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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### sideways

*adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

*synonym* : to the edge, obliquely, sidelong

(1) fall **sideways**, (2) a **sideways** market

She glanced **sideways** at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

### epidemiology

*n.* the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events, including diseases, in specified populations, and the application of this study to the control of health problems

*synonym* : public health, disease control

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

The **epidemiology** of influenza has been well studied over the years, leading to the development of effective vaccines and treatment strategies.

### crazy

*adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

*synonym* : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

### wacky

*adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way

*synonym* : absurd, eccentric, ludicrous

(1) **wacky** value, (2) **wacky** plan for selling more books  
His friend was a pretty wild and **wacky** character.

## headline

*n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

*synonym*: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

## bizarre

*adj.* very strange or unusual

*synonym*: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

## ongoing

*adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

*synonym*: continuous, current, proceeding

(1) still **ongoing**, (2) **ongoing** support

The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the **ongoing** economic crisis.

## philosophy

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

*synonym*: doctrine, attitude, creed

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

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

## divide

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

*synonym*: separate, disconnect, split

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

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

## inanimate

*adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate

*synonym*: lifeless, inert, passive

(1) **inanimate** nature, (2) **inanimate** matter

The **inanimate** object was not capable of movement or feeling.

## cancer

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

*synonym*: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

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

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

## divorce

*n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage

*synonym*: separation, dissolution, breakup

(1) **divorce** settlement, (2) a consensual **divorce**

The couple decided to get a **divorce** after many years of marriage.

## toiletry

*n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo

*synonym*: grooming kit, hygiene products

(1) travel **toiletry**, (2) **toiletry** bag

Remember to pack your **toiletry** goods when you go on vacation, or you'll have to repurchase them.

## crust

*n.* a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture

*synonym*: layer, coating, shell

(1) **crust** formation, (2) the earth's **crust**

The bread's **crust** was golden brown and crispy.

## licorice

*n.* a sweet, chewy confectionery made from the dried root of the licorice plant; a flavoring made from extracts of this root, known for its distinctive black color and strong, slightly herbal taste

(1) black **licorice**, (2) **licorice** flavor

I bought some **licorice** candy from the store.

## contradiction

*n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial

*synonym*: inconsistency, opposition, contravention

(1) **contradiction** of capitalism, (2) apparent **contradiction**

His statement was filled with **contradictions** that made it difficult to take seriously.

## valence

*n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship

*synonym*: bonding capacity, reactivity

(1) **valence** electrons, (2) chemical **valence**

The **valence** of an atom determines its chemical properties.

## housework

*n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house

*synonym*: chores, cleaning, domestic duties

(1) **housework** robot, (2) light **housework**

She didn't mind doing the **housework** as long as it kept her busy and productive.

## breast

*n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth

*synonym*: bosom, chest, bust

(1) **breast** cancer, (2) the mountain's **breast**

He grilled the **breast** meat of a chicken.

## impotent

*adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

*synonym*: helpless, worthless, powerless

(1) an **impotent** feeling, (2) sexually **impotent**

Modern medicine was largely **impotent** against the disease.

## unpick

*v.* to carefully undo stitches, seams, or knots in fabric or other material; to take apart or dismantle something in a meticulous manner

*synonym* : unravel, undo, disentangle

(1) **unpick** a situation, (2) **unpick** a knot

I need to **unpick** the stitches on this shirt to fix the tear.

## dodge

v. to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

*synonym* : evade, sidestep, avoid

(1) **dodge** a blow, (2) **dodge** a question

She had to **dodge** the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.

## claim

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

*synonym* : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

## nasty

*adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

*synonym* : disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

## carp

*n.* a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; (verb) to complain or find fault with something repeatedly

*synonym* : fish, minnow, (verb) complain

(1) **carp** fishing, (2) **carp** at the issue

The fisherman showed off his biggest **carp** catch of the day.

## critic

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

*synonym* : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their

**critics.**

**appraise**

*v.* to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner

*synonym* : evaluate, assess, judge

(1) **appraise** his property, (2) **appraise** the situation

The real estate agent will **appraise** the value of your property before listing it.

**academic**

*adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

*synonym* : educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

**journal**

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

*synonym* : periodical, diary, bulletin

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

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

**confer**

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

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

**session**

*n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

*synonym* : conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

**doctoral**

*adj.* of or relating to doctorate (= the highest degree from a university) or the achievement of a doctorate

*synonym* : doctorial

(1) **doctoral** program, (2) **doctoral** research

She is pursuing a **doctoral** degree in psychology to become a licensed therapist.

## bloodbath

*n.* a violent and brutal event characterized by a large-scale indiscriminate killing or slaughter; a situation or event that involves widespread destruction, chaos, or loss of life; a situation in which there is a severe or massive decline

*synonym* : massacre, slaughter, carnage

(1) massive **bloodbath**, (2) economic **bloodbath**

The war turned into a brutal **bloodbath**, claiming the lives of countless soldiers.

## consent

*n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

*synonym* : approval, authorization, concession

(1) **consent** for surgery, (2) give silent **consent**

She gave her **consent** to the company's proposal.

## intellect

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

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

## feat

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

*synonym* : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

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

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

## discipline

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

region of activity, knowledge, or influence

*synonym* : training, restraint, field

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

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

## 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.

## demonstrate

*v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

*synonym* : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

## exclusive

*adj.* not divided or shared with others

*synonym* : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

## absolute

*adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

*synonym* : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

## contrive

*v.* to plan, devise, or invent something skillfully, often cleverly or cunningly; to bring about or create through careful planning or ingenuity; to scheme or plot to achieve a specific outcome

*synonym* : devise, invent, engineer

(1) **contrive** an excuse, (2) **contrive** a plan

He always finds a way to **contrive** a clever solution to any problem.



## 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.

## diet

*n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

*synonym* : food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

## guru

*n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area

*synonym* : sage, mentor, master

(1) **guru** meditation, (2) spiritual **guru**

He was considered a **guru** in economics and consulted by many leaders.

## prime

*adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

*synonym* : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

## lavish

*adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive

*synonym* : grate, grand, splendid

(1) **lavish** lifestyle, (2) enjoy a **lavish** trip abroad

He has earned **lavish** praise for his achievement.

## exotic

*adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

*synonym* : foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

## accredit

*v.* to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause

*synonym* : authorize, endorse, validate

(1) **accredit** certification organizations, (2) **accredit** a course

The university will **accredit** the new college if it meets its standards.

## correspondence

*n.* the letters, emails, etc., especially official or business ones; the quality or state of being the same in amount, number, status

*synonym* : letters, closeness, likeness

(1) a business **correspondence**, (2) one-to-one **correspondence**

The results of the two experiments were in **correspondence**.

## boast

*v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

*synonym* : show off, brag, bluster

(1) **boast** of his success, (2) **boast** a long history

This town **boasts** a national park.

## certify

*v.* to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true

*synonym* : accredit, approve, authorize

(1) **certify** product quality, (2) **certify** the authenticity of the painting

As a witness, I can **certify** his innocence.

## association

*n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

*synonym* : affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

## nutritional

*adj.* of or relating to the substance required by the body to maintain health and growth

*synonym* : nourishing, healthy, wholesome

(1) **nutritional** supplement, (2) bit of **nutritional** yeast

The **nutritional** value of the food should be clearly labeled on the packaging.

## glamorous

*adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

*synonym* : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

## certificate

*n.* an official document stating that the information contained within is true

*synonym* : diploma, credential, certification

(1) official score **certificate**, (2) a birth **certificate**

He received a **certificate** in computer programming from the local college.

## belong

*v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

*synonym* : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

## horrible

*adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust  
*synonym* : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

## idiot

*n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

*synonym* : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

## chlorophyll

*n.* any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms

(1) **chlorophyll** pigment, (2) bacterial **chlorophyll**

**Chlorophyll** utilizes sunlight to create sugars.

## oxygen

*n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

## biology

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

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

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

## chloroplast

*n.* a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.

(1) **chloroplast** DNA, (2) **chloroplast** protein

**Chloroplast** membranes are incredibly vulnerable to damage by oxygen radicals produced as a byproduct of photochemistry.

## sunlight

*n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun  
*synonym* : daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**

Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

## bowel

*n.* the part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine, especially the lower intestine

*synonym* : intestine, gut, stomach

(1) **bowel** ailment, (2) whole- **bowel** irrigation

He had surgery to remove a portion of his small **bowel**.

## spinach

*n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger

(1) **spinach** salad, (2) frozen **spinach**

Fresh **spinach** is a good source of vitamins and minerals.

## telegraph

*n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

(1) answer by **telegraph**, (2) **telegraph** wires

The **telegraph** service was interrupted for a while.

## enzyme

*n.* a substance produced by a living organism that acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction

*synonym* : catalyst, activator, accelerator

(1) **enzyme** reaction, (2) lack of digestive **enzymes**

A deficiency in the **enzyme** can lead to a medical condition.

## drip

*v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

*synonym* : drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

## chemical

*adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;

*synonym* : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

## extract

*n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

*synonym* : excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

## bench

*n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

*synonym* : seat, terrace, judiciary

(1) **bench** conference, (2) **bench board**

I sat on the **bench** in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

## laboratory

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

*synonym* : lab, workshop, testing room

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

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

## 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.

## bug

*n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

*synonym* : insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

## slightly

*adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

*synonym*: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

## alcohol

*n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.

