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Session 1: Word List

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

jewel

n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

synonym : gem, precious stone, treasure

(1) **jewel** of the crown, (2) gleaming **jewel**

She treasured the small **jewel** that her grandmother had given her.

crown

n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

synonym : tiara, headdress, royalty

(1) the imperial **crown**, (2) the **crown** and throne

The bishop bestowed the golden **crown** on the king.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

mighty

adj. very large, powerful, or strong

synonym : potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym : immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor

crews.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

personnel

n. a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees

synonym: workforce, staff, labor force

(1) competent **personnel**, (2) **personnel** evaluation

Please forward the resumes to the **personnel** department.

counseling

n. the process of providing guidance and support to someone, often in a therapeutic or professional context, to help them overcome personal or emotional difficulties and improve their mental health and well-being

synonym: therapy, guidance, advice

(1) **counseling** about risk management, (2) career **counseling**

I am going to **counseling** to work through my anxiety and depression.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

deport

v. to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
synonym: expel, banish, repatriate

(1) **deport** a refugee, (2) **deport** dissidents from the party
The government has decided to **deport** illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

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.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus
Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
synonym: charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs
The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

restriction

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

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

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

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

detain

v. to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

synonym: hold, keep, detainment

(1) **detain** a terrorist, (2) **detain** for investigation

The police **detained** the suspect for questioning.

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.

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.

moral

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

synonym: honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden
Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

violation

n. an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

synonym: breach, transgression, infraction

(1) **violation** law, (2) commit a traffic **violation**

The international community has widely condemned the **violation** of human rights.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym: almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym: subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

disclose

v. to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly

synonym: declare, reveal, uncover

(1) **disclose** a secret, (2) **disclose** a vulnerability

The curtain rose to **disclose** a fantastic set.

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.

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.

purport

v. to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication

synonym : claim, allege, assert

(1) **purport** to answer the question, (2) the main **purport** of his speech

The document **purports** to have been signed by the president, but the signature is a forgery.

transmission

n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

synonym : transportation, communication, broadcast

(1) **transmission** speed, (2) the **transmission** gears of a car

Education is the **transmission** of civilization.

practical

adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

banish

v. to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently

synonym: exile, deport, expel

(1) **banish** doubt, (2) **banish** my wrinkles

The queen **banished** the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.

afflict

v. to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something

synonym: trouble, distress, bother

(1) **afflict** with the plague, (2) **afflict** the economy

The disease can **afflict** both humans and animals.

exile

n. the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

synonym: banishment, expulsion, deportation

(1) **exile** community, (2) political **exile**

The **exiled** king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

leprosy

n. a chronic infectious disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes and is caused by the

bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*, characterized by disfiguring skin lesions, nerve damage, and the loss of sensation in affected areas

synonym : Hansen's disease

(1) **leprosy** treatment, (2) the spread of **leprosy**

The World Health Organization is working to eradicate **leprosy** from all parts of the world.

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

superstition

n. a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

synonym : belief, folklore, myth

(1) **superstition** in religion, (2) believe in **superstition**

There is a surviving **superstition** that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.

virus

n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

synonym : bacterium, germ, ailment

(1) spread of the **virus**, (2) a strain of **virus**

An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the **virus** to others.

colleague

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

synonym : coworker, associate, fellow

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

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

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
synonym : mindset, perspective, philosophy

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

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

enforce

v. to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation

synonym : execute, implement, administer

(1) **enforce** the law, (2) **enforce** a contract

Governments make rules, and police **enforce** them.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

infection

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

synonym : contagion, disease, transmission

(1) a bacterial **infection**, (2) treat the **infection** with antibiotics

Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial **infections**.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym : shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

transgender

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

synonym : non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

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

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

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym : pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

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

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

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym: show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

counterbalance

v. to offset or balance the effect of something by applying an equal or opposite force or effect; to provide a counteracting or balancing influence for something;
(noun) a weight or force that is used to balance or offset another weight or force

synonym: offset, counteract, neutralize

(1) **counterbalance** the seriousness of the topic,

(2) **counterbalance** the effects

The heavyweights on one end of the scale **counterbalanced** the lighter weights on the other end.

mass

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

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

impotent.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym: conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment**, (2) deliver a **judgment**
Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

pun

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

synonym: joke, quip, wordplay

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

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

prejudice

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

synonym: bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**

This community is free of social **prejudice**.

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact

synonym: unintelligence, inexperience, unawareness

(1) **ignorance** of the law, (2) **ignorance** is bliss

His **ignorance** of the situation led him to make a poor decision.

rewrite

v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information

synonym: revise, edit, rework

(1) **rewrite** a composition, (2) **rewrite** a world record

I need to **rewrite** most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

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.

nick

n. a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge

synonym: incision, dent, indentation

(1) a **nick** on the fender of a car, (2) **nick** on my hand

The interviewer arrived in a **nick** of time.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym : condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

exposure

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

synonym : vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud

The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

offense

n. an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

synonym : crime, violation, insult

(1) minor traffic **offenses**, (2) a first **offense**

Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile **offenses**.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

unacceptably

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

synonym : improperly, unsatisfactorily, inadequately

(1) **unacceptably** high prices, (2) **unacceptably** poor

The restaurant's service was **unacceptably** slow.

severity

n. the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh

synonym : harshness, rigidity, austerity

(1) the **severity** of cold, (2) high **severity**

The **severity** of the drought was a major concern for farmers.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

felon

n. a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind

synonym : criminal, convict, offender

(1) serial **felon**, (2) convicted **felon**

The robbery was committed by a notorious **felon** previously convicted of armed robbery.

