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Session 1: Word List

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

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.

polio

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

synonym : poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

vaccine

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

synonym : vaccinum

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

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

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

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

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

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

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.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused

panic in the financial markets.

lung

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

(1) **lung** capacity, (2) do **lung** transplantation

He has terminal **lung** cancer.

virus

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

synonym: bacterium, germ, ailment

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

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

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

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.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack
The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather
He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

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.

hail

v. to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the

form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
synonym : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast
People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym : wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

smallpox

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

synonym : variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine

An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

partnership

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

synonym : alliance, participation, cooperation

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

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

graphic

adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful

synonym : illustrative, picturesque, visual

(1) **graphic** design, (2) a **graphic** description of an accident

The **graphic** novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

outbreak

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

synonym: eruption, outburst, explosion

(1) infectious disease **outbreaks**, (2) the **outbreak** of hostilities

The government predicts an epidemic **outbreak** of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym: hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym: arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**

We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of

commerce

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

jet

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

synonym: plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

cripple

v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

synonym: disable, impair, paralyze

(1) **cripple** economy, (2) **cripple** opposition

The injury was severe enough to **cripple** the athlete's chances of playing again this season.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

poliomyelitis

n. a viral disease caused by the poliovirus, often affecting the nervous system and leading to paralysis (= being unable to move the body) or muscle weakness

synonym: polio, infantile paralysis

(1) **poliomyelitis** vaccine, (2) paralytic **poliomyelitis**

Before the vaccine was developed, many countries experienced widespread outbreaks of **poliomyelitis**.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

snuff

n. finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense;
(verb) to extinguish or put out

synonym: tobacco, powder, dust

(1) **snuff** out the candle, (2) flavored **snuff**

He reached into his pocket and pulled out a small silver **snuff** box.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym: lasting, ceaseless, endless

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

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

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

wipe

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

synonym : clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water

Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

synonym : enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

payoff

n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

synonym : reward, compensation, return

(1) financial **payoff**, (2) emotional **payoff**

The **payoff** for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.

economy

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

synonym : finance, trade, business

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

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

humanitarian

adj. something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

synonym : philanthropic, compassionate, caring

(1) **humanitarian** crisis, (2) a truly **humanitarian** act

The organization is dedicated to providing **humanitarian** aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym : inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

congressperson

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

synonym : lawmaker, politician, representative

(1) hawkish **congressperson**, (2) former **congressperson**

The term of a **congressperson** is two years.

invest

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

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

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

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

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.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym: impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

stake

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

synonym: share, interest, post

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

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

infect

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

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym: sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job
Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym: delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

synonym: decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym: proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

vial

n. a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume

synonym: container, bottle, flask

(1) glass **vials**, (2) insulin **vial**

This medication is sealed in a **vial**.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym : endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

telltale

adj. revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something

synonym : revealing, indicative, suggestive

(1) **telltale** evidence, (2) **telltale** heart

The **telltale** signs of a dishonest employee were missing files and constant delay.

rash

n. any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences

synonym : hives, inflammation, roseola

(1) develop a **rash**, (2) prevent diaper **rash**

The strong sunlight brought her out in an itchy **rash**.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue
Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

coordinated

adj. effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

synonym : collective, unified, cooperative

(1) in a **coordinated** manner, (2) **coordinated** robot system
For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better **coordinated**.

peacetime

n. the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war

synonym : peace, non-war, non-conflict

(1) **peacetime** era, (2) **peacetime** treaty

Tensions were high during wartime, but the countries were friendly in **peacetime**.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

dive

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

synonym : dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff

The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

headlong

adv. with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution

synonym : recklessly, impulsively, precipitously

(1) continue **headlong** into a risky business, (2) fall **headlong**

He stumbled **headlong** down the stairs, tumbling to the bottom.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym: heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

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

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

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

trek

n. a long and difficult journey, typically on foot

synonym: journey, expedition, hike

(1) horseback **trek**, (2) **trek** expedition

He was preparing for a long **trek** through the mountains.

swelter

v. to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable

synonym: simmer, roast, bake

(1) **swelter** in their bulletproof vests, (2) **swelter** under the scorching sun

The heat was so intense that it made us **swelter**.