*synonym*: booze, liquor, ethanol

(1) stop drinking **alcohol**, (2) diluted **alcohol**

There is a clear association between **alcohol** consumption and cognitive decline.

## nutrition

*n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

*synonym*: alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake

This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

## combination

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

*synonym*: blend, hybrid, compounding

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

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

## pulse

*n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

*synonym*: beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

## wrinkle

*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

*synonym* : crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

## observation

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

*synonym* : watching, notice, reflection

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

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

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym* : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

## maternal

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

*synonym* : motherly, maternalistic, maternal-like

(1) on the **maternal** side, (2) **maternal** care

She had a very **maternal** instinct towards her newborn baby.

## veg

*n.* (a short for "vegetables") a meal or diet that is primarily composed of plant-based foods; (verb) to relax, do nothing, or pass the time in a lazy or unproductive manner;

*synonym* : vegetable, plant-based food, green

(1) **veg** pizza, (2) **veg** out on the couch

I like to keep a variety of fresh **veg** in my fridge to make healthy meals easily.

## snapshot

*n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly

*synonym* : photo, picture, print

(1) take a **snapshot**, (2) developed **snapshot**

There were framed **snapshots** of family and friends in her room.



## freak

*n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

*synonym*: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

## norm

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

*synonym*: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

## posh

*adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status

*synonym*: elegant, fancy, luxurious

(1) **posh** district, (2) **posh** restaurant

The CEO's office was decorated in a **posh** and elegant style.

## wealth

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

*synonym*: affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

## outdo

*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass

*synonym*: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

## 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.

## fascinating

*adj.* extremely interesting

*synonym* : alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me  
The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

## interlocking

*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

*synonym* : connected, linked, joined

(1) **interlocking** braid, (2) **interlocking** mechanism  
The **interlocking** puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

## bible

*n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

*synonym* : authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy  
Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

## straightforward

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

*synonym* : honest, candid, forthright

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

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

## bunch

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

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls  
One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

## split

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

*synonym*: break, divide, break apart

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

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

## improve

v. to make or become better

*synonym*: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

## mainstream

n. the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

*synonym*: prevailing, average, common

(1) join the **mainstream**, (2) **mainstream** political beliefs

His thinking is **mainstream** in the country's culture.

## alarm

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

*synonym*: notice, warning, panic

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

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

## rig

v. to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

*synonym*: set up, prepare, arrange

(1) **rig** an election, (2) **rig** a ship with new sails

He **rigged** the game so he could win the prize.

## randomize

v. to arrange or select by or depending on chance; to make something random

*synonym*: scramble, shuffle, mix

(1) **randomize** variables, (2) **randomize** the order of the

numbers

The study participants were **randomized** into two groups to control for bias.

## predict

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

*synonym*: forecast, anticipate, foresee

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

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

## spot

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

*synonym*: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

## flaw

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

*synonym*: defect, fault, imperfection

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

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

## clinical

*adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

*synonym*: dispassionate, analytic, scientific

(1) **clinical** surgery, (2) participate in **clinical** trials

She received special **clinical** training at the hospital.

## methodology

*n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something

*synonym*: procedure, approach, process

(1) **methodology** for optimizing, (2) research **methodology**

We are developing a new **methodology** for assessing marketing measures.

## techie

*n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

*synonym* : geek, technician, computer expert

(1) gadget **techies**, (2) aspiring **techies**

Our company hired a **techie** consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

## improvisation

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

*synonym* : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

## 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.

## placebo

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

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

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

## raft

*n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

*synonym* : flatboat, boat, barge

(1) a **raft** for carrying horses, (2) a life **raft**

The rubber **raft** was swept out to sea.

## gastric

*adj.* relating to the stomach or the digestive system; characterized by or causing discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen

*synonym* : stomachic, digestive, belly

(1) **gastric** issues, (2) **gastric** cancer

After eating spicy food, some people experience **gastric** distress like heartburn and indigestion.

## ulcer

*n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

*synonym* : lesion, sore, wound

(1) mouth **ulcer**, (2) gastric **ulcer**

The stress of the job caused him to develop an **ulcer** in his stomach.

## ridiculous

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

*synonym* : absurd, fatuous, foolish

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

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

## saltwater

*adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea

*synonym* : marine, naval, maritime

(1) a **saltwater** fish, (2) **saltwater** crocodile

The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the **saltwater** ecosystem downstream.

## 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.

## dummy

*n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly

*synonym* : mannequin, puppet, figurine

(1) **dummy** address, (2) the crash test **dummy**

The ventriloquist's **dummy** was incredibly lifelike and entertaining.

## physically

*adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

## dramatic

*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

*synonym* : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

## intervention

*n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

*synonym* : interference, intercession, treatment

(1) **intervention** by foreign powers, (2) surgical

**intervention**

This **intervention** does not require the patient's consent.

## manipulate

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

*synonym* : control, exploit, abuse

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

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

## journalist

*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

*synonym* : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine  
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

## supplement

*n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it

*synonym*: complement, addendum, accessory

(1) wage **supplement**, (2) use of dietary **supplements**

Certain **supplements** may promote tumor growth.

## peddler

*n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

*synonym*: hawker, vendor, seller

(1) drug **peddlers**, (2) influence **peddlers**

The **peddler** on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

## naturopath

*n.* a practitioner of alternative medicine who uses natural remedies and techniques for healing and promoting wellness, often emphasizing preventive care and lifestyle changes

*synonym*: holistic healer, natural therapist

(1) **naturopath** clinic, (2) consult a **naturopath**

The local health store offers a range of **naturopath-approved** supplements.

## distort

*v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

*synonym*: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

## pharmaceutical

*adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

*synonym*: drug, medication, prescription



(1) major **pharmaceutical** companies, (2) commercial **pharmaceutical** products

She gave money to help set up a **pharmaceutical** laboratory.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

## device

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

*synonym*: gadget, instrument, tool

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

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

## sophisticated

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

*synonym*: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

## patient

*n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

*synonym*: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

## vital

*adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something

*synonym*: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

## decision

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

*synonym*: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

## comparison

*n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

*synonym*: equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

## alternative

*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

*synonym*: choice, option

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

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

## consistent

*adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

*synonym*: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

## 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**.

## useless

*adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

*synonym*: ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

## rub

*v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

*synonym*: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

## compete

*v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

*synonym*: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

## prop

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

*synonym*: support, buttress, column

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

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

## psychotic

*adj.* relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking

*synonym*: deranged, unstable, certifiable

(1) **psychotic** medication, (2) **psychotic** episode

Her husband's death caused her to experience a **psychotic** break.

## medication

*n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

*synonym*: cure, drug, medicine

(1) antibiotic **medication**, (2) **medication** by mouth

The pharmacist not only prescribes the **medication** but also guides its proper use.

## schizophrenia

*n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

*synonym*: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

## gram

*n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

(1) centimeter- **gram-second** system, (2) **gram** amount

How much is it per one hundred **grams**?

## haloperidol

*n.* a type of antipsychotic medication commonly used to treat schizophrenia, Tourette syndrome, and other mental illnesses

*synonym*: antipsychotic, neuroleptic, tranquilizer

(1) long-term **haloperidol** use, (2) **haloperidol** dosage

The psychiatrist prescribed **haloperidol** to manage the patient's schizophrenia symptoms.

## forego

*v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation

*synonym*: antecede, precede, relinquish

(1) **forego** dessert, (2) **forego** the privilege

The company decided to **forego** the expensive advertising campaign and instead rely on word of mouth.

## conclude

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

*synonym* : complete, finish, decide

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

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

## risperidone

*n.* an antipsychotic medication used for the treatment of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and certain behavioral problems in children and adolescents

*synonym* : atypical antipsychotic, antipsychotic medication

(1) antipsychotic **risperidone**, (2) side effects of

**risperidone**

The psychiatrist adjusted the patient's medication dosage of **risperidone**.

## generation

*n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

*synonym* : cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

## copyright

*n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work

*synonym* : patent, trademark, intellectual property

(1) artistic **copyright**, (2) **copyright** infringement

The company is taking legal action against those who have violated their **copyright** on the software.

## insane

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

*synonym* : crazy, mad, foolish

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

Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

## 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.

## bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

*synonym*: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase  
Canada **bounds** on the United States.

## independence

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

*synonym*: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony  
There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

## sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

*synonym*: back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group  
Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

## phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

*synonym*: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**  
A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

## negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

*synonym*: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number  
The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

## withhold

v. to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested

*synonym*:

retain, hold back, keep back

(1) **withhold** my laughter, (2) **withhold** payment

The government decided to **withhold** the release of sensitive information.

## aspect

*n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.  
*synonym*: characteristic, element, factor

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

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

## pyramid

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

*synonym*: monument, edifice, tomb

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

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

## 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.

## prefer

*v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

*synonym*: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

## funnel

*n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

*synonym* : filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

## plot

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

*synonym* : scheme, plan, design

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

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

## disappear

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

*synonym* : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

## graph

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

*synonym* : chart, diagram, figure

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

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

## dot

*n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

*synonym* : drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

## random

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

*synonym* : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## cluster

*n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit



*synonym* : group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

## spurious

*adj.* false or fake; not genuine; appearing to be true but actually false; misleading

*synonym* : false, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **spurious** evidence, (2) **spurious** argument

The writer made **spurious** claims in their article, unsupported by any evidence.

## bias

*n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

*synonym* : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

## presence

*n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

*synonym* : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

## heinous

*adj.* extremely wicked or cruel; evil

*synonym* : evil, wicked, cruel

(1) **heinous** firm, (2) **heinous** act

The **heinous** crime shocked the whole community.