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**.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

unfair

adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception

synonym : wrongful, biased, dishonest

(1) **unfair** employment practices, (2) have an **unfair** advantage

In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making **unfair** decisions.

ineffective

adj. not producing any significant or intended effect or result
synonym : useless, feeble, fruitless

(1) an **ineffective** speech, (2) pull an **ineffective** player
These treatments were **ineffective** against a virus.

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

synonym : branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick
A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym : ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

flout

v. to openly disregard or disobey a rule, law, convention, or authority; to mock or ridicule something or someone

synonym : defy, disobey, disregard

(1) **flout** his order, (2) **flout** the rules

The politician decided to **flout** the law and run for office despite being ineligible.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym : mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

unofficial

adj. not authorized or recognized by an authority or organization; informal; not having an official status or position

synonym : informal, unauthorized, off-the-record

(1) **unofficial** sources, (2) **unofficial** statement

The election commission did not yet confirm the **unofficial** results of the election.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym : permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

checkup

n. an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging

synonym : examination, diagnosis, consultation

(1) regular **checkup**, (2) health **checkup**

I am going to the doctor for my annual **checkup**.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym : healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners
The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

sterilize

v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

synonym: disinfect, sanitize, cleanse

(1) **sterilize** chemically, (2) **sterilize** surfaces

The nurse **sterilized** the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.

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, toil, donkeywork

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

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

strength

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

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

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

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

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
synonym : calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

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.

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.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

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.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

retrovirus

n. a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

(1) **retrovirus** infection, (2) feline **retrovirus**

The patient's condition improved after beginning a **retrovirus-targeted** treatment regimen.

therapy

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

synonym: antidote, medicine, treatment

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

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

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym: outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

grip *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
synonym : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold
(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**
He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

tackle *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
synonym : deal with, dive into, work on
(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change
The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

commission *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
synonym : task, duty, authority
(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder
She gets a **commission** on each contract.

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**.

recommend *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
synonym : advise, suggest, instruct
(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading
We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

mention *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym : reference, allude, cite
(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

injection

n. the act of introducing a liquid, especially a drug, into the body using a needle and a syringe

synonym: shot, infusion, dose

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

He received an **injection** of antibiotics to treat his infection.

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.

possession

n. the state or fact of owning or having something

synonym: ownership, holding, control

(1) **possession** of the evidence, (2) a territorial **possession**

That painting is my **possession**, and I inherited it from my grandmother.

illegal

adj. not allowed by law

synonym: banned, prohibited, illicit

(1) **illegal** drugs, (2) child of **illegal** immigrants

The customs agents seized the **illegal** shipment.

- mere** *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
synonym: bare, minor, sheer
(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident
He lost the election by **mere** votes.
- suspect** *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
synonym: assume, distrust, surmise
(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick
The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.
- detention** *n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed
synonym: confinement, imprisonment, custody
(1) **detention** center, (2) immigration **detention**
The government is criticized for the prolonged **detention** of political activists without trial.
- suppose** *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume
(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?
- absolutely** *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
synonym: completely, utterly, definitely
(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl
I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.
- ample** *adj.* enough or more than enough; having plenty of something
synonym: plentiful, rich, sufficient
(1) **ample** opportunities, (2) **ample** evidence
We have **ample** time to finish the project before the deadline.

incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

synonym: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

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.

needle

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

synonym: thorn, spike, pin

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

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

syrinx

n. the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together

synonym: panpipes

(1) dogs with a wide **syrinx**, (2) spinal **syrinx**

The shape of a bird's **syrinx** varies greatly depending on the environment in which it lives.

opioid

n. substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but

some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted

(1) an **opioid** analgesic, (2) **opioid** receptor

Treatment for **opioid** dependence may be a long-term process.

substitute

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

synonym : alternate, replacement, reserve

(1) **substitute** coffee, (2) **substitute** teacher

I **substitute** skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

condom

n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

synonym : prophylactic, rubber, sheath

(1) **condom** brand, (2) safe **condom** use

Using a **condom** during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym : arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and

engaging.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

stringent

adj. strict, severe, or demanding; requiring close attention to rules or regulations; extreme or excessive in some way

synonym: strict, rigorous, demanding

(1) **stringent** measures, (2) **stringent** requirements

The school has a **stringent** attendance policy that allows for no more than three absences per semester.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

vaccine

n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

synonym : **vaccinum**

(1) development of **vaccines**, (2) an oral **vaccine**

The mRNA **vaccine** was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.

