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Session 1: Word List

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

underemployed

adj. employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations

synonym: underutilized, unemployed, idle

(1) **underemployed** population, (2) **underemployed** graduates

The **underemployed** worker was grateful for any job opportunities that came their way

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

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.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

android

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

synonym: droid, cyborg

(1) household **android**, (2) **Android** tablet

The lab is developing an **android** robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

recession

n. a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases

synonym : downturn, slump, contraction

(1) **recession** period, (2) recover from a **recession**

The country is facing a **recession**, with high unemployment and low GDP.

resume

v. to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption

synonym : continue, reopen, restart

(1) **resume** an office, (2) **resume** a relationship

We **resumed** negotiations after a temporary break.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym : stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

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.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

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.

indicator

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

synonym: barometer, signal, index

(1) **indicator** lamp, (2) performance **indicators**

Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor **indicator** of whether a business can be successfully run.

rebound

v. to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

synonym: spring back, resile, recover

(1) **rebound** from a setback, (2) **rebound** back into positive growth

The basketball bounced off the rim and **rebounded** to the player.

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.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym: earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym: equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

equip

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

synonym: prepare, furnish, provide

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

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

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym: gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

checkbook

n. a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail

synonym : check register, bank ledger, account book

(1) update your **checkbook**, (2) keep a **checkbook**

I need to balance my **checkbook** to ensure I spend my money wisely.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

population

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym : people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

synonym : proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym : rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym: cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

bounce

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

synonym: bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure

They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

anemic

adj. relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength

synonym: weak, feeble, fragile

(1) **anemic** appearance, (2) **anemic** economy

The company's website had **anemic** traffic, with very few visitors each month.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are

related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym : worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

gap

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

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

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

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

calculation

n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

synonym : analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

productivity

n. the state or quality of being productive; the rate at which a company or individual produces goods or services, often measured in terms of output per unit of input, such as labor, capital, or time

synonym : efficiency, output, performance

(1) **productivity** growth, (2) improved **productivity**

She increased her **productivity** by planning out her tasks for the day.

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

synonym : honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

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.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym: exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

optimistic

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

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

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

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

assume

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

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

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

important role

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

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym : robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

display

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

synonym : show, exhibit, present

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

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

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.

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.

instantaneous

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

synonym : immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

automatic

adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

synonym : mechanical, robotic, intuitive

(1) **automatic** operation, (2) the **automatic** shrinking of the pupils

In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an **automatic** pilot during cruising.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

synonym : respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym : logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing
We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

specific

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

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations
The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

react

v. to take action in response to something

synonym: respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

unpredictable

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

synonym: uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

automated

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

synonym: computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **automated** manual transmission, (2) **automated** way

The plant will continue operating through an **automated** system 24 hours a day.

impressive

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

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

ken *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight;
(verb) to be aware of or know
synonym: knowledge, understanding, familiarity
(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person
He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

jeopardy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
synonym: danger, risk, peril
(1) put his life in **jeopardy**, (2) tax in **jeopardy**
The project is in **jeopardy** of being canceled due to a lack of funding.

row *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
synonym: line, sequence, layer
(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees
He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

supercomputer *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
synonym: high-performance computer, mainframe, giant computer
(1) **supercomputer** performance, (2) **supercomputer** technology
China has developed one of the world's fastest **supercomputers** for its space program.

hook *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
synonym: buckle, pin, curve
(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

flaw

n. a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

synonym: defect, fault, imperfection

(1) a minor **flaw**, (2) the **flaw** in the legislation

Even the slightest design **flaw** in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

flex

v. to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily

synonym: bend, stretch, extend

(1) **flex** a finger, (2) **flex** diplomatic muscle

The gymnast was able to **flex** his muscles to perform the difficult routine.

autonomous

adj. capable of governing or controlling its affairs

synonym: independent, self-governing, self-reliant

(1) development of **autonomous** vehicles, (2) an **autonomous** judiciary

Five of the six provinces will become **autonomous** regions under the new federal system of government.