## prescribe

*v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something

*synonym* : define, specify, stipulate

(1) **prescribe** a drug, (2) **prescribe** in the preceding

paragraph

Federal bankruptcy laws **prescribed** the reorganization process.

## nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym* : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

## conduct

*v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

*synonym* : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

## 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.

## toss

*v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion

*synonym* : throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

## convince

*v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

*synonym* : persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

## isolate

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

*synonym* :

separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient  
You should not **isolate** them from the community.

### antidepressant

*n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry

(1) an **antidepressant** drug, (2) **antidepressant** effect  
She has been taking **antidepressants** since her baby died.

### ahold

*adv.* to take hold of something, to grasp firmly

*synonym*: totally, completely, firmly

(1) grab **ahold** of the rope, (2) take **ahold** of the situation  
I was able to get **ahold** of the concert tickets before they sold out.

### nonprofit

*adj.* not established for commercial profit

*synonym*: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency  
Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

### collaboration

*n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

*synonym*: affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

### systematic

*adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

*synonym*: periodic, frequent, organized

(1) a **systematic** reformation, (2) **systematic** botany  
Science is based on the **systematic** classification of experience.

## agency

*n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

*synonym* : organization, bureau, institution

(1) real estate **agency**, (2) intelligence **agency**

The government **agency** regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

## 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.

## complication

*n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused

*synonym* : confusion, complexity, difficulty

(1) **complication** of structure, (2) resolve without **complication**

He also continued to struggle with serious long-term **complications**.

## influenza

*n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

*synonym* : grippe, flu

(1) an epidemic outbreak of **influenza**, (2) **influenza** B strain

The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of **influenza**.

## duration

*n.* the length of time something lasts or continues

*synonym* : period, span, course

(1) the **duration** of insurance, (2) short **duration**

The military incarcerated him for the **duration** of the war.

## symptom

*n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

*synonym*: sign, manifestation, syndrome

(1) **symptoms** of low testosterone, (2) neurotic **symptoms**

The patient displays a **symptom** of a side effect.

## stockpile

*n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

*synonym*: reserve, hoard, cache

(1) **stockpile** weapons, (2) nuclear **stockpile**

The farmer had a huge **stockpile** of hay for the winter.

## emergency

*n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

*synonym*: crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

## pneumonia

*n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms

*synonym*: lung infection, bronchitis

(1) bacterial **pneumonia**, (2) viral **pneumonia**

She was hospitalized with a severe case of **pneumonia**.

## infectious

*adj.* able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water

*synonym*: contagious, epidemic, transmittable

(1) an **infectious** fever, (2) person's smile is **infectious**

Leprosy is an indolent **infectious** disease.

## 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.

## undoubtedly

*adv.* without a doubt; certainly; definitely

*synonym* : surely, unquestionably, indisputably

(1) **undoubtedly** successful, (2) **undoubtedly** talented

The singer's talent is **undoubtedly** one of the greatest in the music industry

## ethical

*adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

*synonym* : honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility

The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

## absence

*n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

*synonym* : dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

## spin

*v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

*synonym* : rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

## disinfectant

*n.* a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings

*synonym* : disinfecting agent, sanitizer, antiseptic

(1) **disinfectant** spray, (2) medical **disinfectant**

The hospital uses a strong **disinfectant** to clean the operating room after each surgery.

## plain

*adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

*synonym* : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

## sight

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

*synonym* : vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

## tedious

*adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

*synonym* : boring, monotonous, dull

(1) **tedious** task, (2) **tedious** routine

The work of data entry can be **tedious**, but it is important for maintaining accurate records.

## lift

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

*synonym* : raise, elevate, move up

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

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

## lid

*n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container

*synonym* : cover, top, cap

(1) container **lid**, (2) the **lid** of a box

He opened the **lid** of the jar to reveal the contents inside.

## mechanics

*n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

*synonym* : kinematics, dynamics

(1) **mechanics** equation, (2) **mechanics** of the game

He studied **mechanics** in college and now works as an engineer.

## peer

*n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

*synonym* : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.



## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a China-based jou_____st        | <i>n.</i> a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media          |
| 2. stop drinking al_____l          | <i>n.</i> a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.  |
| 3. financial ind_____nce           | <i>n.</i> freedom from another's or others' control or influence   |
| 4. make a str_____ard dash         | <i>adj.</i> easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity   |
| 5. participate in cl_____al trials | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies                            |
| 6. gl_____us movie stars           | <i>adj.</i> highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people   |
| 7. answer by te_____ph             | <i>n.</i> a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals  |
| 8. com_____ion of structure        | <i>n.</i> something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused  |
| 9. the morning se_____n            | <i>n.</i> a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity |
| 10. centimeter-g__m-second system  | <i>n.</i> a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram  |

ANSWERS: 1. journalist, 2. alcohol, 3. independence, 4. straightforward, 5. clinical, 6. glamorous, 7. telegraph, 8. complication, 9. session, 10. gram

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| 11. grab ah__d of the rope      | <i>adv.</i> to take hold of something, to grasp firmly   |
| 12. abs_____ly against          | <i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly   |
| 13. container l_d               | <i>n.</i> a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container   |
| 14. medical dis_____ant         | <i>n.</i> a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings  |
| 15. major pha_____cal companies | <i>adj.</i> relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs  |
| 16. apparent con_____ion        | <i>n.</i> the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial  |
| 17. nuclear st_____le           | <i>n.</i> a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve |
| 18. chl_____st protein          | <i>n.</i> a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.  |
| 19. dem_____te a difference     | <i>v.</i> to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience   |
| 20. fall si_____ys              | <i>adv.</i> towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle  |
| 21. on_____g support            | <i>adj.</i> continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening   |

ANSWERS: 11. ahold, 12. absolutely, 13. lid, 14. disinfectant, 15. pharmaceutical, 16. contradiction, 17. stockpile, 18. chloroplast, 19. demonstrate, 20. sideways, 21. ongoing

22. ou\_\_o him in trickery      *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
23. is\_\_\_\_\_e a patient      *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
24. aspiring te\_\_\_\_es      *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
25. a sop\_\_\_\_\_ted lifestyle      *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
26. ap\_\_\_\_\_se the situation      *v.* to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner
27. break dis\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
28. a gr\_\_h sample      *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
29. st\_\_\_\_\_le weapons      *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

ANSWERS: 22. outdo, 23. isolate, 24. techie, 25. sophisticated, 26. appraise, 27. discipline, 28. graph, 29. stockpile

30. cr\_\_t formation *n.* a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture
31. sp\_\_\_\_us evidence *adj.* false or fake; not genuine; appearing to be true but actually false; misleading
32. obs\_\_\_\_\_on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
33. di\_\_\_e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
34. neurotic sy\_\_\_\_\_ms *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
35. me\_\_\_\_\_cs equation *n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles
36. str\_\_\_\_\_ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
37. p\_\_r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
38. do on a con\_\_\_\_\_nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
39. p\_\_h restaurant *adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status

ANSWERS: 30. crust, 31. spurious, 32. observation, 33. divide, 34. symptom, 35. mechanics, 36. straightforward, 37. peer, 38. consistent, 39. posh

40. bo\_\_t a long history v. to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
41. pr\_\_\_\_\_be a drug v. (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
42. historical phe\_\_\_\_\_on n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
43. a ch\_\_\_\_\_al compound adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;
44. gr\_\_h theory n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
45. va\_\_\_\_\_e electrons n. (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship
46. an unexpected si\_\_t n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
47. us\_\_\_\_\_s information adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
48. v\_g pizza n. (a short for "vegetables") a meal or diet that is primarily composed of plant-based foods; (verb) to relax, do nothing, or pass the time in a lazy or unproductive manner;

ANSWERS: 40. boast, 41. prescribe, 42. phenomenon, 43. chemical, 44. graph, 45. valence, 46. sight, 47. useless, 48. veg

49. cell and molecular bi\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
50. sp\_\_\_\_\_r a contest      *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
51. ho\_\_\_\_\_le smell      *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
52. a rid\_\_\_\_\_us amount of money      *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
53. com\_\_\_\_\_on of foods on a caloric basis      *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
54. co\_\_\_\_\_de that he is healthy      *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
55. med\_\_\_\_\_on by mouth      *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
56. co\_\_\_\_\_ve a plan      *v.* to plan, devise, or invent something skillfully, often cleverly or cunningly; to bring about or create through careful planning or ingenuity; to scheme or plot to achieve a specific outcome
57. electronic de\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
58. an im\_\_\_\_\_nt feeling      *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
59. co\_\_\_\_\_r degree      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 49. biology, 50. sponsor, 51. horrible, 52. ridiculous, 53. comparison, 54. conclude, 55. medication, 56. contrive, 57. device, 58. impotent, 59. confer

60. sexually im\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation
61. person's smile is inf\_\_\_\_\_us *adj.* able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water
62. fuel in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act of introducing a liquid, especially a drug, into the body using a needle and a syringe
63. an al\_\_m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
64. co\_\_\_\_\_ht infringement *n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work
65. in\_\_\_\_\_te nature *adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate
66. wage sup\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
67. g\_\_u meditation *n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area
68. ps\_\_\_\_\_ic episode *adj.* relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking
69. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 60. impotent, 61. infectious, 62. injection, 63. alarm, 64. copyright, 65. inanimate, 66. supplement, 67. guru, 68. psychotic, 69. obvious