rocket

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

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.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym : act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

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.

repeal

n. the act of officially canceling or making something no longer in force; (verb) to officially cancel or make something no longer in force

synonym : cancellation, abolition, (verb) revoke

(1) call for the **repeal**, (2) **repeal** bill

The **repeal** of the law was met with mixed reactions.

touchy

adj. easily offended or upset, or sensitive

synonym: sensitive, easily offended

(1) **touchy** subject, (2) a little **touchy** personality

The **touchy** situation required careful handling to avoid further conflict.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

underway

adj. having started and currently in progress

synonym: afoot, ongoing, in motion

(1) just getting **underway**, (2) campaign now **underway**

This project has been **underway** for several years.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

outreach

n. an effort to extend help or services to people who may not be aware of them, often in a targeted manner; the process of establishing connections and communication with a wider community or audience; (verb) to reach out

or make contact with people or groups to offer help, support, or information

synonym : extension, community involvement

(1) community **outreach**, (2) student **outreach**

The nonprofit organization's **outreach** program helps the homeless community by providing necessities.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

harassment

n. the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities

synonym : bullying, persecution, intimidation

(1) sexual **harassment**, (2) emotional **harassment**

The company has a zero-tolerance policy for **harassment** in the workplace.

abuse

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

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

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

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

arbitrary

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

synonym : autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical

(1) **arbitrary** size and shape, (2) the **arbitrary** rule of a dictator

He collected data to avoid **arbitrary** decisions.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

flexibility

n. the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

synonym: elasticity, adaptability, resilience

(1) mental **flexibility**, (2) the **flexibility** of the body

We dealt with those problems with speed and **flexibility**.

tolerance

n. the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

synonym: acceptance, patience, forbearance

(1) religious **tolerance**, (2) **tolerance** for risk

The school's diversity program aimed to promote **tolerance** and understanding among the students.

retool

v. to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands

synonym: revamp, remodel, adapt

(1) **retool** a strategy, (2) **retool** a business

We need to **retool** our manufacturing process and invest in new technology to stay competitive in the market.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

interpretation

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

synonym : rendering, explanation, understanding

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

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

abstract

adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

synonym : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

threat

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

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

arcane

adj. mysterious or known only by a select few

synonym : mysterious, obscure, hidden

(1) **arcane** knowledge, (2) **arcane** subject

The **arcane** rituals of the secret society were known only to a select few.

specialize

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

synonym : narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market

research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

aspiring

adj. desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life

synonym: hopeful, ambitious, eager

(1) **aspiring** prime minister, (2) have **aspiring** eyes

He was extremely generous to the **aspiring** young artist.

Session 2: Spelling

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

2. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

3. de___t dissidents from the party *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime

4. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

5. spinal sy___x *n.* the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together

6. the fle_____ty of the body *n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

7. sub_____te teacher *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

ANSWERS: 1. policy, 2. shrink, 3. deport, 4. license, 5. syrinx, 6. flexibility, 7. substitute

8. a first of _____e *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
9. sexual har _____nt *n.* the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities
10. di _____se a secret *v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
11. open to int _____ion *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
12. en _____e the law *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
13. in _____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
14. ar _____ry size and shape *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
15. de _____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
16. career cou _____ng *n.* the process of providing guidance and support to someone, often in a therapeutic or professional context, to help them overcome personal or emotional difficulties and improve their mental health and well-being

ANSWERS: 8. offense, 9. harassment, 10. disclose, 11. interpretation, 12. enforce, 13. invite, 14. arbitrary, 15. decide, 16. counseling

17. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
18. dogs with a wide sy____x *n.* the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together
19. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
20. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
21. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
22. ab_____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
23. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
24. in____t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
25. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
26. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
27. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 17. vulnerable, 18. syrx, 19. colleague, 20. abstract, 21. pregnant, 22. abstract, 23. committed, 24. inject, 25. medical, 26. contaminate, 27. individual

28. th____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
29. have com_____on toward the accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
30. an_____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
31. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
32. cou_____nce the effects *v.* to offset or balance the effect of something by applying an equal or opposite force or effect; to provide a counteracting or balancing influence for something; (noun) a weight or force that is used to balance or offset another weight or force
33. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
34. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
35. the movement of mi_____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
36. uno_____al statement *adj.* not authorized or recognized by an authority or organization; informal; not having an official status or position

ANSWERS: 28. therapy, 29. compassion, 30. announce, 31. mass, 32. counterbalance, 33. involve, 34. reinforce, 35. migrant, 36. unofficial

37. ig_____ce is bliss *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
38. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
39. a territorial pos_____on *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
40. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
41. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
42. re_____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
43. tra_____er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
44. co_____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
45. the s___m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
46. st___a against obesity *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
47. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
48. spe_____ze in child care *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
49. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

ANSWERS: 37. ignorance, 38. kingdom, 39. possession, 40. broad, 41. settle, 42. reduction, 43. transgender, 44. convict, 45. stem, 46. stigma, 47. unfortunately, 48. specialize, 49. reform