vouch

v. to assert or guarantee the truth or accuracy of something; to provide a personal recommendation or endorsement

synonym : confirm, validate, attest

(1) **vouch** for the authenticity, (2) **vouch** for the accuracy of the data

I can **vouch** for her honesty and integrity.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym : control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

stop-and-go

adj. characterized by frequent starts and stops, interruptions, or pauses; describing a driving style in which a vehicle repeatedly stops and starts, often due to traffic or road conditions

synonym : intermittent, sporadic, halting

(1) **stop-and-go** traffic, (2) **stop-and-go** motion

Traffic on the highway was a frustrating, **stop-and-go** experience.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

humanoid

n. a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human

synonym: android, anthropomorphic

(1) **humanoid** hand, (2) **humanoid** design

The **humanoid** robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

primitive

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

synonym: elementary, naive, rudimentary

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

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

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

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

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym: speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

stimulate

v. to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

synonym : excite, provoke, arouse

(1) **stimulate** the economy, (2) **stimulate** the nervous system

The book **stimulated** my imagination.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

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

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

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym : self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**
The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

summarize

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

synonym: recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text
Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**
Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

boredom

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

synonym: ennui, tedium, monotony

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

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

vice

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

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee
Cats hate dogs and **vice** versa.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright

side.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym : foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

confident

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

synonym : certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

develop

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

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

utopian

adj. ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)

synonym : idealistic, perfectionistic, unrealistic

(1) **utopian** society, (2) **utopian** goal

He had a **utopian** vision of a world without war.

dystopia

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

synonym : anti-utopia

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

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into

dystopias.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym: present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

ridiculous

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

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

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

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

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

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

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

endless

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

synonym: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

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

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

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

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

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

influence

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

synonym : power, leverage, effect

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

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

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym : innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym : community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

mod

n. a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers

synonym : alteration, modification, tweak

(1) **mod** culture, (2) a house with **mod** cons

The **mod** for the video game added new features and improved gameplay.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

conquest

n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation

synonym : subjugation, domination, mastery

(1) imperial **conquest**, (2) make a **conquest**

He continued to grow his empire through **conquest**.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym : comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym : epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

exploration

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

synonym : inquiry, quest, investigation

(1) future of space **exploration**, (2) an Arctic **exploration**

He called for a careful **exploration** of the consequences.

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.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym: accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

discipline

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

synonym: training, restraint, field

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

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

conclusive

adj. serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt

synonym: decisive, definitive, convincing

(1) **conclusive** information, (2) **conclusive** statement

The research provided **conclusive** evidence that the new treatment was effective.

geek

n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of

being obsessed

synonym : nerd, dork, enthusiast

(1) airplane **geek**, (2) **geek** enthusiast

He was a computer **geek** and spent all his free time coding.

advancement

n. the development, improvement, or progress of something

synonym : progression, breakthrough, improvement

(1) **advancement** of knowledge, (2) career **advancement**

Competition between countries resulted in fast technological **advancement**.

plot

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

synonym : scheme, plan, design

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

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

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

conclude

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

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

darn

v. to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches

synonym : mend, repair, patch

(1) **darn** stockings, (2) **darn** hole

I have to **darn** these socks before they become unwearable.

degree

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

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

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

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

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

associate

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

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

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

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

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.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

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.

mockery

n. the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner

synonym: ridicule, derision, taunt

(1) **mockery** of the situation, (2) public **mockery**

The comedian's **mockery** of the recent political scandal drew laughs from the crowd.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym: boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

multiply

v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

synonym: boost, amplify, reproduce

(1) **multiply** 5 and 6, (2) **multiply** about hundredfold

Multiply a number by itself twice.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

individual

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

synonym : person, being, self

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

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

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**.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

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.

loosen

v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax

synonym : relax, slacken, untie

(1) **loosen** grip, (2) **loosen** knot

Please **loosen** the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

synonym : aid, assist, help

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

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

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym : cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

transparent

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

synonym : translucent, evident, diaphanous

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

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

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.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

pyramid

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

synonym : monument, edifice, tomb

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

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

nonsense

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

unacceptable

synonym : ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

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

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

economical

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

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

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

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

quarterly

adj. happening every three months

synonym : every three months, three-monthly

(1) **quarterly** publication, (2) **quarterly** review

The company released its **quarterly** earnings report.

journal

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

synonym : periodical, diary, bulletin

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

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

economics

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

synonym : social science, finance, business

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

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

circumspect

adj. careful, cautious, and aware of potential consequences; characterized by a willingness to consider all possible outcomes before taking action

synonym : cautious, careful, prudent

(1) **circumspect** approach, (2) **circumspect** decision-making

Given the uncertainties of the stock market, a **circumspect** attitude towards investing is often recommended.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym : brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym : wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

welfare

n. the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

synonym: well-being, benefit, health

(1) child **welfare**, (2) a **welfare** state

She struggled for years to survive without **welfare**.