70. p\_\_t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
71. p\_\_r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
72. scientific jo\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
73. chemical va\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship
74. a scholarship ass\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
75. traditional me\_\_\_\_\_al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
76. nut\_\_\_\_\_al supplement *adj.* of or relating to the substance required by the body to maintain health and growth
77. co\_\_\_\_\_ve an excuse *v.* to plan, devise, or invent something skillfully, often cleverly or cunningly; to bring about or create through careful planning or ingenuity; to scheme or plot to achieve a specific outcome
78. ac\_\_\_\_\_ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

ANSWERS: 70. plot, 71. peer, 72. journal, 73. valence, 74. association, 75. medicinal, 76. nutritional, 77. contrive, 78. academic



79. sl\_\_\_\_ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
80. live in a cl\_\_\_\_r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
81. lack of digestive en\_\_\_\_es *n.* a substance produced by a living organism that acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction
82. lack of ox\_\_\_\_n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
83. pu\_\_e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
84. he\_\_\_\_s firm *adj.* extremely wicked or cruel; evil
85. give silent co\_\_\_\_t *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
86. travel to\_\_\_\_ry *n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo
87. la\_\_\_\_h lifestyle *adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive
88. ab\_\_\_\_te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
89. a consensual di\_\_\_\_e *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage

ANSWERS: 79. slightly, 80. cluster, 81. enzyme, 82. oxygen, 83. pulse, 84. heinous, 85. consent, 86. toiletry, 87. lavish, 88. absolute, 89. divorce

90. no\_\_\_\_\_it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
91. commercial pha\_\_\_\_\_cal products *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
92. pr\_\_\_r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
93. sch\_\_\_\_\_nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
94. patient in the pl\_\_\_\_\_o group *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
95. fr\_\_k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
96. co\_\_\_\_\_ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
97. banner he\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
98. nu\_\_\_\_\_on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
99. economic bl\_\_\_\_\_th *n.* a violent and brutal event characterized by a large-scale indiscriminate killing or slaughter; a situation or event that involves widespread destruction, chaos, or loss of life; a situation in which there is a severe or massive decline

ANSWERS: 90. nonprofit, 91. pharmaceutical, 92. prefer, 93. schizophrenia, 94. placebo, 95. freak, 96. convince, 97. headline, 98. nutrition, 99. bloodbath

100. a fine wr\_\_\_\_\_e on a fabric      *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
101. official score cer\_\_\_\_\_te      *n.* an official document stating that the information contained within is true
102. wa\_\_y value      *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
103. a rock fr\_\_k      *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
104. sch\_\_\_\_\_nia treatment      *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
105. co\_\_\_\_\_t for surgery      *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
106. il\_\_\_\_\_l drugs      *adj.* not allowed by law
107. com\_\_\_\_\_on number      *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
108. vi\_\_l for a healthy society      *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
109. manual la\_\_r      *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 100. wrinkle, 101. certificate, 102. wacky, 103. freak, 104. schizophrenia, 105. consent, 106. illegal, 107. combination, 108. vital, 109. labor

110. und\_\_\_\_\_ly talented *adv.* without a doubt; certainly; definitely
111. im\_\_\_\_\_e the test score *v.* to make or become better
112. py\_\_\_\_\_d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
113. antibiotic med\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease
114. increase sl\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
115. sp\_\_\_\_\_us argument *adj.* false or fake; not genuine; appearing to be true but actually false; misleading
116. join the mai\_\_\_\_\_am *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
117. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
118. v\_g out on the couch *n.* (a short for "vegetables") a meal or diet that is primarily composed of plant-based foods; (verb) to relax, do nothing, or pass the time in a lazy or unproductive manner;
119. make dr\_\_\_\_\_ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
120. s\_\_n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 110. undoubtedly, 111. improve, 112. pyramid, 113. medication, 114. slightly, 115. spurious, 116. mainstream, 117. government, 118. veg, 119. dramatic, 120. spin

121. whole-bo\_\_l irrigation *n.* the part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine, especially the lower intestine
122. 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
123. number of b\_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
124. a birth cer\_\_\_\_te *n.* an official document stating that the information contained within is true
125. viral pn\_\_\_\_ia *n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
126. an inf\_\_\_\_us fever *adj.* able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water
127. eat a vegetarian d\_\_t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
128. believe Bi\_\_e prophecy *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
129. human in\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
130. side effects of ris\_\_\_\_ne *n.* an antipsychotic medication used for the treatment of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and certain behavioral problems in children and adolescents

ANSWERS: 121. bowel, 122. disease, 123. bug, 124. certificate, 125. pneumonia, 126. infectious, 127. diet, 128. bible, 129. intellect, 130. risperidone

131. gadget te\_\_\_es *n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices
132. wi\_\_\_\_\_ld my laughter *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
133. un\_\_\_k a knot *v.* to carefully undo stitches, seams, or knots in fabric or other material; to take apart or dismantle something in a meticulous manner
134. art cr\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
135. imp\_\_\_\_\_ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
136. the crash test du\_\_y *n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly
137. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
138. cultural n\_\_m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
139. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
140. in\_\_\_\_\_za B strain *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

ANSWERS: 131. techie, 132. withhold, 133. unpick, 134. critic, 135. improvisation, 136. dummy, 137. industrious, 138. norm, 139. statistics, 140. influenza

141. pr\_\_\_\_t the future      *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
142. intellectual f\_\_t      *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
143. s\_\_n thread out of cotton      *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
144. ho\_\_\_\_le accident      *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
145. p\_\_p stick      *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
146. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_\_m      *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
147. dis\_\_\_\_ant spray      *n.* a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings
148. natural phe\_\_\_\_on      *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
149. vulnerable to man\_\_\_\_te      *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

ANSWERS: 141. predict, 142. feat, 143. spin, 144. horrible, 145. prop, 146. random, 147. disinfectant, 148. phenomenon, 149. manipulate

150. lab\_\_\_\_\_ry accident *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
151. pr\_\_\_\_\_t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
152. emotional p\_\_p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
153. f\_\_t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
154. he\_\_\_\_\_ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
155. be\_\_h conference *n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
156. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
157. be\_\_\_g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
158. fo\_\_\_o dessert *v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation

ANSWERS: 150. laboratory, 151. predict, 152. prop, 153. feat, 154. headline, 155. bench, 156. industrious, 157. belong, 158. forego



159. deputy pr\_\_e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
160. fo\_\_\_o the privilege *v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation
161. a dr\_\_\_\_\_ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
162. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
163. pr\_\_e number *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
164. to\_\_\_\_\_ry bag *n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo
165. the court se\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
166. a life r\_\_t *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
167. p\_\_h district *adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status

ANSWERS: 159. prime, 160. forego, 161. dramatic, 162. exclusive, 163. prime, 164. toiletry, 165. session, 166. raft, 167. posh

168. sp\_\_t a bill  
*v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
169. bi\_\_\_\_e behavior  
*adj.* very strange or unusual
170. jazz imp\_\_\_\_\_ion  
*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
171. ou\_\_o the competition  
*v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
172. l\_\_t a ban on alcohol  
*v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
173. a ne\_\_\_\_ve number  
*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
174. di\_\_\_\_\_ar without a trace  
*v.* to cease to exist or be visible
175. surgical int\_\_\_\_\_ion  
*n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
176. frozen sp\_\_\_\_\_h  
*n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger
177. genic com\_\_\_\_\_ons  
*n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
178. an in\_\_\_e scheme  
*adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

ANSWERS: 168. split, 169. bizarre, 170. improvisation, 171. outdo, 172. lift, 173. negative, 174. disappear, 175. intervention, 176. spinach, 177. combination, 178. insane

179. b\_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
180. intelligence ag\_\_\_y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
181. the hydrogen binds the ox\_\_\_n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
182. col\_\_\_\_\_ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
183. a business cor\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the letters, emails, etc., especially official or business ones; the quality or state of being the same in amount, number, status
184. us\_\_\_\_\_s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
185. be\_\_\_g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
186. ex\_\_\_c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
187. di\_\_\_\_\_t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

ANSWERS: 179. bug, 180. agency, 181. oxygen, 182. collaboration, 183. correspondence, 184. useless, 185. belong, 186. exotic, 187. distort

188. take a sn\_\_\_\_ot *n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly
189. ga\_\_\_\_c issues *adj.* relating to the stomach or the digestive system; characterized by or causing discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen
190. a s\_\_t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
191. em\_\_\_\_\_cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
192. a sys\_\_\_\_\_ic reformation *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
193. nu\_\_\_\_\_on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
194. still on\_\_\_\_\_g *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
195. have a ne\_\_\_\_ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
196. cl\_\_\_\_\_al surgery *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
197. artistic co\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work
198. a weak pu\_\_e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

ANSWERS: 188. snapshot, 189. gastric, 190. spot, 191. emergency, 192. systematic, 193. nutrition, 194. ongoing, 195. negative, 196. clinical, 197. copyright, 198. pulse

199. nontechnical as\_\_\_ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
200. co\_\_\_\_\_ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
201. one-to-one cor\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the letters, emails, etc., especially official or business ones; the quality or state of being the same in amount, number, status
202. bacterial pn\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
203. sp\_\_t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
204. a computer n\_\_d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
205. ce\_\_\_\_\_y product quality *v.* to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true
206. majority of his we\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
207. nat\_\_\_\_\_th clinic *n.* a practitioner of alternative medicine who uses natural remedies and techniques for healing and promoting wellness, often emphasizing preventive care and lifestyle changes
208. fas\_\_\_\_\_ng story *adj.* extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 199. aspect, 200. convince, 201. correspondence, 202. pneumonia, 203. split, 204. nerd, 205. certify, 206. wealth, 207. naturopath, 208. fascinating

