: accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

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.

preserve

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

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym: grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

sanctity

n. the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something

synonym: holiness, sacredness, purity

(1) **sanctity** of life, (2) violate the **sanctity**

The **sanctity** of human life is a fundamental principle of many religions.

blush

v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

synonym: flush, redden, glow

(1) **blush** bright red, (2) **blush** for my mistake

She **blushed** when the boy complimented her.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym : blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

iconoclastic

adj. characterized by a tendency to challenge or overthrow traditional beliefs, customs, or values; breaking or rejecting established norms or conventions

synonym : nonconformist, rebellious, unconventional

(1) **iconoclastic** artist, (2) **iconoclastic** movement

His **iconoclastic** views challenged traditional beliefs and sparked debate.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

interpretation

n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious

synonym : rendering, explanation, understanding

(1) the **interpretation** of history, (2) open to **interpretation**

His **interpretations** of literary works are often unique.

congressional

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

synonym : parliamentary, senatorial, legislative

(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional**

meeting

There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.

spire

n. a tall, pointed structure on a building or landscape; a tapering conical or pyramidal structure on a plant or an animal

synonym: spike, turret, pinnacle

(1) **spire** cathedral, (2) gilded **spire**

The church's **spire** towered over the small village, visible from miles away.

tower

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

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

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

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

dome

n. a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base

synonym: hemisphere, cupola, vaults

(1) snow **dome**, (2) **dome** structure

The cathedral **dome** soared high above, its stained-glass windows casting colorful light on the altar below.

minaret

n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

synonym: tower, belfry

(1) **minaret** tower, (2) **minaret** call

The **minaret** of the mosque soared high above the city.

exempt

adj. free from or not subject to a particular requirement or restriction; (verb) to excuse someone or something from an obligation, payment, etc.

synonym: free, clear, released

(1) goods **exempt** from tax, (2) **exempt** from the law

Members of the military are **exempt** from paying taxes.

church

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

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

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

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

pantheon

n. a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important

synonym : temple, shrine, sanctuary

(1) **pantheon** of products, (2) ancient **pantheon**

The **pantheon** of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.

cubic

adj. having the shape of a cube or being of three dimensions; measured in units that are the third power of a linear unit

synonym : three-dimensional, boxlike, cubical

(1) **cubic** meter, (2) **cubic** structure

The package was a **cubic** shape, which made it easier to stack on the shelf.

compress

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

synonym : condense, constrict, squeeze

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

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

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.

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym: worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**

She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

landmark

n. a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point

synonym: marker, reference point, guidepost

(1) a **landmark** discovery, (2) historical **landmark**

The Empire State Building is a **landmark** in New York City.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym: seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

strained

adj. tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness

synonym : tense, tight, forced

(1) **strained** relationship, (2) **strained** muscles

The musician's face showed a **strained** expression as he struggled to hit the high note.

cable

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym : wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

technique

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

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

vantage

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

synonym: advantage, benefit, edge

(1) strategic **vantage**, (2) gain a **vantage**

From our **vantage** point, we could see the whole city skyline.

restriction

n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

synonym: limitation, constraint, control

(1) nutritional **restriction**, (2) **restriction** on trade

The **restriction** on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.

glow

v. to give out a steady, strong light

synonym: shine, radiate, beam

(1) **glow** a pale orange, (2) **glow** gold in the light

The sun was setting, and the sky **glowed** with beautiful colors.

capitol

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

synonym: government building, legislative center

(1) the nation's **capitol**, (2) **Capitol** Hill hearing

The **capitol** building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

hierarchy

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

synonym: ranking, order, scale

(1) top of the **hierarchy**, (2) **hierarchy** of folders

She has taken a step up in the organizational **hierarchy**.

delivery

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

synonym : sending, transporting, bringing

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

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

hoist

v. to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment

synonym : raise, lift, haul up

(1) **hoist** the flags, (2) **hoist** the anchor

The surgeon **hoisted** the patient onto the operation table.

restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym : restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

ballast

n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support

synonym : weight, stabilizer, counterbalance

(1) **ballast** weight, (2) **ballast** water

The ship's **ballast** helped to keep it stable during the storm.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym : administration, government, system

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

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

synonym : establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

erect

v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise;
(adjective) upright or vertical

synonym : build, set up, construct

(1) **erect** structure, (2) keep the flagpole **erect**

The workers were able to **erect** the tent in just a few minutes.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym : obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race