50. commit a traffic vi_____on *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
51. political ex__e *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
52. health ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
53. a worldwide ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
54. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
55. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
56. re_____e a composition *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
57. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
58. cou_____ng about risk management *n.* the process of providing guidance and support to someone, often in a therapeutic or professional context, to help them overcome personal or emotional difficulties and improve their mental health and well-being
59. a southern ex_____re *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

ANSWERS: 50. violation, 51. exile, 52. epidemic, 53. epidemic, 54. lifetime, 55. convict, 56. rewrite, 57. tide, 58. counseling, 59. exposure

60. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
61. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
62. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
63. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
64. sup_____ion in religion *n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion
65. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
66. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
67. have as_____ng eyes *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
68. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
69. as_____ng prime minister *adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
70. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
71. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 60. unfortunately, 61. principle, 62. suppose, 63. lifetime, 64. superstition, 65. specifically, 66. resist, 67. aspiring, 68. judgment, 69. aspiring, 70. merit, 71. disease

72. 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
73. de____e in quality
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
74. an une_____ed visitor
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
75. ne____e prick
n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
76. at____de toward mistakes
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
77. ret_____us infection
n. a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
78. attract br__d attention
adj. very wide; general
79. im____e harsher sanctions
v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
80. mi____y works
adj. very large, powerful, or strong
81. co_____al swimming pool
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 72. develop, 73. decline, 74. unexpected, 75. needle, 76. attitude, 77. retrovirus, 78. broad, 79. impose, 80. mighty, 81. communal

82. 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
83. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
84. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
85. pra____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
86. believe in sup____ion *n.* a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion
87. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
88. re__l bill *n.* the act of officially canceling or making something no longer in force; (verb) to officially cancel or make something no longer in force
89. against tr____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
90. traditional me____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 82. develop, 83. grip, 84. accord, 85. practically, 86. superstition, 87. abuse, 88. repeal, 89. tradition, 90. medicinal

91. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
92. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
93. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
94. high se____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh
95. de___n for investigation *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
96. uno_____al sources *adj.* not authorized or recognized by an authority or organization; informal; not having an official status or position
97. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
98. the ex____re of a fraud *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
99. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
100. convicted fe__n *n.* a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind
101. community ou____ch *n.* an effort to extend help or services to people who may not be aware of them, often in a targeted manner; the process of establishing connections and communication with a wider community or audience; (verb) to reach out or make contact with people or groups to offer help, support, or information

ANSWERS: 91. invite, 92. infect, 93. nation, 94. severity, 95. detain, 96. unofficial, 97. pose, 98. exposure, 99. violent, 100. felon, 101. outreach

111. software li____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
112. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
113. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
114. nutritional res_____on *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
115. help ta____e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
116. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
117. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
118. mental fle_____ty *n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations
119. sh____k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

ANSWERS: 111. license, 112. intern, 113. mere, 114. restriction, 115. tackle, 116. trend, 117. misinformation, 118. flexibility, 119. shrink

120. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
121. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
122. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
123. re_____e a world record *v.* to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information
124. com_____on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
125. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
126. the ar_____ry rule of a dictator *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
127. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
128. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
129. s__m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

ANSWERS: 120. mass, 121. ambition, 122. estimate, 123. rewrite, 124. commission, 125. suspect, 126. arbitrary, 127. recommend, 128. kingdom, 129. stem

130. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
131. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
132. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
133. op____d receptor *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
134. ex__e community *n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons
135. co____m brand *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
136. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
137. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
138. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 130. contaminate, 131. underground, 132. ambition, 133. opioid, 134. exile, 135. condom, 136. criminal, 137. nurse, 138. democracy

139. field of gene th____y *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
140. in_____on needle *n.* the act of introducing a liquid, especially a drug, into the body using a needle and a syringe
141. the int_____ion of history *n.* an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
142. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
143. af_____t the economy *v.* to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
144. have an un____r advantage *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
145. ro____t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
146. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
147. st_____ze surfaces *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
148. se____e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
149. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

ANSWERS: 139. therapy, 140. injection, 141. interpretation, 142. punishment, 143. afflict, 144. unfair, 145. rocket, 146. abuse, 147. sterilize, 148. settle, 149. practical

150. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
151. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
152. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
153. st_____nt requirements *adj.* strict, severe, or demanding; requiring close attention to rules or regulations; extreme or excessive in some way
154. il_____l drugs *adj.* not allowed by law
155. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
156. fl__t his order *v.* to openly disregard or disobey a rule, law, convention, or authority; to mock or ridicule something or someone
157. pe_____el evaluation *n.* a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
158. sewing ne___e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

ANSWERS: 150. principle, 151. argue, 152. moral, 153. stringent, 154. illegal, 155. judge, 156. flout, 157. personnel, 158. needle

159. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
160. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
161. ar___e subject *adj.* mysterious or known only by a select few
162. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
163. sub_____te coffee *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
164. development of va_____es *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
165. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
166. pos_____on of the evidence *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
167. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

ANSWERS: 159. pun, 160. judge, 161. arcane, 162. legislation, 163. substitute, 164. vaccine, 165. specifically, 166. possession, 167. reinforce