dramatically

adv. in a very impressive manner

synonym: greatly, noticeably, suddenly

(1) he confessed **dramatically**, (2) the cabin pressure fell **dramatically**

Life expectancy has grown **dramatically** this century.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

freeman

n. a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote

synonym: citizen, individual, person

(1) **freeman** rights, (2) **freeman** status

In the colonial period, only **freeman** was allowed to vote.

hyperbole

n. exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point

synonym: exaggeration, overstatement, embellishment

(1) escalate the **hyperbole**, (2) avoid **hyperbole** in writing

The marketing campaign relied heavily on **hyperbole** to sell the product.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

drudgery

n. hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant

synonym: tedium, laboriousness, grind

(1) office **drudgery**, (2) daily **drudgery**

The tedious **drudgery** of answering phones all day made me want to quit my job.

misery

n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

synonym: affliction, despair, anguish

(1) live in **misery**, (2) untold **misery**

Our company suffered **misery** from incurring a heavy loss.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

beneficial

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

synonym : useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries
Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym : reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**
A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

overlord

n. a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past

synonym : master, tyrant, autocrat

(1) evil **overlord**, (2) colonial **overlord**
In the feudal system, the **overlord** owned most of the wealth.

Session 2: Spelling

1. enrich my in_____ct
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
2. m_d culture
n. a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers
3. escalate the hy_____le
n. exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
4. tra_____on phase
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
5. heavy tr_____c
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
6. sma_____ne addict
n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
7. f__x diplomatic muscle
v. to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
8. su_____zes the main ideas
v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

ANSWERS: 1. intellect, 2. mod, 3. hyperbole, 4. transition, 5. traffic, 6. smartphone, 7. flex, 8. summarize

9. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
10. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
11. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
12. a minor f__w *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
13. scientific jo_____l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
14. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
15. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
16. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
17. airplane g__k *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
18. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 9. intellect, 10. mathematics, 11. develop, 12. flaw, 13. journal, 14. inclusive, 15. handle, 16. population, 17. geek, 18. environment

19. as___s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
20. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
21. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
22. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
23. future of space exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
24. qu_____ly review *adj.* happening every three months
25. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
26. an air-cooled en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
27. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
28. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
29. break dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

ANSWERS: 19. assess, 20. unemployed, 21. device, 22. profound, 23. exploration, 24. quarterly, 25. ratio, 26. engine, 27. entirely, 28. infinite, 29. discipline

30. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
31. dangerously unp_____ble person *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
32. cir_____ct decision-making *adj.* careful, cautious, and aware of potential consequences; characterized by a willingness to consider all possible outcomes before taking action
33. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
34. a we_____e state *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
35. as_____e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
36. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
37. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
38. evil ov_____rd *n.* a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past
39. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 30. entrepreneurship, 31. unpredictable, 32. circumspect, 33. philosophy, 34. welfare, 35. assume, 36. algorithm, 37. involve, 38. overlord, 39. labor

40. catch the pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
41. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
42. 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
43. fr_____n rights *n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
44. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
45. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
46. excessive op_____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
47. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

ANSWERS: 40. plague, 41. population, 42. economy, 43. freeman, 44. plot, 45. environment, 46. optimist, 47. graph

48. as___s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
49. yearn for the de___t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
50. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
51. yield cu___e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
52. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
53. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
54. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
55. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
56. demonstrate an up___d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

ANSWERS: 48. assess, 49. decent, 50. philosophy, 51. curve, 52. influence, 53. cheer, 54. debate, 55. engine, 56. upward

57. tr____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
58. de____d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
59. co____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
60. en____s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
61. fl____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
62. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
63. sc____m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
64. ha____e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
65. a de____t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
66. re____e an office *v.* to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
67. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

ANSWERS: 57. traffic, 58. defend, 59. countless, 60. endless, 61. flourish, 62. employ, 63. scream, 64. handle, 65. decent, 66. resume, 67. curve

68. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
69. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
70. in____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
71. household an____d *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system
72. st____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
73. keep a ch____ok *n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail
74. the cabin pressure fell dra____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
75. tr____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
76. virtue and v__e *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
77. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
78. ov____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

ANSWERS: 68. ratio, 69. cheer, 70. infinite, 71. android, 72. stabilize, 73. checkbook, 74. dramatically, 75. translate, 76. vice, 77. relative, 78. overcome

79. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
80. a crumbling dy____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
81. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
82. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
83. office dr____ry *n.* hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant
84. a tra_____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
85. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
86. re__t against his way of thinking *v.* to take action in response to something
87. an___c economy *adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength
88. br_____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

ANSWERS: 79. empire, 80. dystopia, 81. row, 82. revolution, 83. drudgery, 84. transparent, 85. individual, 86. react, 87. anemic, 88. broaden

89. d__n stockings *v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches
90. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
91. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
92. career adv_____nt *n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
93. an aut_____us judiciary *adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
94. sto_____go motion *adj.* characterized by frequent starts and stops, interruptions, or pauses; describing a driving style in which a vehicle repeatedly stops and starts, often due to traffic or road conditions
95. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
96. the au_____ic shrinking of the pupils *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
97. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
98. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
99. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 89. darn, 90. achievement, 91. statistics, 92. advancement, 93. autonomous, 94. stop-and-go, 95. corporate, 96. automatic, 97. corporate, 98. brain, 99. software

100. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
101. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
102. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
103. make a str_____ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
104. sports g__r *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
105. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
106. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
107. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
108. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
109. sup_____ter technology *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

ANSWERS: 100. overcome, 101. encouraging, 102. echo, 103. straightforward, 104. gear, 105. accurate, 106. innovation, 107. journal, 108. inclusive, 109. supercomputer

110. bo___e back from failure *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
111. adv_____nt of knowledge *n.* the development, improvement, or progress of something
112. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
113. he confessed dra_____lly *adv.* in a very impressive manner
114. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
115. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
116. public mo_____y *n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
117. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
118. mu_____ly about hundredfold *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
119. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
120. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 110. bounce, 111. advancement, 112. mathematics, 113. dramatically, 114. planet, 115. smartphone, 116. mockery, 117. religion, 118. multiply, 119. revolution, 120. progression

121. pr_____ve society *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
122. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
123. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
124. artifact of a pr_____ve humankind *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
125. en_____s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
126. bo___e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
127. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
128. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
129. ins_____ous reaction *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
130. a co_____nt remark *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
131. unp_____ble outcome *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

ANSWERS: 121. primitive, 122. incredibly, 123. march, 124. primitive, 125. endless, 126. bounce, 127. pose, 128. fortune, 129. instantaneous, 130. confident, 131. unpredictable

132. a house with m_d cons *n.* a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers
133. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
134. fr_____n status *n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
135. re_____d from a setback *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
136. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
137. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
138. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
139. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
140. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
141. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 132. mod, 133. algorithm, 134. freeman, 135. rebound, 136. economics, 137. economical, 138. impressive, 139. transition, 140. weird, 141. fortune

142. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
143. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
144. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
145. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
146. ins_____ous message *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
147. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
148. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 142. associate, 143. AI, 144. specific, 145. plot, 146. instantaneous, 147. accelerate, 148. debate

149. justice of the su____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
150. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
151. 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
152. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
153. live in mi___y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
154. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
155. pro_____ity growth *n.* the state or quality of being productive; the rate at which a company or individual produces goods or services, often measured in terms of output per unit of input, such as labor, capital, or time
156. re_____on period *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
157. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
158. st_____te the nervous system *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions

ANSWERS: 149. supreme, 150. broad, 151. institute, 152. bunch, 153. misery, 154. topic, 155. productivity, 156. recession, 157. defend, 158. stimulate

159. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
160. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
161. und_____yed population *adj.* employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
162. qu_____ly publication *adj.* happening every three months
163. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
164. 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
165. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
166. update your ch_____ok *n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail
167. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
168. sup_____ter performance *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

ANSWERS: 159. government, 160. gap, 161. underemployed, 162. quarterly, 163. weird, 164. economy, 165. employee, 166. checkbook, 167. communal, 168. supercomputer

169. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
170. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
171. put his life in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
172. in_____or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
173. an Arctic exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
174. sto_____go traffic *adj.* characterized by frequent starts and stops, interruptions, or pauses; describing a driving style in which a vehicle repeatedly stops and starts, often due to traffic or road conditions
175. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
176. performance in_____ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
177. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
178. An_____d tablet *n.* a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

ANSWERS: 169. statistics, 170. display, 171. jeopardy, 172. indicator, 173. exploration, 174. stop-and-go, 175. involve, 176. indicator, 177. folk, 178. android

179. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
180. mo_____y of the situation *n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner
181. tax in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
182. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
183. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
184. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
185. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
186. em_____y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
187. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
188. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
189. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
190. a truncated py_____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 179. religion, 180. mockery, 181. jeopardy, 182. improve, 183. display, 184. eliminate, 185. bunch, 186. employ, 187. hire, 188. improvisation, 189. profit, 190. pyramid

191. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
192. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
193. recover from a re_____on *n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
194. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
195. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
196. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
197. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
198. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 191. device, 192. fundamental, 193. recession, 194. digital, 195. develop, 196. transparent, 197. row, 198. conclude

199. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
200. ut____n goal *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
201. so____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
202. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
203. br____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
204. career tra____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
205. chronic bo____m *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
206. the per____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
207. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
208. industry-sp____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
209. a pr____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 199. equip, 200. utopian, 201. software, 202. relative, 203. broaden, 204. trajectory, 205. boredom, 206. percentage, 207. folk, 208. specific, 209. profound

210. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
211. st____y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
212. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
213. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
214. k_n of the person *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
215. mu_____ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
216. the escape from dy_____ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
217. hu_____id design *n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
218. improved pro_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being productive; the rate at which a company or individual produces goods or services, often measured in terms of output per unit of input, such as labor, capital, or time
219. make a cal_____on *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

ANSWERS: 210. flourish, 211. steady, 212. echo, 213. beneficial, 214. ken, 215. multiply, 216. dystopia, 217. humanoid, 218. productivity, 219. calculation

220. feel co_____nt	<i>adj.</i> feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
221. the cycle of po_____y	<i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor
222. acc_____te the car	<i>v.</i> to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
223. ac_____te measurements	<i>adj.</i> correct and exact in all details
224. ben_____al to all countries	<i>adj.</i> helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
225. em_____ee benefits	<i>n.</i> a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
226. em_____e of the Maya	<i>n.</i> a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
227. op_____st by nature	<i>n.</i> a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
228. he is opt_____ic	<i>adj.</i> hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
229. g__k enthusiast	<i>n.</i> a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
230. beginning of the ind_____al revolution	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to or resulting from industry
231. re_____e a relationship	<i>v.</i> to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption

ANSWERS: 220. confident, 221. poverty, 222. accelerate, 223. accurate, 224. beneficial, 225. employee, 226. empire, 227. optimist, 228. optimistic, 229. geek, 230. industrial, 231. resume

232. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
233. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
234. make a co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
235. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
236. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
237. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
238. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
239. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
240. str_____ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
241. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
242. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 232. associate, 233. ridiculous, 234. conquest, 235. impressive, 236. digital, 237. graph, 238. improve, 239. fundamental, 240. straightforward, 241. hook, 242. innovation

243. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
244. py____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
245. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
246. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
247. st_____te the economy *v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
248. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
249. lo___n knot *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
250. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
251. sheer no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

ANSWERS: 243. hook, 244. pyramid, 245. conversation, 246. entrepreneurship, 247. stimulate, 248. strike, 249. loosen, 250. unemployed, 251. nonsense

252. the f__w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
253. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
254. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
255. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
256. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
257. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
258. earn el___e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
259. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
260. imperial co_____st *n.* the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
261. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
262. ut_____n society *adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
263. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 252. flaw, 253. progression, 254. invest, 255. translate, 256. individual, 257. planet, 258. elite, 259. entirely, 260. conquest, 261. economical, 262. utopian, 263. conclude

264. the su____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
265. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
266. con_____ve information *adj.* serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt
267. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
268. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
269. su_____ze text *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
270. cal_____on of loss and gain *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
271. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
272. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
273. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
274. cir_____ct approach *adj.* careful, cautious, and aware of potential consequences; characterized by a willingness to consider all possible outcomes before taking action

ANSWERS: 264. supreme, 265. incredibly, 266. conclusive, 267. infrastructure, 268. prediction, 269. summarize, 270. calculation, 271. grant, 272. gap, 273. elite, 274. circumspect

275. fac_____te the process *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
276. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
277. 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
278. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
279. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
280. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
281. an___c appearance *adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength

ANSWERS: 275. facilitate, 276. trajectory, 277. institute, 278. gear, 279. infrastructure, 280. AI, 281. anemic

282. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
283. rigid dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
284. development of aut_____us vehicles *adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs
285. re__t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
286. talk no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
287. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
288. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
289. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
290. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