The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its new product.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym : twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

weft

n. a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric

synonym : woof, warp, web

(1) **weft** knitting, (2) cotton **weft**

The fabric's **weft** threads run across the width of the fabric while the warp threads run lengthwise.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

gravity

n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

synonym : heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

zip

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

synonym : fastener, postcode, slide

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

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

slide

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

synonym : glide, drift, drop

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

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

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym : adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

interior

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

synonym : inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space

The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

luminous

adj. emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment

synonym: radiant, glowing, brilliant

(1) **luminous** glow, (2) **luminous** stars

The room was filled with **luminous** decorations that shone in the dark.

reconfigure

v. to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality

synonym: reshape, restructure, realign

(1) **reconfigure** the network, (2) **reconfigure** the operating system

We need to **reconfigure** the office layout to use the space better.

installation

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

synonym: induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

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.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience

mesmerized.

rigidity

n. the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding

synonym: stiffness, inflexibility, firmness

(1) mental **rigidity**, (2) legal **rigidity**

The **rigidity** of the school's dress code policy caused much controversy among the students and parents.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

ambiguous

adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

synonym: unclear, uncertain, equivocal

(1) **ambiguous** situation, (2) clarify **ambiguous** points

The instructions provided were **ambiguous** and confused the team.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

inflate

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym: blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports

She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
2. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
3. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
4. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
5. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
6. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
7. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
8. current af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
9. cu__c meter *adj.* having the shape of a cube or being of three dimensions; measured in units that are the third power of a linear unit

ANSWERS: 1. symbol, 2. discuss, 3. disconnect, 4. corporate, 5. advantage, 6. entirely, 7. silicon, 8. affair, 9. cubic

10. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
11. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
12. ancient pa_____on *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
13. high vo_____e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
14. st_____ed muscles *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
15. a seafaring na_____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
16. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
17. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
18. neo_____cal economics *adj.* relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries
19. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 10. entirely, 11. delivery, 12. pantheon, 13. volume, 14. strained, 15. nation, 16. architecture, 17. interpretation, 18. neoclassical, 19. structure

20. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
21. rep_____ive ability *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
22. in_____or decoration *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
23. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
24. the language of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
25. ex_____on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
26. snow d__e *n.* a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base
27. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
28. ico_____tic movement *adj.* characterized by a tendency to challenge or overthrow traditional beliefs, customs, or values; breaking or rejecting established norms or conventions

ANSWERS: 20. relation, 21. reproductive, 22. interior, 23. council, 24. diplomacy, 25. expansion, 26. dome, 27. bond, 28. iconoclastic

29. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
30. overcome hu___es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
31. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
32. ex____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
33. largest electronic m__l *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
34. a te____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
35. 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
36. have an in____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
37. in____e a tire *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
38. pr____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
39. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 29. property, 30. hurdle, 31. relation, 32. extreme, 33. mall, 34. technique, 35. economy, 36. inherent, 37. inflate, 38. preserve, 39. creative

40. z_p code *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently
41. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
42. the attraction of gr_____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
43. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
44. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
45. fo__e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
46. pro_____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

ANSWERS: 40. zip, 41. exhibit, 42. gravity, 43. democracy, 44. protest, 45. forge, 46. progressive

47. ballad op__a *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
48. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
49. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
50. in____t coin *v.* to put something inside something else
51. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
52. ne____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
53. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
54. conversation lo____e *n.* a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
55. a medical ins____ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
56. economic bu____e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
57. in____t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
58. im____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
59. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

ANSWERS: 47. opera, 48. ultimate, 49. giant, 50. insert, 51. government, 52. neglect, 53. urban, 54. lounge, 55. installation, 56. bubble, 57. insect, 58. imaginary, 59. tower

60. mo__t a counterattack
v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
61. develop a vi___e therapy
adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
62. the nation's ca_____l
n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
63. re_____in a child
v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
64. gilded sp__e
n. a tall, pointed structure on a building or landscape; a tapering conical or pyramidal structure on a plant or an animal
65. su___e muscles
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
66. neo_____cal music
adj. relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries
67. bl__h for my mistake
v. to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
68. re_____in from violence
v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

ANSWERS: 60. mount, 61. viable, 62. capitol, 63. restrain, 64. spire, 65. supple, 66. neoclassical, 67. blush, 68. restrain

69. lu____us stars *adj.* emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
70. coaxial ca__e *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
71. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
72. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
73. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
74. pro____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
75. a det____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
76. mon____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
77. par____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
78. im____it bias *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed

ANSWERS: 69. luminous, 70. cable, 71. brain, 72. determinant, 73. deploy, 74. progressive, 75. determinant, 76. monumental, 77. participate, 78. implicit