168. in___t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
169. serial fe__n *n.* a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind
170. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
171. religious to_____ce *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
172. en_____e a contract *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
173. fuel in_____on *n.* the act of introducing a liquid, especially a drug, into the body using a needle and a syringe
174. spe_____ze in market research *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
175. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
176. fl__t the rules *v.* to openly disregard or disobey a rule, law, convention, or authority; to mock or ridicule something or someone
177. inc_____te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
178. tra_____ion speed *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

ANSWERS: 168. inject, 169. felon, 170. reform, 171. tolerance, 172. enforce, 173. injection, 174. specialize, 175. release, 176. flout, 177. incarcerate, 178. transmission

179. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
180. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
181. a strain of vi___s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
182. an op___d analgesic *n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
183. 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
184. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
185. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
186. ar___e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
187. minor traffic of_____es *n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy

ANSWERS: 179. unexpected, 180. tragic, 181. virus, 182. opioid, 183. labor, 184. communal, 185. arrest, 186. argue, 187. offense

188. the spread of le____y
- n.* a chronic infectious disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes and is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*, characterized by disfiguring skin lesions, nerve damage, and the loss of sensation in affected areas
189. 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
190. una_____bly poor
- adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
191. int_____ion education
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
192. ind_____al freedom
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
193. foreign po____y
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 188. leprosy, 189. economy, 190. unacceptably, 191. introduction, 192. individual, 193. policy

194. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
195. n__k on my hand *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
196. an ine_____ve speech *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
197. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
198. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
199. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
200. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
201. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
202. ba____h my wrinkles *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
203. tr____c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
204. ba____h doubt *v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
205. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

ANSWERS: 194. reduction, 195. nick, 196. ineffective, 197. government, 198. introduction, 199. strength, 200. legislation, 201. recommend, 202. banish, 203. tragic, 204. banish, 205. universal

206. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
207. competent pe_____el *n.* a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
208. a n__k on the fender of a car *n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
209. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
210. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
211. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
212. st_____nt measures *adj.* strict, severe, or demanding; requiring close attention to rules or regulations; extreme or excessive in some way
213. re____t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
214. af_____t with the plague *v.* to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something
215. de_____on center *n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed

ANSWERS: 206. statistics, 207. personnel, 208. nick, 209. threat, 210. fuel, 211. release, 212. stringent, 213. resist, 214. afflict, 215. detention

216. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
217. spread of the vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
218. an oral va_____e *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
219. the cr__n and throne *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
220. to _____ce for risk *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
221. feline ret_____us *n.* a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
222. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
223. the main pu_____t of his speech *v.* to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication

ANSWERS: 216. infect, 217. virus, 218. vaccine, 219. crown, 220. tolerance, 221. retrovirus, 222. tide, 223. purport

224. deliver a ju_____nt	<i>n.</i> the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
225. je__l of the crown	<i>n.</i> a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
226. dr__d failure	<i>v.</i> to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
227. cr_____al investigation	<i>n.</i> a person who has committed a crime
228. treat the in_____on with antibiotics	<i>n.</i> a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
229. st_____th of the economy	<i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
230. strong and co_____ed sales staff	<i>adj.</i> willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
231. mis_____ion about a vaccine	<i>n.</i> information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
232. una_____bly high prices	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
233. pull an ine_____ve player	<i>adj.</i> not producing any significant or intended effect or result
234. economic th____t	<i>n.</i> a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 224. judgment, 225. jewel, 226. dread, 227. criminal, 228. infection, 229. strength, 230. committed, 231. misinformation, 232. unacceptably, 233. ineffective, 234. threat

235. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
236. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
237. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
238. social st____a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
239. un____r employment practices *adj.* not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
240. struck a mi____y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
241. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
242. campaign now un_____ay *adj.* having started and currently in progress
243. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
244. 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

ANSWERS: 235. religion, 236. process, 237. mention, 238. stigma, 239. unfair, 240. mighty, 241. involve, 242. underway, 243. attitude, 244. economy

245. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
246. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
247. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
248. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
249. deep-rooted pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
250. student ou_____ch *n.* an effort to extend help or services to people who may not be aware of them, often in a targeted manner; the process of establishing connections and communication with a wider community or audience; (verb) to reach out or make contact with people or groups to offer help, support, or information
251. ro_____t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
252. ar_____t the thief *v.* to take into custody
253. re_____e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 245. religion, 246. absolutely, 247. decline, 248. compassion, 249. prejudice, 250. outreach, 251. rocket, 252. arrest, 253. relate

254. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
255. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
256. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
257. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
258. color pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
259. gleaming je__l *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
260. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
261. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
262. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
263. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
264. le_____y treatment *n.* a chronic infectious disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes and is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*, characterized by disfiguring skin lesions, nerve damage, and the loss of sensation in affected areas

ANSWERS: 254. nurse, 255. tradition, 256. progression, 257. government, 258. prejudice, 259. jewel, 260. moral, 261. universal, 262. striking, 263. distribute, 264.