209. stay phy_____ly fit	<i>adv.</i> in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
210. co_____t a background check	<i>v.</i> to organize and carry out a particular activity
211. ho_____rk robot	<i>n.</i> the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
212. a cr__y scheme	<i>adj.</i> stupid or not sensible; very angry
213. a me_____l opinion	<i>adj.</i> relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
214. und_____ly successful	<i>adv.</i> without a doubt; certainly; definitely
215. what an id__t	<i>n.</i> a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
216. tracking de___e	<i>n.</i> a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
217. di___e money equally	<i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
218. the gen_____on of electricity	<i>n.</i> all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
219. di_____e prevention	<i>n.</i> a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 209. physically, 210. conduct, 211. housework, 212. crazy, 213. medical, 214. undoubtedly, 215. idiot, 216. device, 217. divide, 218. generation, 219. disease

220. play a vi__l role	<i>adj.</i> necessary for the success or continued existence of something
221. me_____al chemistry	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
222. is_____e a compound	<i>v.</i> to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
223. delta pl__n	<i>adj.</i> without being decorated in any way; <i>(Noun)</i> a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
224. an epidemic outbreak of in_____za	<i>n.</i> (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
225. ra_____ze variables	<i>v.</i> to arrange or select by or depending on chance; to make something random
226. toxic ch_____als	<i>adj.</i> relating to or connected with chemistry;
227. enjoy a la___h trip abroad	<i>adj.</i> large in amount and expensive or impressive
228. int_____ing mechanism	<i>adj.</i> fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
229. be__h board	<i>n.</i> a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice
230. b__s against a big company	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 220. vital, 221. medicinal, 222. isolate, 223. plain, 224. influenza, 225. randomize, 226. chemical, 227. lavish, 228. interlocking, 229. bench, 230. bias

231. te\_\_\_\_\_ph wires *n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals
232. rigid dis\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
233. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
234. he\_\_\_\_\_s act *adj.* extremely wicked or cruel; evil
235. sp\_\_\_\_\_h salad *n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger
236. col\_\_\_\_\_ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
237. wa\_\_y plan for selling more books *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
238. r\_g a ship with new sails *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
239. an ab\_\_\_\_\_te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
240. in direct su\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

ANSWERS: 231. telegraph, 232. discipline, 233. intellect, 234. heinous, 235. spinach, 236. collaboration, 237. wacky, 238. rig, 239. absolute, 240. sunlight



241. met\_\_\_\_\_gy for optimizing *n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
242. g\_\_m amount *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
243. man\_\_\_\_\_te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
244. id\_\_t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
245. do\_\_e a blow *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
246. ca\_\_\_r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
247. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
248. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
249. consult a nat\_\_\_\_\_th *n.* a practitioner of alternative medicine who uses natural remedies and techniques for healing and promoting wellness, often emphasizing preventive care and lifestyle changes
250. 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

ANSWERS: 241. methodology, 242. gram, 243. manipulate, 244. idiot, 245. dodge, 246. cancer, 247. exclusive, 248. unfortunately, 249. naturopath, 250. develop

251. a sa\_\_\_\_\_er fish *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
252. co\_\_\_\_\_de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
253. 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
254. botanical ex\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
255. black li\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a sweet, chewy confectionery made from the dried root of the licorice plant; a flavoring made from extracts of this root, known for its distinctive black color and strong, slightly herbal taste
256. en\_\_\_\_\_e reaction *n.* a substance produced by a living organism that acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction
257. child of il\_\_\_\_\_l immigrants *adj.* not allowed by law
258. word ass\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

ANSWERS: 251. saltwater, 252. conclude, 253. develop, 254. extract, 255. licorice, 256. enzyme, 257. illegal, 258. association

259. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
260. go in\_\_\_e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
261. ca\_\_\_r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
262. l\_\_t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
263. acute em\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
264. drug pe\_\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
265. jo\_\_\_\_\_l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
266. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
267. a si\_\_\_\_\_ys market *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
268. ga\_\_\_\_\_c cancer *adj.* relating to the stomach or the digestive system; characterized by or causing discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen

ANSWERS: 259. statistics, 260. insane, 261. cancer, 262. lift, 263. emergency, 264. peddler, 265. journal, 266. obvious, 267. sideways, 268. gastric

269. the evidence of the pr_____ce	<i>n.</i>	the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
270. ind_____nce ceremony	<i>n.</i>	freedom from another's or others' control or influence
271. pr_____be in the preceding paragraph	<i>v.</i>	(of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
272. dem_____te mastery	<i>v.</i>	to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
273. class obs_____on day	<i>n.</i>	the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
274. int_____ion by foreign powers	<i>n.</i>	the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
275. co____r honor	<i>v.</i>	to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
276. pa_____t in the hospital	<i>n.</i>	a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
277. an et_____l doctrine	<i>adj.</i>	of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
278. d_t blot method	<i>n.</i>	a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
279. me_____cs of the game	<i>n.</i>	the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

ANSWERS: 269. presence, 270. independence, 271. prescribe, 272. demonstrate, 273. observation, 274. intervention, 275. confer, 276. patient, 277. ethical, 278. dot, 279. mechanics

280. a selfish de\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
281. 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
282. separatory fu\_\_\_\_l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
283. bo\_\_t of his success *v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction
284. developed sn\_\_\_\_ot *n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly
285. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
286. d\_\_p from the vicious wound *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
287. hal\_\_\_\_ol dosage *n.* a type of antipsychotic medication commonly used to treat schizophrenia, Tourette syndrome, and other mental illnesses

ANSWERS: 280. decision, 281. license, 282. funnel, 283. boast, 284. snapshot, 285. norm, 286. drip, 287. haloperidol

288. ap_____se his property	<i>v.</i>	to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner
289. light ho_____rk	<i>n.</i>	the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house
290. con_____ion of capitalism	<i>n.</i>	the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
291. cr__y about cars and racing	<i>adj.</i>	stupid or not sensible; very angry
292. ant_____ant effect	<i>n.</i>	any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
293. a minor f__w	<i>n.</i>	a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
294. antipsychotic ris_____ne	<i>n.</i>	an antipsychotic medication used for the treatment of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and certain behavioral problems in children and adolescents
295. the du_____on of insurance	<i>n.</i>	the length of time something lasts or continues
296. short du_____on	<i>n.</i>	the length of time something lasts or continues
297. the earth's cr__t	<i>n.</i>	a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture
298. as__ts of social, political, and economic life	<i>n.</i>	one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
299. bo__l ailment	<i>n.</i>	the part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine, especially the lower intestine

ANSWERS: 288. appraise, 289. housework, 290. contradiction, 291. crazy, 292. antidepressant, 293. flaw, 294. risperidone, 295. duration, 296. duration, 297. crust, 298. aspect, 299. bowel

300. have a b\_\_s toward socialism      *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
301. the l\_d of a box      *n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
302. massive bl\_\_\_\_\_th      *n.* a violent and brutal event characterized by a large-scale indiscriminate killing or slaughter; a situation or event that involves widespread destruction, chaos, or loss of life; a situation in which there is a severe or massive decline
303. pa\_\_\_\_\_t with weight loss      *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
304. de\_\_\_\_\_on authority      *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
305. pl\_\_\_\_\_o therapy      *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
306. a cl\_\_\_\_\_r of stars      *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
307. material we\_\_\_\_h      *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
308. int\_\_\_\_\_ing braid      *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

ANSWERS: 300. bias, 301. lid, 302. bloodbath, 303. patient, 304. decision, 305. placebo, 306. cluster, 307. wealth, 308. interlocking

309. sa\_\_\_\_\_er crocodile *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
310. pl\_\_n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
311. d\_\_p liquid *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
312. get con\_\_\_\_\_nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
313. di\_\_\_\_\_ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
314. a rid\_\_\_\_\_us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
315. sy\_\_\_\_\_ms of low testosterone *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
316. co\_\_\_\_\_e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
317. pr\_\_\_\_r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
318. ra\_\_\_\_\_ze the order of the numbers *v.* to arrange or select by or depending on chance; to make something random
319. n\_\_d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

ANSWERS: 309. saltwater, 310. plain, 311. drip, 312. consistent, 313. disappear, 314. ridiculous, 315. symptom, 316. compete, 317. prefer, 318. randomize, 319. nerd



320. ab\_\_\_\_e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
321. dull si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
322. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
323. a facial wr\_\_\_\_e *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
324. there is no other alt\_\_\_\_ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
325. du\_\_y address *n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly
326. connecting the d\_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
327. im\_\_\_\_e a process *v.* to make or become better
328. a brief ex\_\_\_\_t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
329. gov\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
330. abs\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 320. absence, 321. sight, 322. bunch, 323. wrinkle, 324. alternative, 325. dummy, 326. dot, 327. improve, 328. extract, 329. government, 330. absolutely

331. 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
332. sp\_\_\_\_\_r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
333. a ra\_\_\_m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
334. a passage from the Bi\_\_e *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
335. beauty s\_\_t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
336. western phi\_\_\_\_\_hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
337. bacterial chl\_\_\_\_\_ll *n.* any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms
338. ce\_\_\_\_\_y the authenticity of the painting *v.* to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true
339. sop\_\_\_\_\_ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 331. labor, 332. sponsor, 333. random, 334. bible, 335. spot, 336. philosophy, 337. chlorophyll, 338. certify, 339. sophisticated