79. keep the flagpole er__t *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
80. d_b the film in English *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
81. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
82. aid re_____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
83. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
84. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
85. tra_____nt skin *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
86. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
87. z_p file *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

ANSWERS: 79. erect, 80. dub, 81. poetic, 82. receiver, 83. slide, 84. communicate, 85. translucent, 86. disconnect, 87. zip

88. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
89. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
90. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
91. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
92. mental ri_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding
93. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
94. grow ar_____nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
95. do__h for pastry *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
96. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
97. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 88. sensitive, 89. brain, 90. represent, 91. lift, 92. rigidity, 93. permanent, 94. arrogant, 95. dough, 96. delivery, 97. historic

98. political dis_____nt *n.* dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
99. crystalline si_____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
100. give si____t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
101. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
102. medieval cl_____er *n.* a covered walkway, usually surrounding a central courtyard or garden, typically found in monasteries or convents; a tranquil and secluded place, often associated with religious or academic seclusion and contemplation
103. in____e the aroma *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
104. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
105. mon_____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
106. tra_____nt glass *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

ANSWERS: 98. discontent, 99. silicon, 100. silent, 101. trace, 102. cloister, 103. inhale, 104. spirit, 105. monumental, 106. translucent

107. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
108. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
109. oc___y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
110. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
111. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
112. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
113. op___e material *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
114. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
115. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
116. put a ha_____s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 107. icon, 108. involve, 109. occupy, 110. transform, 111. artifact, 112. critic, 113. opaque, 114. march, 115. institute, 116. harness

117. con_____nal approval *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
118. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
119. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
120. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
121. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
122. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
123. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
124. a tiny ch__k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
125. m__m a victim *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
126. v__d contract *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
127. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

ANSWERS: 117. congressional, 118. partnership, 119. architecture, 120. supple, 121. merit, 122. confer, 123. dialogue, 124. chunk, 125. maim, 126. void, 127. relevance

128. dis_____ve essay *adj.* rambling or digressing from one topic to another without a clear or coherent structure; characterized by a tendency to wander or stray from the main point or subject
129. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
130. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
131. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
132. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
133. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
134. int_____ary research *adj.* involving or combining several academic disciplines or fields of study
135. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
136. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
137. ho__t the anchor *v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment

ANSWERS: 128. discursive, 129. invisible, 130. preserve, 131. landscape, 132. giant, 133. trace, 134. interdisciplinary, 135. poetic, 136. warp, 137. hoist

138. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
139. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
140. com_____te her long life *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
141. dis_____ve argument *adj.* rambling or digressing from one topic to another without a clear or coherent structure; characterized by a tendency to wander or stray from the main point or subject
142. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
143. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
144. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
145. oc___y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
146. industrial ex_____on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
147. in_____l a door *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

ANSWERS: 138. feat, 139. landscape, 140. commemorate, 141. discursive, 142. relevance, 143. artifact, 144. church, 145. occupy, 146. expansion, 147. install

148. an int_____ary conference *adj.* involving or combining several academic disciplines or fields of study
149. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
150. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
151. violate the sa_____ty *n.* the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something
152. with no di_____t *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
153. sa_____ty of life *n.* the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something
154. non-syn_____us mutation *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
155. in_____l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
156. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

ANSWERS: 148. interdisciplinary, 149. nation, 150. combination, 151. sanctity, 152. dissent, 153. sanctity, 154. synonymous, 155. install, 156. approve

157. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
158. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
159. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
160. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
161. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
162. the most re_____d President *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
163. res_____on on trade *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
164. di_____e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
165. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
166. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
167. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 157. democracy, 158. appropriate, 159. combination, 160. dinosaur, 161. imaginary, 162. revered, 163. restriction, 164. divide, 165. concrete, 166. blend, 167. steel

168. Ca_____l Hill hearing *n.* a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress
169. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
170. re___m a government bond *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
171. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
172. during rep_____ive period *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
173. sl___e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
174. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
175. preserve my gr_____y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
176. si___t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
177. strategic va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

ANSWERS: 168. capitol, 169. contemporary, 170. redeem, 171. advantage, 172. reproductive, 173. slide, 174. extreme, 175. gravity, 176. silent, 177. vantage

178. open to int_____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
179. quiet co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
180. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
181. hu_____g silhouette *adj.* large, heavy, and clumsy
182. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
183. cu__c structure *adj.* having the shape of a cube or being of three dimensions; measured in units that are the third power of a linear unit
184. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
185. fa___e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
186. achieve a vi___e relationship *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
187. con_____lly grown crops *adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
188. qua_____ve factors *adj.* relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors

ANSWERS: 178. interpretation, 179. courtyard, 180. icon, 181. hulking, 182. urban, 183. cubic, 184. march, 185. facade, 186. viable, 187. conventionally, 188. qualitative

189. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
190. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
191. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
192. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
193. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
194. ci__c center *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
195. the art of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
196. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
197. suspend a con_____nal meeting *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
198. ne_____t ethical issues *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
199. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
200. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
201. g__w gold in the light *v.* to give out a steady, strong light

ANSWERS: 189. fantastic, 190. protest, 191. fantastic, 192. historic, 193. creative, 194. civic, 195. diplomacy, 196. realm, 197. congressional, 198. neglect, 199. translate, 200. volume, 201. glow

202. at___e to nature *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
203. rich in nu___e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
204. a ch___k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
205. rec_____re the operating system *v.* to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality
206. ico_____tic artist *adj.* characterized by a tendency to challenge or overthrow traditional beliefs, customs, or values; breaking or rejecting established norms or conventions
207. a la_____rk discovery *n.* a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point
208. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
209. abstract sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay
210. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

ANSWERS: 202. attune, 203. nuance, 204. chunk, 205. reconfigure, 206. iconoclastic, 207. landmark, 208. bubble, 209. sculpture, 210. synchronize

211. mi_____t tower *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer
212. er__t structure *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
213. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
214. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
215. pa_____on of products *n.* a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
216. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
217. hu___e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
218. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
219. create sc_____re *n.* the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

ANSWERS: 211. minaret, 212. erect, 213. exhibit, 214. appropriate, 215. pantheon, 216. ruin, 217. hurdle, 218. evolve, 219. sculpture

220. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
221. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
222. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
223. in_____be a message *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
224. di____e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
225. com_____te a deed *v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute
226. the outside fa____e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
227. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
228. er__e a memory *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
229. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

ANSWERS: 220. structure, 221. policy, 222. pandemic, 223. inscribe, 224. divide, 225. commemorate, 226. facade, 227. interpret, 228. erase, 229. flexible

230. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
231. at___e myself to the rhythm *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
232. cotton w__t *n.* a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric
233. in____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
234. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
235. ex___t from the law *adj.* free from or not subject to a particular requirement or restriction; (verb) to excuse someone or something from an obligation, payment, etc.
236. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
237. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
238. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
239. ge_____c version *adj.* not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
240. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
241. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 230. ultimate, 231. attune, 232. weft, 233. inherent, 234. ephemeral, 235. exempt, 236. intellect, 237. bureaucracy, 238. contemporary, 239. generic, 240. pandemic, 241. involve

242. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
243. nuclear me_____ne *n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue
244. respect for human di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
245. legal ri_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding
246. ai_____g deployment *n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
247. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
248. spacious co_____rd *n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
249. an in_____ed balloon *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
250. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
251. am_____us situation *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

ANSWERS: 242. compress, 243. membrane, 244. dignity, 245. rigidity, 246. airbag, 247. interpret, 248. courtyard, 249. inflated, 250. institute, 251. ambiguous

252. ins_____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
253. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
254. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
255. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
256. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
257. d__e structure *n.* a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base
258. er__ed the files *v.* to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
259. a di_____se about art *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
260. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
261. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

ANSWERS: 252. installation, 253. synchronize, 254. bury, 255. symbol, 256. ruin, 257. dome, 258. erase, 259. discourse, 260. lift, 261. bond

262. fl____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
263. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
264. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
265. re____d figure *v.* highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
266. v__d of expression *n.* an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
267. subtle cultural nu____e *n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
268. 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
269. op__a performance *n.* a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
270. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
271. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
272. a man of pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
273. ev____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 262. flexible, 263. confer, 264. blend, 265. revered, 266. void, 267. nuance, 268. argue, 269. opera, 270. transformation, 271. participate, 272. property, 273. evolve

274. goods ex___t from tax *adj.* free from or not subject to a particular requirement or restriction; (verb) to excuse someone or something from an obligation, payment, etc.
275. qua_____ve analysis *adj.* relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors
276. o___e from the speakers *v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily
277. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
278. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
279. d_b data *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
280. em_____y staff *n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
281. ci__c activity *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
282. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 274. exempt, 275. qualitative, 276. ooze, 277. discuss, 278. backward, 279. dub, 280. embassy, 281. civic, 282. feat

283. 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
284. in____e expense reports *v.* to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder
285. w__p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
286. an ar____nt attitude *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
287. top of the hi____hy *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
288. clarify am____us points *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
289. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
290. music st____o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

ANSWERS: 283. economy, 284. inflate, 285. warp, 286. arrogant, 287. hierarchy, 288. ambiguous, 289. policy, 290. studio