leprosy

265. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
266. de___n a terrorist *v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving
267. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
268. pu_____t to answer the question *v.* to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication
269. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
270. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
271. di_____se a vulnerability *v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
272. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
273. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
274. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

ANSWERS: 265. absolutely, 266. detain, 267. violent, 268. purport, 269. practically, 270. medicinal, 271. disclose, 272. discriminate, 273. intern, 274. estimate

275. regular ch____p *n.* an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging
276. of____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
277. tra____er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
278. former co____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
279. a little to____y personality *adj.* easily offended or upset, or sensitive
280. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
281. safe co____m use *n.* a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners
282. ar____e knowledge *adj.* mysterious or known only by a select few
283. di____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
284. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 275. checkup, 276. offend, 277. transgender, 278. colleague, 279. touchy, 280. statistics, 281. condom, 282. arcane, 283. disease, 284. suppose

285. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
286. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
287. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
288. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
289. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
290. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
291. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
292. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
293. a bacterial in_____on *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

ANSWERS: 285. democracy, 286. pose, 287. remarkable, 288. distribute, 289. mere, 290. grip, 291. underground, 292. process, 293. infection

294. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
295. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
296. ig_____ce of the law *n.* lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
297. child of il_____l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
298. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
299. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
300. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
301. res_____on on trade *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
302. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
303. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
304. am__e opportunities *adj.* enough or more than enough; having plenty of something

ANSWERS: 294. commission, 295. pun, 296. ignorance, 297. illegal, 298. vulnerable, 299. trend, 300. progression, 301. restriction, 302. environment, 303. practical, 304. ample

305. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
306. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
307. health ch_____p *n.* an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging
308. mi_____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
309. immigration de_____on *n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed
310. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
311. 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
312. the imperial cr__n *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
313. to___y subject *adj.* easily offended or upset, or sensitive

ANSWERS: 305. fuel, 306. punishment, 307. checkup, 308. migrant, 309. detention, 310. striking, 311. equip, 312. crown, 313. touchy

314. re___l a business *v.* to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
315. needs of pr_____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
316. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
317. st_____ze chemically *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
318. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
319. call for the re___l *n.* the act of officially canceling or making something no longer in force; (verb) to officially cancel or make something no longer in force
320. the tra_____ion gears of a car *n.* the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television
321. inc_____te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
322. a me___l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
323. su___t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

ANSWERS: 314. retool, 315. pregnant, 316. environment, 317. sterilize, 318. impose, 319. repeal, 320. transmission, 321. incarcerate, 322. medical, 323. suspect

324. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
325. de___t a refugee *v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
326. am___e evidence *adj.* enough or more than enough; having plenty of something
327. emotional har_____nt *n.* the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities
328. dr___d getting old *v.* to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
329. just getting un_____ay *adj.* having started and currently in progress
330. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
331. eq___p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
332. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
333. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
334. the se_____ty of cold *n.* the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh

ANSWERS: 324. remarkable, 325. deport, 326. ample, 327. harassment, 328. dread, 329. underway, 330. accord, 331. equip, 332. decide, 333. nation, 334. severity

335. the order of me__t

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

336. re___l a strategy

v. to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands

ANSWERS: 335. merit, 336. retool

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
 - v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

2. Education is the _____ of civilization.
 - n. the act or process of sending something from one person or place to another; the process of broadcasting over the airwaves, as in radio or television

3. The heavyweights on one end of the scale _____ the lighter weights on the other end.
 - v. to offset or balance the effect of something by applying an equal or opposite force or effect; to provide a counteracting or balancing influence for something; (noun) a weight or force that is used to balance or offset another weight or force

4. 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

5. Using a _____ during sexual activity is one of the most effective ways to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.
 - n. a thin rubber or plastic sheath worn over the penis during sexual intercourse to prevent pregnancy or the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) between partners

6. She treasured the small _____ that her grandmother had given her.
 - n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

ANSWERS: 1. interned, 2. transmission, 3. counterbalanced, 4. equipped, 5. condom, 6. jewel

7. These treatments were _____ against a virus.

adj. not producing any significant or intended effect or result

8. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured;
v. to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

9. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

10. He received an _____ of antibiotics to treat his infection.

n. the act of introducing a liquid, especially a drug, into the body using a needle and a syringe

11. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

12. The disease can _____ both humans and animals.

v. to cause pain, suffering, or distress to someone or something

13. The restaurant has chefs who _____ in beef.

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

14. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

15. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

ANSWERS: 7. ineffective, 8. nurse, 9. kingdom, 10. injection, 11. remarkable, 12. afflict, 13. specialize, 14. epidemic, 15. dread

16. He collected data to avoid _____ decisions.
adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
17. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.
adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
18. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
n. a strong wish to do or achieve something
19. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
20. She had the _____ that work was fun.
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
21. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
n. a person who has committed a crime
22. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
23. The World Health Organization is working to eradicate _____ from all parts of the world.
n. a chronic infectious disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous membranes and is caused by the bacterium *Mycobacterium leprae*, characterized by disfiguring skin lesions, nerve damage, and the loss of sensation in affected areas