340. his majestic pr\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
341. shoulder et\_\_\_\_\_l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
342. cancer epi\_\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events, including diseases, in specified populations, and the application of this study to the control of health problems
343. diluted al\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.
344. real estate ag\_\_\_\_y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
345. gen\_\_\_\_\_on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
346. influence pe\_\_\_\_\_rs *n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle
347. anthropology lab\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
348. give the al\_\_m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 340. presence, 341. ethical, 342. epidemiology, 343. alcohol, 344. agency, 345. generation, 346. peddler, 347. laboratory, 348. alarm

349. spiritual g\_\_u *n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area
350. the mountain's br\_\_\_t *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
351. an alt\_\_\_\_\_ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
352. evolutionary bi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
353. a no\_\_\_\_\_it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
354. do\_\_e a question *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
355. te\_\_\_\_\_s task *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature
356. take ah\_\_d of the situation *adv.* to take hold of something, to grasp firmly
357. in\_\_\_\_\_on needle *n.* the act of introducing a liquid, especially a drug, into the body using a needle and a syringe
358. ma\_\_\_\_\_al care *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
359. li\_\_\_\_\_ce flavor *n.* a sweet, chewy confectionery made from the dried root of the licorice plant; a flavoring made from extracts of this root, known for its distinctive black color and strong, slightly herbal taste

ANSWERS: 349. guru, 350. breast, 351. alternative, 352. biology, 353. nonprofit, 354. dodge, 355. tedious, 356. ahold, 357. injection, 358. maternal, 359. licorice

360. in\_\_\_\_\_te matter *adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate
361. a fu\_\_\_l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
362. epi\_\_\_\_\_ogy research *n.* the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events, including diseases, in specified populations, and the application of this study to the control of health problems
363. c\_\_p fishing *n.* a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; (verb) to complain or find fault with something repeatedly
364. di\_\_\_\_\_t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
365. ac\_\_\_\_\_it certification organizations *v.* to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause
366. false cl\_\_m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 360. inanimate, 361. funnel, 362. epidemiology, 363. carp, 364. distort, 365. accredit, 366. claim

367. cast gl\_\_\_\_\_us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
368. long-term hal\_\_\_\_\_ol use *n.* a type of antipsychotic medication commonly used to treat schizophrenia, Tourette syndrome, and other mental illnesses
369. chl\_\_\_\_\_st DNA *n.* a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.
370. br\_\_\_t cancer *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
371. temporary me\_\_\_\_\_l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
372. the story is bi\_\_\_\_\_e *adj.* very strange or unusual
373. severe cr\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
374. a r\_\_t for carrying horses *n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer
375. co\_\_\_\_\_t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
376. bit of nut\_\_\_\_\_al yeast *adj.* of or relating to the substance required by the body to maintain health and growth
377. r\_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

ANSWERS: 367. glamorous, 368. haloperidol, 369. chloroplast, 370. breast, 371. medical, 372. bizarre, 373. critic, 374. raft, 375. conduct, 376. nutritional, 377. rub

378. the f\_\_w in the legislation *n.* a fault, mistake, or weakness that causes something not to be perfect
379. receive a na\_\_y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
380. mai\_\_\_\_\_am political beliefs *n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people
381. do\_\_\_\_\_al program *adj.* of or relating to doctorate (= the highest degree from a university) or the achievement of a doctorate
382. on the ma\_\_\_\_\_al side *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
383. bo\_\_d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
384. resolve without com\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
385. do\_\_\_\_\_al research *adj.* of or relating to doctorate (= the highest degree from a university) or the achievement of a doctorate
386. a na\_\_y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
387. ps\_\_\_\_\_ic medication *adj.* relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking
388. sys\_\_\_\_\_ic botany *adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:
389. te\_\_\_\_\_s routine *adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

ANSWERS: 378. flaw, 379. nasty, 380. mainstream, 381. doctoral, 382. maternal, 383. bound, 384. complication, 385. doctoral, 386. nasty, 387. psychotic, 388. systematic, 389. tedious

390. jou\_\_\_\_\_st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
391. t\_\_s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
392. phi\_\_\_\_\_hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
393. ex\_\_\_c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
394. D\_\_t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
395. cl\_\_m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
396. gastric ul\_\_r *n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems
397. a leave of ab\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 390. journalist, 391. toss, 392. philosophy, 393. exotic, 394. diet, 395. claim, 396. ulcer, 397. absence



398. a bu\_\_h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
399. use of dietary sup\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
400. r\_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
401. p\_\_t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
402. wi\_\_\_\_\_ld payment *v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested
403. chl\_\_\_\_\_ll pigment *n.* any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms
404. un\_\_\_k a situation *v.* to carefully undo stitches, seams, or knots in fabric or other material; to take apart or dismantle something in a meticulous manner
405. research met\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
406. co\_\_\_\_\_e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
407. ease of com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
408. mouth ul\_\_r *n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

ANSWERS: 398. bunch, 399. supplement, 400. rub, 401. plot, 402. withhold, 403. chlorophyll, 404. unpick, 405. methodology, 406. compete, 407. comparison, 408. ulcer

409. ac\_\_\_\_it a course v. to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause
410. a truncated py\_\_\_\_d n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
411. an ac\_\_\_\_ic discussion adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
412. c\_\_p at the issue n. a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; (verb) to complain or find fault with something repeatedly
413. even more unf\_\_\_\_ely adv. by bad luck; unluckily
414. bo\_\_ded with delight v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
415. 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
416. t\_\_s the bottle into a trash can v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

ANSWERS: 409. accredit, 410. pyramid, 411. academic, 412. carp, 413. unfortunately, 414. bound, 415. license, 416. toss

417. an ant\_\_\_\_\_ant drug *n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
418. phy\_\_\_\_\_ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
419. r\_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts
420. a glare of su\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
421. di\_\_\_\_\_e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
422. completely fas\_\_\_\_\_ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting

ANSWERS: 417. antidepressant, 418. physically, 419. rig, 420. sunlight, 421. divorce, 422. fascinating

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The birds \_\_\_\_\_ open water areas with reeds around them.  
*v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
2. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.  
*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
3. She gave money to help set up a \_\_\_\_\_ laboratory.  
*adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
4. Federal bankruptcy laws \_\_\_\_\_ the reorganization process.  
*v.* (of a doctor) to advise and order the use of particular medicine or treatment for someone, especially in writing; to issue commands or orders for something
5. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
6. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ ties between our two countries.  
*v.* to make or become better
7. The engagement of the two golf players became \_\_\_\_\_ news.  
*n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
8. How much is it per one hundred \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
9. He has earned \_\_\_\_\_ praise for his achievement.  
*adj.* large in amount and expensive or impressive

ANSWERS: 1. prefer, 2. decision, 3. pharmaceutical, 4. prescribed, 5. laboratory, 6. improve, 7. headline, 8. grams?, 9. lavish

10. The south coast is less \_\_\_\_\_ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.  
*adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
11. How can you \_\_\_\_\_ that the earth is a sphere?  
*v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
12. We have finally lost our last \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
13. The couple decided to get a \_\_\_\_\_ after many years of marriage.  
*n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.  
*n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
15. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the stitches on this shirt to fix the tear.  
*v.* to carefully undo stitches, seams, or knots in fabric or other material; to take apart or dismantle something in a meticulous manner
16. His professional experience includes all \_\_\_\_\_ of media production.  
*n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
17. Marketing strategies are growing more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

ANSWERS: 10. glamorous, 11. demonstrate, 12. prop, 13. divorce, 14. plot, 15. unpick, 16. aspects, 17. sophisticated

18. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the \_\_\_\_\_ suspect.  
*adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
19. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
20. The partnership program requires a mutual \_\_\_\_\_ between both agencies.  
*n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
21. The psychiatrist prescribed \_\_\_\_\_ to manage the patient's schizophrenia symptoms.  
*n.* a type of antipsychotic medication commonly used to treat schizophrenia, Tourette syndrome, and other mental illnesses
22. After eating spicy food, some people experience \_\_\_\_\_ distress like heartburn and indigestion.  
*adj.* relating to the stomach or the digestive system; characterized by or causing discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen
23. This food contains all the \_\_\_\_\_ your dog requires.  
*n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
24. There is nothing more valuable than \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom.  
*n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
25. The government decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the release of sensitive information.  
*v.* to not give or grant something due, expected, or requested

ANSWERS: 18. prime, 19. critics, 20. collaboration, 21. haloperidol, 22. gastric, 23. nutrition, 24. independence, 25. withhold

26. The truth was more \_\_\_\_\_ than expected.

*adj.* very strange or unusual

27. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

28. She had a very \_\_\_\_\_ instinct towards her newborn baby.

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

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

30. The bread's \_\_\_\_\_ was golden brown and crispy.

*n.* a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture

31. The singer's talent is \_\_\_\_\_ one of the greatest in the music industry

*adv.* without a doubt; certainly; definitely

32. The ventriloquist's \_\_\_\_\_ was incredibly lifelike and entertaining.

*n.* a model or imitation of something that is used as a substitute; a person who is perceived as lacking intelligence or acting foolishly

33. His thinking is \_\_\_\_\_ in the country's culture.

*n.* the ideas, opinions, beliefs, etc., that are considered normal or accepted by most people