291. mo____nt honoring *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
292. a GPS re____er *n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
293. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
294. st____ed relationship *adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
295. rec____re the network *v.* to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality
296. em____y function *n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
297. loc____ve engine *n.* a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks
298. di____t opinion *n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted
299. w__t knitting *n.* a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric
300. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

ANSWERS: 291. monument, 292. receiver, 293. bury, 294. strained, 295. reconfigure, 296. embassy, 297. locomotive, 298. dissent, 299. weft, 300. backward

301. g__w a pale orange *v.* to give out a steady, strong light
302. give im____it consent *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
303. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
304. syn_____us terms *adj.* having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase
305. bl__h bright red *v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty
306. important dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
307. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
308. carbon fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
309. nutritional res_____on *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
310. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
311. a ge_____c product *adj.* not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
312. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

ANSWERS: 301. glow, 302. implicit, 303. spirit, 304. synonymous, 305. blush, 306. distinction, 307. compress, 308. fiber, 309. restriction, 310. modern, 311. generic, 312. industrial

313. the characters that re_____nt numbers
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
314. widespread dis_____nt
n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval
315. in_____t a cave
v. to live in a specific location; to reside
316. fo__e an alliance
v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
317. op___e color
adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
318. in_____ed prices
adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
319. ba_____t weight
n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
320. lu_____us glow
adj. emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment
321. art cr___c
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
322. cell me_____nes
n. a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue

ANSWERS: 313. represent, 314. discontent, 315. inhabit, 316. forge, 317. opaque, 318. inflated, 319. ballast, 320. luminous, 321. critic, 322. membrane

323. 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
324. secluded cl____er *n.* a covered walkway, usually surrounding a central courtyard or garden, typically found in monasteries or convents; a tranquil and secluded place, often associated with religious or academic seclusion and contemplation
325. in___e the smoke *v.* to breathe in air or a different substance, such as smoke
326. hulking di____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
327. hu____g presence *adj.* large, heavy, and clumsy
328. arbitrary bur____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
329. in___t a graphic *v.* to put something inside something else
330. draw a dis____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
331. in____be in her mind clearly *v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record
332. tr____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
333. ep____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

ANSWERS: 323. argue, 324. cloister, 325. inhale, 326. dinosaur, 327. hulking, 328. bureaucracy, 329. insert, 330. distinction, 331. inscribe, 332. transform, 333. ephemeral

334. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
335. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
336. domestic af___rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
337. plenty of in_____or space *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
338. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
339. sp___e cathedral *n.* a tall, pointed structure on a building or landscape; a tapering conical or pyramidal structure on a plant or an animal
340. de___y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
341. mo___t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
342. public re___m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
343. mi_____t call *n.* a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

ANSWERS: 334. studio, 335. corporate, 336. affair, 337. interior, 338. approve, 339. spire, 340. deploy, 341. mount, 342. realm, 343. minaret

344. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
345. in___t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
346. m__m his hand *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
347. humanity's mo_____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
348. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
349. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
350. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
351. ba_____t water *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
352. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
353. pi_____l moment *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
354. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film

ANSWERS: 344. modern, 345. insect, 346. maim, 347. monument, 348. expand, 349. dignity, 350. council, 351. ballast, 352. technique, 353. pivotal, 354. dialogue

355. gain a va_____e *n.* a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage
356. re____m a coupon *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
357. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
358. o__e with confidence *v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily
359. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
360. hi_____hy of folders *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
361. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
362. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
363. pi_____l role *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

ANSWERS: 355. vantage, 356. redeem, 357. government, 358. ooze, 359. concrete, 360. hierarchy, 361. define, 362. transformation, 363. pivotal

364. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
365. historical la____rk *n.* a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point
366. beginning of the ind____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
367. enrich my in____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
368. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
369. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
370. in____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
371. ex____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
372. diesel loc____ve *n.* a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks
373. com____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 364. cable, 365. landmark, 366. industrial, 367. intellect, 368. merit, 369. steel, 370. inhabit, 371. expand, 372. locomotive, 373. communicate

374. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
375. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
376. defective ai___g *n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
377. con_____lly dressed *adv.* in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional
378. m__l crawler *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
379. ho__t the flags *v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment
380. synthetic fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
381. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
382. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
383. work do__h *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

ANSWERS: 374. invisible, 375. define, 376. airbag, 377. conventionally, 378. mall, 379. hoist, 380. fiber, 381. partnership, 382. church, 383. dough

384. departure lo___e *n.* a waiting room as in a hotel or airport
385. ha____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
386. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
387. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
388. hold di_____se with him *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
389. se_____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
390. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change