ANSWERS: 16. arbitrary, 17. practical, 18. ambition, 19. inject, 20. attitude, 21. criminal, 22. unexpected, 23. leprosy

24. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
- v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
25. 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
26. The patient's condition improved after beginning a _____ treatment regimen.
- n. a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
27. The politician decided to _____ the law and run for office despite being ineligible.
- v. to openly disregard or disobey a rule, law, convention, or authority; to mock or ridicule something or someone
28. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
29. Only the _____ God has the power to brighten this dark land.
- adj. very large, powerful, or strong
30. His _____ of literary works are often unique.
- n. an explanation or opinion of something, especially that is not immediately obvious
31. This community is free of social _____.
- n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

ANSWERS: 24. pose, 25. government, 26. retrovirus-targeted, 27. flout, 28. invite, 29. mighty, 30. interpretations, 31. prejudice

32. The school's diversity program aimed to promote _____ and understanding among the students.
- n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
33. The _____ of the drought was a major concern for farmers.
- n.* the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh
34. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
35. The customs agents seized the _____ shipment.
- adj.* not allowed by law
36. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
- v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
37. The _____ situation required careful handling to avoid further conflict.
- adj.* easily offended or upset, or sensitive
38. 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
39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. tolerance, 33. severity, 34. vulnerable, 35. illegal, 36. contaminate, 37. touchy, 38. economy, 39. labor

40. The long _____ to the air tarnished the antique tableware.
n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
41. The election commission did not yet confirm the _____ results of the election.
adj. not authorized or recognized by an authority or organization; informal; not having an official status or position
42. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
43. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
44. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
45. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
46. 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
47. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

ANSWERS: 40. exposure, 41. unofficial, 42. estimated, 43. argue, 44. suspected, 45. specifically, 46. develop, 47. therapy

48. An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the _____ to others.
n. a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
49. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
50. He was _____ for the duration of the war.
v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
51. The document _____ to have been signed by the president, but the signature is a forgery.
v. to claim or suggest that something is true or has a particular character or quality; (noun) the intended meaning of a communication
52. We have _____ time to finish the project before the deadline.
adj. enough or more than enough; having plenty of something
53. The _____ of the law was met with mixed reactions.
n. the act of officially canceling or making something no longer in force; (verb) to officially cancel or make something no longer in force
54. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
55. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 48. virus, 49. decide, 50. incarcerated, 51. purports, 52. ample, 53. repeal, 54. abuse, 55. unfortunately,

56. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
- n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
57. The queen _____ the traitor from the kingdom, never to be seen again.
- v.* to expel or send away from a place or situation, especially permanently
58. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
59. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
60. Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial _____.
- n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
61. The mRNA _____ was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.
- n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
62. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
- v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
63. We dealt with those problems with speed and _____.
- n.* the quality of changing or being changed easily according to new conditions or situations

ANSWERS: 56. judge, 57. banished, 58. judgments, 59. punishment, 60. infections, 61. vaccine, 62. declines, 63. flexibility

64. His _____ of the situation led him to make a poor decision.
n. lack of knowledge or information about a particular subject or fact
65. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.
n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
66. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
67. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
68. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.
adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
69. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.
v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
70. Governments make rules, and police _____ them.
v. to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
71. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

ANSWERS: 64. ignorance, 65. needles, 66. grip, 67. reduction, 68. abstract, 69. resist, 70. enforce, 71. legislation

72. Please forward the resumes to the _____ department.
- n.* a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
73. The bishop bestowed the golden _____ on the king.
- n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
74. Parental indifference to their children leads to juvenile _____.
- n.* an illegal act; a feeling of anger caused by a perceived insult to or disregard for oneself; the action of attacking an enemy
75. We need to _____ our manufacturing process and invest in new technology to stay competitive in the market.
- v.* to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
76. The robbery was committed by a notorious _____ previously convicted of armed robbery.
- n.* a person convicted of a serious crime; an offender of the most serious kind
77. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.
- n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
78. I am going to _____ to work through my anxiety and depression.
- n.* the process of providing guidance and support to someone, often in a therapeutic or professional context, to help them overcome personal or emotional difficulties and improve their mental health and well-being

ANSWERS: 72. personnel, 73. crown, 74. offenses, 75. retool, 76. felon, 77. license, 78. counseling

79. The government has decided to _____ illegal immigrants back to their home countries.
- v.* to force someone to leave a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime
80. The interviewer arrived in a _____ of time.
- n.* a small cut, notch, or indentation in a surface or an edge
81. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.
- v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
82. I _____ skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.
- n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
83. She gets a _____ on each contract.
- n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
84. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
- adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
85. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
- adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
86. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 79. deport, 80. nick, 81. offended, 82. substitute, 83. commission, 84. medical, 85. tragic, 86. release

87. 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

88. There is a surviving _____ that black cats are a symbol of bad luck.

n. a belief or practice that is not based on science or reason and that is often connected with a religion

89. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

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

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

91. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.

n. a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon

92. 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

93. We _____ taking media training every six months.

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

94. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

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

ANSWERS: 87. individual, 88. superstition, 89. distributed, 90. religion, 91. rocket, 92. merits, 93. recommend, 94. strength