ANSWERS: 26. bizarre, 27. statistics, 28. maternal, 29. alarm, 30. crust, 31. undoubtedly, 32. dummy, 33. mainstream

34. We have to use a \_\_\_\_\_ to pour petrol into the tank.

- n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

35. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

36. He had surgery to remove a portion of his small \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the part of the alimentary canal below the stomach; the intestine, especially the lower intestine

37. The war turned into a brutal \_\_\_\_\_ claiming the lives of countless soldiers.

- n.* a violent and brutal event characterized by a large-scale indiscriminate killing or slaughter; a situation or event that involves widespread destruction, chaos, or loss of life; a situation in which there is a severe or massive decline

38. You are not \_\_\_\_\_ in your behavior.

- adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

39. 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

40. The government \_\_\_\_\_ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

- n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

ANSWERS: 34. funnel, 35. plain, 36. bowel, 37. bloodbath, 38. consistent, 39. disease, 40. agency



41. The condo offers \_\_\_\_\_ access to the beach.

*adj.* not divided or shared with others

42. Even the slightest design \_\_\_\_\_ in an aircraft can lead to a fatal accident.

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

43. Canada \_\_\_\_\_ on the United States.

*v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

44. A \_\_\_\_\_ of grapes hung from the vine.

*n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

45. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

46. The real estate agent will \_\_\_\_\_ the value of your property before listing it.

*v.* to assess or evaluate the value, quality, or condition of something or someone, often in a professional or organized manner

47. He acted like an \_\_\_\_\_ and spilled his drink all over the floor.

*n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

48. There is a clear association between \_\_\_\_\_ consumption and cognitive decline.

*n.* a clear liquid that can make people drunk and is used in medicines, cleaning products, etc.

ANSWERS: 41. exclusive, 42. flaw, 43. bounds, 44. cluster, 45. industrious, 46. appraise, 47. idiot, 48. alcohol

49. The \_\_\_\_\_ puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

50. He studied \_\_\_\_\_ in college and now works as an engineer.

*n.* the branch of physics that deals with the study of motion, forces, and energy; (mechanic) someone whose occupation is repairing and maintaining automobiles

51. I bought some \_\_\_\_\_ candy from the store.

*n.* a sweet, chewy confectionery made from the dried root of the licorice plant; a flavoring made from extracts of this root, known for its distinctive black color and strong, slightly herbal taste

52. It is an incredible \_\_\_\_\_ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

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

53. Our company hired a \_\_\_\_\_ consultant to help us improve our website's functionality.

*n.* a person who is highly skilled or knowledgeable in the field of technology, particularly with computers or electronic devices

54. We \_\_\_\_\_ a cease-fire.

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

55. 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

ANSWERS: 49. interlocking, 50. mechanics, 51. licorice, 52. feat, 53. techie, 54. concluded, 55. license

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.

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

57. 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

58. A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and \_\_\_\_\_ effects.

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

59. The local health store offers a range of \_\_\_\_\_ supplements.

*n.* a practitioner of alternative medicine who uses natural remedies and techniques for healing and promoting wellness, often emphasizing preventive care and lifestyle changes

60. There were framed \_\_\_\_\_ of family and friends in her room.

*n.* an informal photograph, especially one taken quickly

61. The writer made \_\_\_\_\_ claims in their article, unsupported by any evidence.

*adj.* false or fake; not genuine; appearing to be true but actually false; misleading

62. The passenger grabbed for the \_\_\_\_\_ mask.

*n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

63. The \_\_\_\_\_ crime shocked the whole community.

*adj.* extremely wicked or cruel; evil

ANSWERS: 56. wealth, 57. medical, 58. placebo, 59. naturopath-approved, 60. snapshots, 61. spurious, 62. oxygen, 63. heinous

64. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

65. It would be best if you \_\_\_\_\_ out all those old magazines.

*v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion

66. The \_\_\_\_\_ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

*n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

67. The statement had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on house prices.

*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

68. The pharmacist not only prescribes the \_\_\_\_\_ but also guides its proper use.

*n.* a drug or other form of medicine that treats, prevents, or alleviates the symptoms of the disease

69. An excellent historian must possess an \_\_\_\_\_ mentality.

*adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

70. He \_\_\_\_\_ the game so he could win the prize.

*v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

71. This bar \_\_\_\_\_ shows sales over the past five years.

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

ANSWERS: 64. negative, 65. tossed, 66. schizophrenia, 67. dramatic, 68. medication, 69. academic, 70. rigged, 71. graph

72. In the hospital, she will remain under constant \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
73. You must \_\_\_\_\_ with others to obtain this position.
- v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
74. He grilled the \_\_\_\_\_ meat of a chicken.
- n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
75. She was hospitalized with a severe case of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
76. The hospital uses a strong \_\_\_\_\_ to clean the operating room after each surgery.
- n.* a substance used to destroy germs or bacteria on surfaces, often used in medical or cleaning settings
77. Among young people, \_\_\_\_\_ pressure can be pretty influential.
- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
78. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his rival by breaking the world record.
- v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
79. The \_\_\_\_\_ value of the food should be clearly labeled on the packaging.
- adj.* of or relating to the substance required by the body to maintain health and growth

ANSWERS: 72. observation, 73. compete, 74. breast, 75. pneumonia, 76. disinfectant, 77. peer, 78. outdo, 79. nutritional

80. I am considering what I should do to \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
*v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
81. As a witness, I can \_\_\_\_\_ his innocence.  
*v.* to formally state, especially in writing, that something is true
82. The old, rusty tools were now \_\_\_\_\_ and had to be thrown away.  
*adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
83. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.  
*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
84. She \_\_\_\_\_ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.  
*v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
85. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.  
*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
86. The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the \_\_\_\_\_ economic crisis.  
*adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
87. She gave her \_\_\_\_\_ to the company's proposal.  
*n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
88. I like to keep a variety of fresh \_\_\_\_ in my fridge to make healthy meals easily.  
*n.* (a short for "vegetables") a meal or diet that is primarily composed of plant-based foods; (verb) to relax, do nothing, or pass the time in a lazy or unproductive manner;

ANSWERS: 80. convince, 81. certify, 82. useless, 83. obvious, 84. rubbed, 85. alternative, 86. ongoing, 87. consent, 88. veg

89. He also continued to struggle with serious long-term \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something that makes a situation or condition that is complex or confused
90. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
91. 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
92. The firm has grown into a large \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing.
- adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
93. The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
94. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
95. The younger \_\_\_\_\_ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
- n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
96. The rubber \_\_\_\_\_ was swept out to sea.
- n.* a flat structure, usually made of logs or planks, that can be used for transport or as a platform for swimmer

ANSWERS: 89. complications, 90. pulse, 91. government, 92. chemical, 93. influenza, 94. intellect, 95. generation, 96. raft

97. The experience was \_\_\_\_\_ and left a lasting impression.

*adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

98. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ the oncoming traffic to cross the busy street safely.

*v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep

99. She didn't mind doing the \_\_\_\_\_ as long as it kept her busy and productive.

*n.* the tasks involved in cleaning and maintaining a house

100. The drought \_\_\_\_\_ the prices of grain globally.

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

101. The patient displays a \_\_\_\_\_ of a side effect.

*n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

102. Companies often \_\_\_\_\_ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

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

103. The military incarcerated him for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the war.

*n.* the length of time something lasts or continues

104. 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

ANSWERS: 97. horrible, 98. dodge, 99. housework, 100. lifted, 101. symptom, 102. split, 103. duration, 104. injection



105. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink \_\_\_\_\_ on a white surface.

*n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

106. The farmer had a huge \_\_\_\_\_ of hay for the winter.

*n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

107. A deficiency in the \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to a medical condition.

*n.* a substance produced by a living organism that acts as a catalyst to bring about a specific biochemical reaction

108. The CEO's office was decorated in a \_\_\_\_\_ and elegant style.

*adj.* elegant, fashionable, or luxurious, often to an excessive or ostentatious degree; associated with the upper classes or a high level of social status

109. We are developing a new \_\_\_\_\_ for assessing marketing measures.

*n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something

110. The physician is reading the \_\_\_\_\_ related to medicine

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

111. Parliament is now in \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

112. I was able to get \_\_\_\_\_ of the concert tickets before they sold out.

*adv.* to take hold of something, to grasp firmly

ANSWERS: 105. dots, 106. stockpile, 107. enzyme, 108. posh, 109. methodology, 110. journals, 111. session, 112. ahold

113. The president declared a state of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

114. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as \_\_\_\_\_ but was later proven correct.

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

115. The president must have the highest \_\_\_\_\_ standards.

*adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

116. She received special \_\_\_\_\_ training at the hospital.

*adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

117. Certain \_\_\_\_\_ may promote tumor growth.

*n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it

118. The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystem downstream.

*adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea

119. The defendant gave a \_\_\_\_\_ and accurate description of the accident.

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

120. The stress of the job caused him to develop an \_\_\_\_\_ in his stomach.

*n.* a sore or erosion in the skin or mucous membrane, often caused by infection or inflammation; a persistent, painful cavity in the stomach or intestinal wall that can lead to digestive problems

ANSWERS: 113. emergency, 114. ridiculous, 115. ethical, 116. clinical, 117. supplements, 118. saltwater, 119. straightforward, 120. ulcer

121. The study participants were \_\_\_\_\_ into two groups to control for bias.  
*v.* to arrange or select by or depending on chance; to make something random
122. Ethics is a branch of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
123. The university will \_\_\_\_\_ the new college if it meets its standards.  
*v.* to give official recognition or approval to an individual, organization, or educational institution; to attribute something to a particular source or cause
124. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.  
*v.* to cease to exist or be visible
125. A balanced \_\_\_\_\_ is more important for health than supplements.  
*n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
126. His statement was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ that made it difficult to take seriously.  
*n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
127. The weather turned \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
128. The museum houses a \_\_\_\_\_ collection of Celtic artifacts.  
*adj.* extremely interesting
129. Foreign TV crews and \_\_\_\_\_ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.  
*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 121. randomized, 122. philosophy, 123. accredit, 124. disappear, 125. diet, 126. contradictions, 127. nasty, 128. fascinating, 129. journalists

130. This suit is made of \_\_\_\_\_ material.

*n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

131. The tornado is \_\_\_\_\_ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

*v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

132. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.