ANSWERS: 384. lounge, 385. harness, 386. translate, 387. tower, 388. discourse, 389. sensitive, 390. permanent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Loud noises might harm the fragile ear _____.
n. a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue
2. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
3. The CEO's decision was _____ in the success of the company's expansion plans.
adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
4. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
5. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.
n. a conversation in a book, play, or film
6. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.
v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
7. He was intimidated by the _____ figure standing in the doorway.
adj. large, heavy, and clumsy
8. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 1. membrane, 2. urban, 3. pivotal, 4. creative, 5. dialogue, 6. installed, 7. hulking, 8. advantages

9. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
10. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
v. to mix or combine two or more substances
11. The cathedral _____ soared high above, its stained-glass windows casting colorful light on the altar below.
n. a rounded vault forming the roof of a building or structure, typically with a circular base
12. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
13. The _____ approach to solving the problem involved experts from multiple fields working together.
adj. involving or combining several academic disciplines or fields of study
14. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of _____.
n. the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
15. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.
v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
16. His _____ views challenged traditional beliefs and sparked debate.
adj. characterized by a tendency to challenge or overthrow traditional beliefs, customs, or values; breaking or rejecting established norms or conventions

ANSWERS: 9. institutes, 10. blend, 11. dome, 12. partnership, 13. interdisciplinary, 14. gravity, 15. occupy, 16. iconoclastic

17. The _____ meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.

adj. suggested but not directly expressed

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

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

19. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

20. We must consume dietary _____ to maintain good health.

n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

21. From our _____ point, we could see the whole city skyline.

n. a position or place that provides a commanding or advantageous view or perspective; a favorable position or advantage

22. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

23. The sun was setting, and the sky _____ with beautiful colors.

v. to give out a steady, strong light

24. The peaceful ambiance of the monastery's _____ provided a quiet space for reflection.

n. a covered walkway, usually surrounding a central courtyard or garden, typically found in monasteries or convents; a tranquil and secluded place, often associated with religious or academic seclusion and contemplation

ANSWERS: 17. implicit, 18. neglected, 19. modern, 20. fiber, 21. vantage, 22. bureaucracy, 23. glowed, 24. cloister

25. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.
n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
26. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
27. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
28. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
29. The police had to _____ the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.
v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
30. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
31. The _____ of Greek gods and goddesses is well-known throughout Western culture.
n. a temple dedicated to all the gods or goddesses of a particular religion or mythology; a group of something or someone that is remarkably respected, famous, or important
32. The package was a _____ shape, which made it easier to stack on the shelf.
adj. having the shape of a cube or being of three dimensions; measured in units that are the third power of a linear unit

ANSWERS: 25. monument, 26. appropriate, 27. bury, 28. Translate, 29. restrain, 30. transformations, 31. pantheon, 32. cubic

33. Delivery companies often require the _____ signature to certify the completion of package delivery.
- n.* the part of a phone that you hold close to your ear and mouth; a person who receives something
34. The musician's face showed a _____ expression as he struggled to hit the high note.
- adj.* tight, tense, or stretched; under pressure or stress; characterized by a lack of ease or naturalness
35. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
- adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
36. The painter focused on the moody _____ of abandoned buildings in his work.
- n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
37. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
- adj.* very great in amount or degree
38. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
- v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
39. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
40. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.
- n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

ANSWERS: 33. receiver's, 34. strained, 35. invisible, 36. interiors, 37. extreme, 38. inhabit, 39. expand, 40. insects

41. The _____ style of architecture is characterized by symmetry and simplicity.

adj. relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries

42. The ancient Greek _____ are known for their realism and attention to detail.

n. the art of creating three-dimensional objects or forms, typically by carving, modeling, or casting in a variety of materials such as stone, wood, metal, or clay

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

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

44. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

45. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

46. She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make _____ for the bread.

n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

47. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 41. neoclassical, 42. sculptures, 43. spirit, 44. symbol, 45. silent, 46. dough, 47. property

48. The ship's _____ helped to keep it stable during the storm.
- n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
49. A gentle _____ concealed his powerfulness.
- n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
50. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
51. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
- v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
52. The reckless driver _____ several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.
- v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
53. The _____ building was heavily guarded by security personnel.
- n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
54. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
55. The painter has tried to express every _____ of the woman's expression in his work.
- n.* a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

ANSWERS: 48. ballast, 49. facade, 50. transformed, 51. ruined, 52. maimed, 53. embassy, 54. ultimate, 55. nuance

56. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
57. 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
58. Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more _____.
adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
59. The fabric's _____ threads run across the width of the fabric while the warp threads run lengthwise.
n. a thread or yarn that is woven horizontally through a loom, intersecting with the warp and forming the fabric
60. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.
adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
61. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
62. The _____ teacher was loved by her students.
v. highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities
63. 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

ANSWERS: 56. structure, 57. brain, 58. viable, 59. weft, 60. poetic, 61. critics, 62. revered, 63. economy

64. The athlete's ego became _____ by their success.

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

65. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

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

66. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

67. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

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

68. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

69. The phrase "big shot" and "important person" are _____.

adj. having the same or a similar meaning as another word or phrase

70. 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

71. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

ANSWERS: 64. inflated, 65. tower, 66. historic, 67. slide, 68. merits, 69. synonymous, 70. government, 71. exhibit

72. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

73. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

74. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

75. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

76. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

77. 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

78. The instructions provided were _____ and confused the team.

adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

79. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

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

ANSWERS: 72. entirely, 73. discuss, 74. warped, 75. mounted, 76. confer, 77. argue, 78. ambiguous, 79. communicate

80. The Empire State Building is a _____ in New York City.

- n.* a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point

81. She _____ a new chapter into her manuscript.

- v.* to put something inside something else

82. The researchers used a _____ approach to analyze their findings.

- adj.* relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors

83. The wound on his leg continued to _____ blood even after he applied pressure.

- v.* to flow or seep out slowly, often in a thick, viscous manner; to exude or emit slowly and steadily

84. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

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

85. Sweet _____ makes short days and nights.

- n.* any form of communication in speech or writing

86. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.

- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

87. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.

- n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

ANSWERS: 80. landmark, 81. inserted, 82. qualitative, 83. ooze, 84. preserve, 85. discourse, 86. council, 87. cables

88. 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
89. He was so _____ that he thought he was always right.
adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
90. The _____ aspirin brand was just as effective as the name brand but much cheaper.
adj. not specific; not linked to a particular brand or product
91. The powerful _____ chugged along the tracks, hauling a long line of freight cars.
n. a powered rail vehicle used for pulling trains or railway cars; an engine that produces the necessary power for the train to move on the tracks
92. She loves going to the _____ house and hearing the beautiful music.
n. a drama set to music, in which the words are sung rather than spoken
93. His success as a famous actor was _____.
adj. lasting or used for only a short time
94. We need to _____ the office layout to use the space better.
v. to change the configuration or arrangement of something, often to improve its performance or functionality
95. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 88. relations, 89. arrogant, 90. generic, 91. locomotive, 92. opera, 93. ephemeral, 94. reconfigure, 95. lifted

96. He tried to _____ himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.
- v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
97. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
98. The curtains were made of _____ fabric that blocked out all light.
- adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
99. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.
- v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
100. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
101. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
102. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
103. She _____ when the boy complimented her.
- v.* to become red in the face from embarrassment, shame, or modesty

ANSWERS: 96. redeem, 97. intellect, 98. opaque, 99. deployed, 100. volume, 101. pandemic, 102. church, 103. blushed

104. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
105. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
106. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
107. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
108. She put her phone in the ____ pocket of her backpack.
n. a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently
109. The sunlight shone through the _____ curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.
adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
110. The worker's _____ with their wages led to a strike.
n. dissatisfaction or unhappiness with a situation or condition; a feeling of displeasure or disapproval

ANSWERS: 104. define, 105. dinosaur, 106. inherent, 107. participated, 108. zip, 109. translucent, 110. discontent

111. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

- n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

112. Different people might _____ this news differently.

- v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

113. The company is undergoing an _____ opening new locations in several states.

- n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

114. They had formed a friendship _____.

- n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

115. The artist _____ a beautiful design on the surface of the vase.

- v.* to write or carve something on a surface, especially as a formal or permanent record

116. He _____ deeply, trying to calm down.

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

117. The country _____ the war heroes on Memorial Day.

- v.* to honor the memory of someone or something by ceremony or tribute

118. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.