95. Treatment for _____ dependence may be a long-term process.
- n.* substances that have an effect similar to opium, such as morphine, used in medicines to treat severe pain, but some people take them illegally for pleasure and become addicted
96. 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
97. She vacated the position when she got _____.
- adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
98. The _____ on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.
- n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
99. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
100. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
101. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.
- v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

ANSWERS: 95. opioid, 96. environment, 97. pregnant, 98. restriction, 99. policy, 100. mass, 101. impose

102. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

- v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

103. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

104. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

105. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

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

106. The third season of the anime show has been _____.

- v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

107. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

- n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

108. The comedian's _____ had the audience laughing out loud.

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

109. The _____ king lived in poverty in a foreign country for many years.

- n.* the state of being forced to leave one's country or home, typically for political or punitive reasons

ANSWERS: 102. convicted, 103. mentioned, 104. process, 105. moral, 106. announced, 107. tide, 108. pun, 109. exiled

110. We should _____ the troops at the front line.

- v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

111. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.

- n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

112. The police _____ the suspect for questioning.

- v.* to keep someone in official custody; to prevent them from leaving

113. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

114. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

115. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

116. I am going to the doctor for my annual _____.

- n.* an examination of a person's health by a medical professional, typically including a physical examination, laboratory tests, and diagnostic imaging

117. The government is criticized for the prolonged _____ of political activists without trial.

- n.* the act of holding someone in custody, especially as a punishment for a crime they are suspected of having committed

ANSWERS: 110. reinforce, 111. migrant, 112. detained, 113. Communal, 114. disease, 115. absolutely, 116. checkup, 117. detention

118. 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
119. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
120. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
- n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
121. The _____ rituals of the secret society were known only to a select few.
- adj.* mysterious or known only by a select few
122. The nonprofit organization's _____ program helps the homeless community by providing necessities.
- n.* an effort to extend help or services to people who may not be aware of them, often in a targeted manner; the process of establishing connections and communication with a wider community or audience; (verb) to reach out or make contact with people or groups to offer help, support, or information
123. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
124. The curtain rose to _____ a fantastic set.
- v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly

ANSWERS: 118. involves, 119. lifetime, 120. stigma, 121. arcane, 122. outreach, 123. tradition, 124. disclose

125. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
126. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
127. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
adj. very wide; general
128. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
v. to take into custody
129. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.
n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
130. The oil price continued their downward _____.
n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing
131. In a democracy, it is necessary to monitor the judiciary to see if it is making _____ decisions.
adj. not giving equal treatment or opportunities to people involved; marked by injustice, partiality, or deception
132. The two plays have many _____ parallels.
adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

ANSWERS: 125. relate, 126. universal, 127. broad, 128. arrest, 129. compassion, 130. trend, 131. unfair, 132. striking

133. The shape of a bird's _____ varies greatly depending on the environment in which it lives.
- n.* the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together
134. He was extremely generous to the _____ young artist.
- adj.* desiring or striving for recognition or advancement; wanting to be successful in life
135. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
- adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
136. The store is _____ empty.
- adv.* almost or nearly
137. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
138. 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
139. The nurse _____ the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.
- v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
140. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

ANSWERS: 133. syrxn, 134. aspiring, 135. underground, 136. practically, 137. introduction, 138. progression, 139. sterilized, 140. committed

141. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

142. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

143. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

144. I need to _____ most of the essay with feedback from my teacher.

v. to write something such as a book or speech again in a different way, usually to improve it or add new information

145. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

146. That painting is my _____ and I inherited it from my grandmother.

n. the state or fact of owning or having something

147. I don't want to _____ for second best.

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

148. The school has a _____ attendance policy that allows for no more than three absences per semester.

adj. strict, severe, or demanding; requiring close attention to rules or regulations; extreme or excessive in some way

ANSWERS: 141. suppose, 142. nation, 143. misinformation, 144. rewrite, 145. principle, 146. possession, 147. settle, 148. stringent

149. This project has been _____ for several years.

adj. having started and currently in progress

150. A rose has thorns on its _____.

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

151. Many _____ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

adj. relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

152. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

153. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

154. The organization finally signed a peace _____.

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

155. He lost the election by _____ votes.

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

156. The restaurant's service was _____ slow.

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

ANSWERS: 149. underway, 150. stem, 151. transgender, 152. reform, 153. infect, 154. accord, 155. mere, 156. unacceptably

157. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.

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

158. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

159. The ____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

160. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

161. You should not _____ against minorities.

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

162. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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

163. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

164. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 157. colleague, 158. Democracy, 159. fuel, 160. shrink, 161. discriminate, 162. threat, 163. tackle, 164. violent

165. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
166. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
167. The international community has widely condemned the _____ of human rights.
- n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
168. The company has a zero-tolerance policy for _____ in the workplace.
- n.* the act of repeatedly annoying, tormenting, or persecuting someone in a way that is threatening or unwelcome, often relating to issues of race, gender, or other identities

ANSWERS: 165. statistics, 166. medicinal, 167. violation, 168. harassment