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.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym: projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

cease

v. to stop an action or event

synonym: stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

truce

n. a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement

synonym: ceasefire, armistice, peace

(1) temporary **truce**, (2) break a **truce**

The two sides agreed to a **truce** and set down their weapons.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

aid *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
synonym: helper, resource, assistance
(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs
Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

heroic *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
synonym: brave, courageous, daring
(1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers
The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.

hero *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
synonym: champion, protagonist, savior
(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**
The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

background *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
synonym: ground, experience, backdrop
(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**
The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

rotary *adj.* relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion
synonym: circular, revolving, spinning

(1) **rotary** motion, (2) **rotary** tool

The **rotary** engine is known for its smooth and efficient operation.

infrastructure

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

synonym: foundation, framework

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

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

striking

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

synonym: arresting, astonishing, exceptional

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

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

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym: diminution, decrease, cutback

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

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

pandemic

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

synonym : outbreak

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

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

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**.

vitamin

n. any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body

synonym : nutrient, micronutrient, dietary supplement

(1) rich in **vitamin D**, (2) **vitamin** deficiency

Vitamin C is important for immune system function and skin health.

measles

n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

synonym : rash, red measles, rubella

(1) **measles** outbreak, (2) **measles** vaccine

The school sent a notice of a **measles** case in one of the classrooms.

malaria

n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

(1) **malaria** mosquitoes, (2) **malaria-endemic** area

Many people in tropical countries die from **malaria** every year.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

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

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

irrespective

adv. without taking something into account; regardless of

synonym : heedless, inattentive, regardless

(1) **irrespective** of age, (2) **irrespective** of his will

Our company hires **irrespective** of national origin.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym : deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

ancient

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

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

stronghold

n. a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations

synonym : fortress, bastion, citadel

(1) the last **stronghold**, (2) **stronghold** bastion

The castle served as a **stronghold** for the kingdom, protecting against invaders.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

reservoir

n. a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something

synonym : pool, supply, repertoire

(1) a **reservoir** of facts, (2) water **reservoir**

The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground **reservoir**.

grip

n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

synonym : grasp, clasp, (verb) hold

(1) **grip** of fear, (2) lose my **grip**

He had a firm **grip** on the rope as he climbed the mountain.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym : courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

frustration

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

synonym: disappointment, discouragement, dissatisfaction

(1) **frustration** level, (2) express **frustration**

He felt a deep **frustration** as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

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

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

seductive

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

synonym: alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

synonym: assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym : harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym : creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

crutch

n. a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility

synonym : brace, support, prop

(1) **crutch** support, (2) emotional **crutch**

He walked with the aid of a **crutch** after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

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

nursery

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

synonym : playroom, greenhouse, conservatory

(1) day **nursery**, (2) **nursery** school

I work at the breeding **nursery**, where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

rhyme

n. a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and

songwriting

synonym : verse, poetry, meter

(1) **rhyme** poem, (2) write in **rhyme**

The poem had a consistent **rhyme** scheme throughout.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

strike

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

synonym : hit, impact, influence

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

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

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym : haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

vain

adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful

synonym : conceited, narcissistic, egotistic

(1) **vain** hope, (2) **vain** pursuit

He is in **vain** searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

buckle

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

synonym : bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

satellite

n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

synonym : orbiter, asteroid, moon

(1) a GPS **satellite**, (2) a meteorological **satellite**

Launching an artificial **satellite** contributed to the technological development of our country.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

basin

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

synonym : watershed, bowl

(1) inland **basin**, (2) the **basin** of the Great Salt Lake

Many of the lakes and marshes in the **basin** are mildly salty.

tradition

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

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

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

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

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

risk

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

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

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.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his

commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym: discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

committee

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

synonym: panel, board, council

(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member

The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.

tactics

n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

synonym: strategy, maneuvers, plan

(1) blitz **tactics**, (2) political **tactics**

The marketing team developed new **tactics** to boost sales.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym: crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

buck

n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

synonym: dollar, money, currency

(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**

I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

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.