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

ANSWERS: 111. combination, 112. interpret, 113. expansion, 114. bond, 115. inscribed, 116. inhaled, 117. commemorated, 118. bubble

119. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.
n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
120. He attempted to _____ the misspelled word.
v. to remove something completely, especially by rubbing it
121. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.
n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people
122. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.
v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
123. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
124. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
125. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
126. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 119. installation, 120. erase, 121. distinction, 122. disconnect, 123. relevance, 124. backward, 125. marched, 126. supple

127. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
128. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
129. This documentary deals with the _____ biology of the buffalo.
- adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
130. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
- n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
131. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.
- adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
132. The church's _____ towered over the small village, visible from miles away.
- n.* a tall, pointed structure on a building or landscape; a tapering conical or pyramidal structure on a plant or an animal
133. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.
- adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 127. nation, 128. policy, 129. reproductive, 130. studio, 131. progressive, 132. spire, 133. sensitive

134. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
135. The _____ system in the car saved the driver's life in a severe crash.
- n.* a safety device designed to inflate rapidly in the event of a collision, protecting the occupants of a vehicle and reducing the risk of injury or death
136. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
137. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
- n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
138. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.
- n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
139. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
- n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
140. The _____ of human life is a fundamental principle of many religions.
- n.* the quality of being sacred, holy, or blessed; the state of being pure, untainted, or inviolable; the ultimate importance or reverence attributed to something
141. The dictatorship crushes all _____ severely.
- n.* possessing or expressing views that differ from those that are officially accepted

ANSWERS: 134. feat, 135. airbag, 136. Democracy, 137. architecture, 138. hurdles, 139. artifacts, 140. sanctity, 141. dissent

142. The _____ of the mosque soared high above the city.

n. a tall, slender tower attached to a mosque, from which the muezzin calls Muslims to prayer

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

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

144. The room was filled with _____ decorations that shone in the dark.

adj. emitting or reflecting light, especially in the dark; shining or glowing brightly; full of light or enlightenment

145. The city promotes _____ collaboration in community development

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

146. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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

147. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

adj. of or relating to a large company

148. The hotel's beautiful _____ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

n. an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

149. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

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

adj. extremely good; excellent

ANSWERS: 142. minaret, 143. Industrial, 144. luminous, 145. civic, 146. technique, 147. corporate, 148. courtyard, 149. trace, 150. fantastic,

151. The surgeon _____ the patient onto the operation table.

- v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment

152. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.

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

153. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

154. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.

- v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

155. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

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

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

157. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.

- adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

ANSWERS: 151. hoisted, 152. delivery, 153. evolved, 154. harness, 155. Silicon, 156. mall, 157. flexible

158. The new start-up company carved out a large _____ of the market within a year.
n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something
159. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.
n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
160. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
161. We _____ him Ironman because of his toughness.
v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
162. Little children tend to have _____ friends.
adj. existing only in someone's mind
163. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.
n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
164. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
165. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 158. chunk, 159. dignity, 160. synchronized, 161. dubbed, 162. imaginary, 163. icons, 164. protest, 165. involves

166. The _____ on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.
- n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
167. The book includes many _____ footnotes that add additional context and information.
- adj.* rambling or digressing from one topic to another without a clear or coherent structure; characterized by a tendency to wander or stray from the main point or subject
168. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
- n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
169. The workers were able to _____ the tent in just a few minutes.
- v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
170. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
171. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.
- v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
172. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?
- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
173. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 166. restriction, 167. discursive, 168. interpretations, 169. erect, 170. landscape, 171. approve, 172. divide, 173. determinant

174. The _____ building was a stunning example of classical architecture, with its marble columns and grand dome.

n. a building that houses a legislative assembly, especially the US Congress

175. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

176. We will go to the VIP _____ at the airport till departure.

n. a waiting room as in a hotel or airport

177. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

178. There was a _____ probe into the scandal.

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

179. It is important to _____ yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

180. She had to _____ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

181. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.

adj. belonging to the same or present time

ANSWERS: 174. capitol, 175. represent, 176. lounge, 177. affair, 178. congressional, 179. attune, 180. forge, 181. Contemporary

182. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.
adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
183. The president asked for a more _____ plan.
adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
184. The _____ of the school's dress code policy caused much controversy among the students and parents.
n. the state or quality of being rigid or inflexible; the inability to adapt to change or new circumstances; the condition of being stiff or unyielding
185. The _____ in her heart was filled with the love of her family.
n. an empty space; a feeling of emptiness; (adjective) lacking any legal or binding force
186. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
187. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.
n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
188. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
189. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

ANSWERS: 182. monumental, 183. concrete, 184. rigidity, 185. void, 186. steel, 187. realm, 188. giant, 189. compressed

190. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

191. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

192. Members of the military are _____ from paying taxes.

adj. free from or not subject to a particular requirement or restriction; (verb) to excuse someone or something from an obligation, payment, etc.

193. She _____ the balloons for the party.

v. to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

194. _____ doctors recommend getting at least 8 hours of sleep per night for optimal health.

adv. in a way that follows accepted customs, rules, or standards; in a way that is typical or traditional

195. She has taken a step up in the organizational _____.

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

ANSWERS: 190. permanent, 191. diplomacy, 192. exempt, 193. inflated, 194. Conventionally, 195. hierarchy