ANSWERS: 282. hardware, 283. discipline, 284. autonomous, 285. react, 286. nonsense, 287. percentage, 288. vice, 289. grant, 290. merit

291. theoretical ph____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
292. vo__h for the accuracy of the data *v.* to assert or guarantee the truth or accuracy of something; to provide a personal recommendation or endorsement
293. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
294. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
295. bo_____m relief *n.* a state of weariness, restlessness, or impatience that arises from not being interested or engaged in an activity, task, or situation
296. vo__h for the authenticity *v.* to assert or guarantee the truth or accuracy of something; to provide a personal recommendation or endorsement
297. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
298. untold mi___y *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
299. child we_____e *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
300. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 291. physicist, 292. vouch, 293. influence, 294. improvisation, 295. boredom, 296. vouch, 297. strike, 298. misery, 299. welfare, 300. labor

301. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
302. take a st____y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
303. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
304. au_____ic operation *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
305. fac_____te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
306. avoid hy_____le in writing *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
307. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
308. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
309. re_____d back into positive growth *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
310. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
311. au_____ed way *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
312. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
313. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

ANSWERS: 301. ridiculous, 302. steady, 303. industrial, 304. automatic, 305. facilitate, 306. hyperbole, 307. evil, 308. broad, 309. rebound, 310. eliminate, 311. automated, 312. historic, 313. march

314. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
315. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
316. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
317. answer co_____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
318. au_____ed manual transmission *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
319. lo___n grip *v.* to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
320. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
321. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
322. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
323. hu_____id hand *n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human
324. the ha_____re department *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

ANSWERS: 314. encouraging, 315. invest, 316. scream, 317. countless, 318. automated, 319. loosen, 320. conversation, 321. degree, 322. evil, 323. humanoid, 324. hardware

325. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
326. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
327. st_____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
328. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
329. daily dr_____ry *n.* hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant
330. colonial ov_____rd *n.* a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past
331. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
332. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
333. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
334. und_____yed graduates *adj.* employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations
335. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

ANSWERS: 325. lifetime, 326. assume, 327. stabilize, 328. brain, 329. drudgery, 330. overlord, 331. prediction, 332. optimistic, 333. pose, 334. underemployed, 335. equip

336. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
337. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
338. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
339. deadly pl___e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
340. within my k_n *n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
341. student ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
342. look up___d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
343. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
344. con_____ve statement *adj.* serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt
345. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 336. degree, 337. poverty, 338. government, 339. plague, 340. ken, 341. achievement, 342. upward, 343. profit, 344. conclusive, 345. communal

346. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
347. lunar cr___r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
348. talented ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
349. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
350. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
351. f__x a finger *v.* to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily
352. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
353. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
354. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
355. d__n hole *v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches
356. cr___r lake *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

ANSWERS: 346. topic, 347. crater, 348. physicist, 349. lifetime, 350. hire, 351. flex, 352. historic, 353. economics, 354. merit, 355. darn, 356. crater

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.
v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
2. The tedious _____ of answering phones all day made me want to quit my job.
n. hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant
3. Competition between countries resulted in fast technological _____.
n. the development, improvement, or progress of something
4. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
v. to give somebody a job
5. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
6. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
7. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
8. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.
n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

ANSWERS: 1. assess, 2. drudgery, 3. advancement, 4. hire, 5. revolution, 6. entirely, 7. row, 8. entrepreneurship

9. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
10. The ____ for the video game added new features and improved gameplay.
n. a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers
11. He continued to grow his empire through _____.
n. the act or process of taking control of a country, area, or situation
12. The marketing campaign relied heavily on _____ to sell the product.
n. exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
13. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
14. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
15. He called for a careful _____ of the consequences.
n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
16. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
17. I can _____ for her honesty and integrity.
v. to assert or guarantee the truth or accuracy of something; to provide a personal recommendation or endorsement

ANSWERS: 9. improve, 10. mod, 11. conquest, 12. hyperbole, 13. folk, 14. topic, 15. exploration, 16. degree, 17. vouch

18. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
19. The error in the _____ was attributable to rounding.
n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
20. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
21. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.
adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
22. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.
adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
23. Our company suffered _____ from incurring a heavy loss.
n. a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
24. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
25. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.
n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

ANSWERS: 18. strike, 19. calculation, 20. Industrial, 21. inclusive, 22. ridiculous, 23. misery, 24. statistics, 25. pyramids

26. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

27. He quickly learned the military _____.

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

28. The lab is developing an _____ robot that assists in dangerous construction work.

n. a robot with a human appearance; (operating system) Google's mobile operating system

29. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

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

30. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

31. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

32. Given the uncertainties of the stock market, a _____ attitude towards investing is often recommended.

adj. careful, cautious, and aware of potential consequences; characterized by a willingness to consider all possible outcomes before taking action

ANSWERS: 26. weird, 27. discipline, 28. android, 29. display, 30. straightforward, 31. engine, 32. circumspect

33. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
34. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
35. The weather in this region is often _____ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.
- adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
36. I need to balance my _____ to ensure I spend my money wisely.
- n.* a book containing blank checks that can be used to withdraw money from a bank or to make payments by mail
37. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
38. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.
- adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
39. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
40. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
- adj.* very wide; general

ANSWERS: 33. defend, 34. poverty, 35. unpredictable, 36. checkbook, 37. planet, 38. transparent, 39. specific, 40. broad

41. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
42. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
43. Please _____ the screws on the back panel so we can access the inside of the machine.
v. to make something less tight, firm, or fixed; to free from restraint or constraint; to relax
44. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
45. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
46. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
47. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.
adj. highest in rank, level, or importance
48. 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: 41. relatives, 42. equipped, 43. loosen, 44. intellect, 45. innovation, 46. Communal, 47. supreme, 48. involves

49. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
50. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
- n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
51. 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
52. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.
- v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
53. The industry in this country is still _____.
- adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
54. He had a good ____ of the city and could easily find his way around.
- n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know
55. We _____ negotiations after a temporary break.
- v.* to continue or begin anew after a pause or interruption
56. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 49. assumes, 50. transition, 51. economy, 52. stabilizes, 53. primitive, 54. ken, 55. resumed, 56. device

57. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
58. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.
- n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
59. He had a _____ vision of a world without war.
- adj.* ideal and perfect; relating to or resembling a utopia (= an ideal and perfect society)
60. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.
- adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
61. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
- v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
62. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
- adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
63. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
- adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
64. Traffic on the highway was a frustrating, _____ experience.
- adj.* characterized by frequent starts and stops, interruptions, or pauses; describing a driving style in which a vehicle repeatedly stops and starts, often due to traffic or road conditions

ANSWERS: 57. traffic, 58. physicist, 59. utopian, 60. automatic, 61. pose, 62. optimistic, 63. economical, 64. stop-and-go

65. 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
66. 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
67. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
68. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
69. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
70. Life expectancy has grown _____ this century.
adv. in a very impressive manner
71. He was a computer _____ and spent all his free time coding.
n. a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
72. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company

ANSWERS: 65. government, 66. brain, 67. encouraging, 68. software, 69. employee, 70. dramatically, 71. geek, 72. corporate

73. The country is facing a _____ with high unemployment and low GDP.
- n.* a period of economic decline, typically lasting for six months or more, during which trade and industrial activity decrease, and unemployment increases
74. We _____ a cease-fire.
- v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
75. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.
- n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
76. The book _____ my imagination.
- v.* to encourage something to develop or become more active; to stir the feelings or emotions
77. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
78. These results muddied the _____.
- n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
79. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.
- v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
80. She struggled for years to survive without _____.
- n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

ANSWERS: 73. recession, 74. concluded, 75. vice, 76. stimulated, 77. plot, 78. prediction, 79. broadened, 80. welfare

81. She increased her _____ by planning out her tasks for the day.
n. the state or quality of being productive; the rate at which a company or individual produces goods or services, often measured in terms of output per unit of input, such as labor, capital, or time
82. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
83. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
84. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.
n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
85. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
86. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
87. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
88. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.
adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

ANSWERS: 81. productivity, 82. screaming, 83. economics, 84. gear, 85. profit, 86. handle, 87. elites, 88. infinite

89. They will _____ between various emotional states.

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

90. The _____ worker was grateful for any job opportunities that came their way

adj. employed in a job that does not fully utilize one's skills, education, or experience; employed in a job that is below one's qualifications or aspirations

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

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

92. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

93. _____ the text from Italian into English.

v. to convert or change words into another language

94. Please hang your towel on a _____.

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

95. Each chapter _____ the most critical issues.

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

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

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

97. How did he _____ to your idea?

v. to take action in response to something

ANSWERS: 89. bounce, 90. underemployed, 91. endless, 92. granted, 93. Translate, 94. hook, 95. summarizes, 96. boredom, 97. react

98. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

99. The basketball bounced off the rim and _____ to the player.

- v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

100. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

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

101. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.