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

133. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ 123321 by eleven?

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

134. She is pursuing a \_\_\_\_\_ degree in psychology to become a licensed therapist.

*adj.* of or relating to doctorate (= the highest degree from a university) or the achievement of a doctorate

135. Having a \_\_\_\_\_ healthy physique is essential for a great life.

*adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

136. Radiation from \_\_\_\_\_ has a different wavelength.

*n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

137. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 130. wrinkle-proof, 131. spinning, 132. absolutely, 133. divide, 134. doctoral, 135. physically, 136. sunlight, 137. absence

138. I found a stink \_\_\_\_ crawling across the ceiling.

*n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

139. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in \_\_\_\_\_ class.

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

140. The \_\_\_\_\_ object was not capable of movement or feeling.

*adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate

141. 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

142. Please tell me how to \_\_\_\_\_ this computer.

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

143. The company is taking legal action against those who have violated their \_\_\_\_\_ on the software.

*n.* the legal right to be the only person or organization who can reproduce, publish, and sell a particular piece of work

144. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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

145. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the street corner sold fresh fruits and vegetables from his cart.

*n.* a person who sells goods, typically of low value or quality, by traveling from place to place on foot or by vehicle

ANSWERS: 138. bug, 139. biology, 140. inanimate, 141. labor, 142. manipulate, 143. copyright, 144. medicinal, 145. peddler

146. \_\_\_\_\_ membranes are incredibly vulnerable to damage by oxygen radicals produced as a byproduct of photochemistry.
- n.* a type of membrane-bound organelle that conducts photosynthesis in plant and algal cells.
147. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
148. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
149. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
150. The psychiatrist adjusted the patient's medication dosage of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an antipsychotic medication used for the treatment of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and certain behavioral problems in children and adolescents
151. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the expensive advertising campaign and instead rely on word of mouth.
- v.* to precede or go before something in time or order; to give up, relinquish or do without something, usually by choice or obligation
152. Fresh \_\_\_\_\_ is a good source of vitamins and minerals.
- n.* a leafy green vegetable with a slightly bitter taste and high nutritional value, often used in salads or cooked dishes, and also famously associated with the cartoon character Popeye, who claimed eating spinach made him stronger

ANSWERS: 146. Chloroplast, 147. predict, 148. confer, 149. nerd, 150. risperidone, 151. forego, 152. spinach

153. All the books in this section \_\_\_\_\_ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
154. He opened the \_\_\_\_ of the jar to reveal the contents inside.
- n.* a removable or hinged cover for the top of a container
155. She researched gender \_\_\_\_\_ in politics.
- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
156. The path to a solid online \_\_\_\_\_ necessitates a high technical ability.
- n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
157. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the safe was a secret.
- n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
158. The fisherman showed off his biggest \_\_\_\_\_ catch of the day.
- n.* a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; (verb) to complain or find fault with something repeatedly
159. The doctor carefully examined the \_\_\_\_\_ medical history.
- n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
160. This town \_\_\_\_\_ a national park.
- v.* to talk about someone's accomplishments, wealth, or abilities excessively with undue pride and self-satisfaction

ANSWERS: 153. belong, 154. lid, 155. bias, 156. presence, 157. combination, 158. carp, 159. patient's, 160. boasts

161. She glanced \_\_\_\_\_ at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.  
*adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
162. I love trying \_\_\_\_\_ foods from different cultures.  
*adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
163. He quickly learned the military \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
164. He moved his body \_\_\_\_\_ to the left.  
*adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
165. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
166. His membership in the \_\_\_\_\_ provided him with numerous benefits.  
*n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
167. You should not \_\_\_\_\_ them from the community.  
*v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
168. I've included the two designs for a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

ANSWERS: 161. sideways, 162. exotic, 163. discipline, 164. slightly, 165. bible, 166. association, 167. isolate, 168. comparison



169. Her husband's death caused her to experience a \_\_\_\_\_ break.

*adj.* relating to or characterized by a loss of touch with reality; exhibiting or suffering from a severe mental disorder characterized by delusions, hallucinations, or disordered thinking

170. Science is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ classification of experience.

*adj.* done or acting according to a determined set of systems or plans:

171. The \_\_\_\_\_ of influenza has been well studied over the years, leading to the development of effective vaccines and treatment strategies.

*n.* the study of the distribution and determinants of health-related states or events, including diseases, in specified populations, and the application of this study to the control of health problems

172. Many famous \_\_\_\_\_ are within walking distance.

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

173. Our law firm also focuses on \_\_\_\_\_ activities.

*adj.* not established for commercial profit

174. \_\_\_\_\_ utilizes sunlight to create sugars.

*n.* any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms

175. This remote \_\_\_\_\_ is rarely visited.

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

176. Leprosy is an indolent \_\_\_\_\_ disease.

*adj.* able to be passed quickly from one person, animal, or plant to another, especially through air or water

ANSWERS: 169. psychotic, 170. systematic, 171. epidemiology, 172. sights, 173. nonprofit, 174. Chlorophyll, 175. spot, 176. infectious

177. Her excessive demands drove me \_\_\_\_\_.

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

178. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

179. His friend was a pretty wild and \_\_\_\_\_ character.

*adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way

180. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.

*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

181. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

182. This \_\_\_\_\_ does not require the patient's consent.

*n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

183. The work of data entry can be \_\_\_\_\_ but it is important for maintaining accurate records.

*adj.* tiresome or boring because of being repetitive, dull, or too long; causing mental or physical fatigue due to its unrelenting nature

184. Anesthetize the gum before \_\_\_\_\_ the teeth.

*n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 177. insane, 178. norms, 179. wacky, 180. random, 181. unfortunately, 182. intervention, 183. tedious, 184. extracting

185. The \_\_\_\_\_ service was interrupted for a while.

- n.* a method of long-distance transmission of messages by electrical or radio signals

186. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

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

187. I always carry a backup \_\_\_\_\_ in case my phone runs out of battery.

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

188. He received a \_\_\_\_\_ in computer programming from the local college.

- n.* an official document stating that the information contained within is true

189. The results of the two experiments were in \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the letters, emails, etc., especially official or business ones; the quality or state of being the same in amount, number, status

190. He was considered a \_\_\_\_\_ in economics and consulted by many leaders.

- n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area

191. Gandhi had an \_\_\_\_\_ zeal for nonviolence.

- adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

192. He always finds a way to \_\_\_\_\_ a clever solution to any problem.

- v.* to plan, devise, or invent something skillfully, often cleverly or cunningly; to bring about or create through careful planning or ingenuity; to scheme or plot to achieve a specific outcome

ANSWERS: 185. telegraph, 186. bunch, 187. device, 188. certificate, 189. correspondence, 190. guru, 191. absolute, 192. contrive

193. Modern medicine was largely \_\_\_\_\_ against the disease.

*adj.* lacking power or ability to change things or to influence a situation

194. The \_\_\_\_\_ of an atom determines its chemical properties.

*n.* (of chemistry and physics) the bonding capacity or electron-attracting power of an atom or molecule; (of psychology and sociology) the emotional value or intensity involved in a particular experience or relationship

195. The \_\_\_\_\_ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

*n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected

196. I sat on the \_\_\_\_\_ in the park and enjoyed the beautiful scenery.

*n.* a long, flat surface, often elevated and supported by legs, used for sitting, working, or displaying objects; persons who administer justice

197. Breast \_\_\_\_\_ is the most common type of cancer in women.

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

198. 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

199. Perseverance and optimism are \_\_\_\_\_ to success.

*adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something

200. She has been taking \_\_\_\_\_ since her baby died.

*n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry

ANSWERS: 193. impotent, 194. valence, 195. freak, 196. bench, 197. cancer, 198. develop, 199. vital, 200. antidepressants

201. A rainbow is a natural \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

202. The customs agents seized the \_\_\_\_\_ shipment.

- adj.* not allowed by law

203. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.

- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

204. Economists contend that taxes \_\_\_\_\_ consumer behavior in general.

- v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

205. Our company \_\_\_\_\_ numerous disabled athletes.

- v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

206. Remember to pack your \_\_\_\_\_ goods when you go on vacation, or you'll have to repurchase them.

- n.* items used for personal grooming and hygiene, such as soap, toothbrush, and shampoo

207. Water is \_\_\_\_\_ from the faucet.

- v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

208. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.

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

ANSWERS: 201. phenomenon, 202. illegal, 203. crazy, 204. distort, 205. sponsors, 206. toiletry, 207. dripping, 208. claim

209. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.

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

210. Police will \_\_\_\_\_ random breath testing for drunk driving.

- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

211. The Egyptian \_\_\_\_\_ consist of a vast number of blocks.

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

ANSWERS: 209. improvisation, 210. conduct, 211. pyramids