- n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location

102. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.

- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

103. Five of the six provinces will become _____ regions under the new federal system of government.

- adj.* capable of governing or controlling its affairs

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

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

105. The _____ robot was able to mimic human movements and expressions.

- n.* a machine or creature that has a body shape similar to that of a human

ANSWERS: 98. labor, 99. rebounded, 100. impressive, 101. population, 102. graph, 103. autonomous, 104. religion, 105. humanoid

106. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

107. He has a flair for _____.

- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

108. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

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

109. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine

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

110. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.

- v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen

111. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?

- n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

112. Even the slightest design _____ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

- n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect

113. Laughing is _____ to our health.

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

ANSWERS: 106. overcome, 107. mathematics, 108. conversation, 109. journals, 110. facilitate, 111. percentage, 112. flaw, 113. beneficial

114. China has developed one of the world's fastest _____ for its space program.
- n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
115. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
116. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
117. The company's website had _____ traffic, with very few visitors each month.
- adj.* relating to or suffering from anemia, a condition marked by a deficiency of red blood cells or hemoglobin, resulting in lower-than-normal levels of oxygen in the body; lacking vitality, energy, or strength
118. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.
- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
119. The plant will continue operating through an _____ system 24 hours a day.
- adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
120. I have to _____ these socks before they become unwearable.
- v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches

ANSWERS: 114. supercomputers, 115. fundamental, 116. incredibly, 117. anemic, 118. algorithm, 119. automated, 120. darn

121. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

122. The gymnast was able to _____ his muscles to perform the difficult routine.

- v.* to show off one's strength, power, or possessions; to bend or be capable of bending easily

123. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

124. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.

- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

125. The comedian's _____ of the recent political scandal drew laughs from the crowd.

- n.* the act of ridiculing or making fun of someone or something, often in a contemptuous or mocking manner

126. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

127. 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

128. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.

- v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

ANSWERS: 121. invest, 122. flex, 123. progression, 124. fortune, 125. mockery, 126. bunch, 127. merits, 128. cheered

129. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
130. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
131. My father was _____ for so long.
adj. not having a job, although able to work
132. The new software provides _____ results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.
adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
133. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
134. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many
135. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
136. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.
adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
137. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 129. associate, 130. accelerate, 131. unemployed, 132. instantaneous, 133. historic, 134. countless, 135. improvisation, 136. steady, 137. develop

138. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

139. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

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

140. The company released its _____ earnings report.

adj. happening every three months

141. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

142. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

143. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

144. The company adjusted the revenue _____.

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

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

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

ANSWERS: 138. accurate, 139. environment, 140. quarterly, 141. curve, 142. empire, 143. optimist, 144. upward, 145. influence

146. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

147. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

148. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

149. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.

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

150. Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor _____ of whether a business can be successfully run.

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

151. The project is in _____ of being canceled due to a lack of funding.

n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

152. I'm not _____ in our victory.

adj. feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

153. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into _____.

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

ANSWERS: 146. digital, 147. trajectory, 148. eliminate, 149. gap, 150. indicator, 151. jeopardy, 152. confident, 153. dystopias

154. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
155. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
156. In the colonial period, only _____ was allowed to vote.
- n.* a person who is not a serf or enslaved person and has the right to hold property and vote
157. _____ a number by itself twice.
- v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
158. The parents spoke to their children in no-_____ tones.
- n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
159. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
160. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.
- adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
161. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.
- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 154. debate, 155. employ, 156. freeman, 157. Multiply, 158. nonsense, 159. philosophy, 160. evil, 161. AI

162. This _____ has never been formally accepted.

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

163. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

164. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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

165. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

166. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

167. Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of _____.

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

168. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

169. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 162. achievement, 163. plague, 164. individual, 165. echoed, 166. hardware, 167. smartphones, 168. flourished, 169. infrastructure

170. In the feudal system, the _____ owned most of the wealth.

n. a person who has great power over many other people, especially in the past

171. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

172. The research provided _____ evidence that the new treatment was effective.

adj. serving to settle an issue or put an end to doubt or uncertainty; irrefutable and leaves no room for doubt

173. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

174. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

175. 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

176. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

177. He earned a _____ salary at his job.

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

ANSWERS: 170. overlord, 171. crater, 172. conclusive, 173. ratio, 174. marched, 175. institutes, 176. profound, 177. decent

178. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 178. lifetime