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.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

crew

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

synonym : team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

berserk

adj. in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner

synonym : crazed, frenzied, wild

(1) run **berserk**, (2) a **berserk** rage

The fans went **berserk** when their team scored the winning goal in the game's final seconds.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym : load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

sanitation

n. the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner

synonym: cleanliness, hygiene, sterilization

(1) **sanitation** standards, (2) poor **sanitation**

Sanitation workers play a critical role in keeping our cities clean and healthy.

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.

doable

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

synonym: realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.

stark

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

synonym: crude, blunt, desolate

(1) **stark** landscape, (2) **stark** truth

The scenery of the battlefield was **stark** and grey.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym: fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market
That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym: bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

enthusiasm

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

synonym: eagerness, zeal, willingness

(1) unflagging **enthusiasm**, (2) lose **enthusiasm**

We are tackling the development for updates with **enthusiasm**.

economical

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

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal
It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

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

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

crossroad

n. a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

synonym: intersection, junction, fork

(1) critical **crossroad**, (2) major **crossroad**

I'm at a career **crossroads** and unsure which path to take.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

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

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

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym: section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

blink

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

synonym: twinkle, flash, flicker

(1) **blink** his eyes, (2) **blink** in astonishment

He **blinked** in the dazzling sunlight.

gap

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

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

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

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

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.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

Session 2: Spelling

1. un___d the stroller
v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
2. pe_____me era
n. the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war
3. ext_____ary weather
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
4. get inc_____ly insecure
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
5. rh__e poem
n. a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
6. W__e off dirt
v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
7. con_____ce as a teacher
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
8. te_____y people
v. to frighten someone very much
9. ind_____us student
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
10. do_____ad files from the Internet
v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

ANSWERS: 1. unfold, 2. peacetime, 3. extraordinary, 4. incredibly, 5. rhyme, 6. wipe, 7. confidence, 8. terrify, 9. industrious, 10. download

11. det_____te at a slow pace *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
12. write in rh__e *n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting
13. eq___y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
14. poor san_____on *n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner
15. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
16. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
17. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
18. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
19. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
20. ro___y tool *adj.* relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion

ANSWERS: 11. deteriorate, 12. rhyme, 13. equity, 14. sanitation, 15. gap, 16. aid, 17. device, 18. involve, 19. absolutely, 20. rotary

21. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
22. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
23. cr_____e opposition *v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
24. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
25. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
26. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
27. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
28. cap_____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
29. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
30. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 21. panic, 22. continent, 23. cripple, 24. nation, 25. paralyze, 26. abandon, 27. vast, 28. capitalize, 29. origin, 30. terrify

31. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
32. re_____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
33. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
34. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
35. fall he_____ng *adv.* with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution
36. sm_____ox epidemic *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
37. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
38. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
39. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
40. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
41. the DNA se_____ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

ANSWERS: 31. desperately, 32. reduction, 33. disease, 34. exposed, 35. headlong, 36. smallpox, 37. resolve, 38. hero, 39. vast, 40. immediately, 41. sequence

42. ce__e drinking *v.* to stop an action or event
43. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
44. 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
45. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
46. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
47. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
48. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
49. do__e a question *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
50. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
51. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
52. 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: 42. cease, 43. panic, 44. forego, 45. collaboration, 46. absolutely, 47. opposition, 48. shock, 49. dodge, 50. survive, 51. crack, 52. develop

53. vi____n deficiency *n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body
54. flavored sn__f *n.* finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense; (verb) to extinguish or put out
55. boundless gen____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
56. water re____ir *n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
57. a ge____c disorder *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
58. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
59. bl__k in astonishment *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
60. pr____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 53. vitamin, 54. snuff, 55. generosity, 56. reservoir, 57. genetic, 58. crack, 59. blink, 60. president

61. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
62. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
63. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
64. development of va_____es *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
65. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
66. paralytic pol_____tis *n.* a viral disease caused by the poliovirus, often affecting the nervous system and leading to paralysis (= being unable to move the body) or muscle weakness
67. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
68. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
69. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
70. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
71. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

ANSWERS: 61. settle, 62. decide, 63. commerce, 64. vaccine, 65. urban, 66. poliomyelitis, 67. concept, 68. grant, 69. motivation, 70. unfold, 71. shelter

72. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
73. use of inn____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
74. meet with opp____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
75. mi____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
76. a truly hum____ian act *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
77. a bac____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
78. coo____ed robot system *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together
79. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
80. make a do___e plan *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
81. economic mi____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
82. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 72. urban, 73. innovative, 74. opposition, 75. miracle, 76. humanitarian, 77. background, 78. coordinated, 79. suddenly, 80. doable, 81. miracle, 82. involve

83. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
84. b__k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
85. bu___t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
86. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
87. san_____on standards *n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner
88. do_____ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
89. co_____ee meeting *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
90. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
91. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 83. dense, 84. buck, 85. bullet, 86. communal, 87. sanitation, 88. download, 89. committee, 90. pandemic, 91. economy

92. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
93. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
94. major cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
95. bl__k his eyes *v.* to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way
96. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
97. h__l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
98. an oral va_____e *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
99. po__o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

ANSWERS: 92. slum, 93. abandon, 94. crossroad, 95. blink, 96. communal, 97. hail, 98. vaccine, 99. polio

100. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
101. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
102. a meteorological sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
103. cr_____e economy *v.* to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine
104. a gr_____c description of an accident *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
105. the last str_____ld *n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
106. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
107. glass v__ls *n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
108. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change

ANSWERS: 100. geography, 101. stake, 102. satellite, 103. cripple, 104. graphic, 105. stronghold, 106. invest, 107. vial, 108. permanent

109. the ba__n of the Great Salt Lake *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
110. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
111. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
112. the film c__w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
113. private j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
114. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
115. a strain of vi__s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
116. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
117. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
118. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
119. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
120. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

ANSWERS: 109. basin, 110. grant, 111. commitment, 112. crew, 113. jet, 114. kingdom, 115. virus, 116. negotiate, 117. commerce, 118. typical, 119. terrifying, 120. peak

121. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
122. in____t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
123. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
124. day nu_____y *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
125. 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
126. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
127. inland ba__n *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
128. me_____s outbreak *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

ANSWERS: 121. paralyze, 122. infect, 123. continent, 124. nursery, 125. develop, 126. decide, 127. basin, 128. measles

129. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
130. ve____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
131. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
132. ho____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
133. mo____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
134. rich in vi____n D *n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body
135. the longstanding co____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
136. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
137. against tr____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 129. drag, 130. venture, 131. economy, 132. horrific, 133. monitor, 134. vitamin, 135. conflict, 136. launch, 137. tradition

138. bu___e shoe *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
139. horseback t__k *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
140. he___c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
141. h__l the victorious team with cheers *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
142. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
143. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
144. extra b__k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
145. a be_____k rage *adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner

ANSWERS: 138. buckle, 139. trek, 140. heroic, 141. hail, 142. proof, 143. conflict, 144. buck, 145. berserk

146. bu___t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
147. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
148. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
149. hum_____ian crisis *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
150. temporary tr___e *n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
151. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
152. former con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
153. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
154. co_____ee member *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
155. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
156. sm_____ox vaccine *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

ANSWERS: 146. bullet, 147. exciting, 148. resolve, 149. humanitarian, 150. truce, 151. massive, 152. congressperson, 153. nation, 154. committee, 155. incredible, 156. smallpox

157. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
158. infectious disease ou_____aks *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
159. critical cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
160. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
161. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
162. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
163. sw_____r under the scorching sun *v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable
164. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
165. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
166. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
167. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
168. br___l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel

ANSWERS: 157. partnership, 158. outbreak, 159. crossroad, 160. entirely, 161. gap, 162. drag, 163. swelter, 164. contrast, 165. circumstance, 166. dense, 167. innovative, 168. brutal

169. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
170. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
171. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
172. 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
173. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
174. terrestrial gl___e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
175. insulin v___l *n.* a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
176. me_____s vaccine *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
177. the se_____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
178. politically fr_____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
179. hawkish con_____son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

ANSWERS: 169. commitment, 170. movement, 171. government, 172. disease, 173. circumstance, 174. globe, 175. vial, 176. measles, 177. sequence, 178. fragile, 179. congressperson

180. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
181. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
182. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
183. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
184. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
185. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
186. st__k landscape *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
187. the c__w of a fishing boat *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
188. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
189. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
190. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
191. irr_____ive of his will *adv.* without taking something into account; regardless of

ANSWERS: 180. incredibly, 181. proof, 182. explode, 183. aid, 184. gutsy, 185. deserve, 186. stark, 187. crew, 188. ultimate, 189. infrastructure, 190. dive, 191. irrespective

192. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
193. do___e a blow *v.* to move quickly and suddenly to avoid something; to evade or sidestep
194. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
195. det_____te condition *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
196. blitz ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
197. private eq___y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
198. te_____le evidence *adj.* revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
199. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
200. do___e in daily life *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
201. gr_____c design *adj.* relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
202. financial pa___f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

ANSWERS: 192. president, 193. dodge, 194. ancient, 195. deteriorate, 196. tactics, 197. equity, 198. telltale, 199. terrifying, 200. doable, 201. graphic, 202. payoff

203. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
204. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
205. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
206. continue he_____ng into a risky business *adv.* with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution
207. unflagging ent_____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
208. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
209. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
210. political ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
211. po__o eradication *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
212. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

ANSWERS: 203. concept, 204. dive, 205. fantastic, 206. headlong, 207. enthusiasm, 208. crawl, 209. strike, 210. tactics, 211. polio, 212. generosity

213. v__n hope *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
214. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
215. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
216. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
217. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
218. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
219. ro____y motion *adj.* relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion
220. cr____h support *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
221. in a coo_____ed manner *adj.* effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

ANSWERS: 213. vain, 214. largely, 215. eradicate, 216. entirely, 217. striking, 218. movement, 219. rotary, 220. crutch, 221. coordinated

222. rainproof sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
223. v__n pursuit *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
224. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
225. an introductory ch____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
226. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
227. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
228. po____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
229. po____t area *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
230. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
231. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
232. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

ANSWERS: 222. shelter, 223. vain, 224. incredible, 225. chapter, 226. immediately, 227. gutsy, 228. poorest, 229. poorest, 230. explode, 231. invest, 232. collaboration

233. a joint ve_____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
234. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
235. run be_____k *adj.* in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner
236. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
237. prevent diaper r__h *n.* any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences
238. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
239. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
240. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
241. commercial j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
242. 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: 233. venture, 234. vaccinate, 235. berserk, 236. reduction, 237. rash, 238. slum, 239. poverty, 240. volunteer, 241. jet, 242. influenza

243. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
244. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
245. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
246. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
247. the ou_____ak of hostilities *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
248. emotional pa___f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
249. fru_____on level *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
250. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
251. str_____ld bastion *n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations

ANSWERS: 243. tradition, 244. launch, 245. environment, 246. strike, 247. outbreak, 248. payoff, 249. frustration, 250. bang, 251. stronghold

252. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
253. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
254. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
255. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
256. emotional cr___h *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
257. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
258. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
259. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
260. ce___e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
261. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

ANSWERS: 252. geography, 253. combination, 254. device, 255. devastating, 256. crutch, 257. ultimate, 258. infrastructure, 259. deserve, 260. cease, 261. motivation

262. a se_____ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
263. make a pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
264. an epidemic outbreak of in_____za *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
265. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
266. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
267. ma_____a mosquitoes *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
268. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
269. st__k truth *adj.* empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications
270. a GPS sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

ANSWERS: 262. seductive, 263. premise, 264. influenza, 265. statistics, 266. eradicate, 267. malaria, 268. globe, 269. stark, 270. satellite

271. an ex____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
272. a subordinate ki____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
273. br____l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
274. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
275. pol____tis vaccine *n.* a viral disease caused by the poliovirus, often affecting the nervous system and leading to paralysis (= being unable to move the body) or muscle weakness
276. have a st____e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
277. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
278. 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
279. eco____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
280. ho____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
281. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

ANSWERS: 271. exposed, 272. kingdom, 273. brutal, 274. roll, 275. poliomyelitis, 276. stable, 277. bang, 278. forego, 279. economical, 280. horrific, 281. crawl

282. ex____ng football player	<i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement
283. par_____ip across the Atlantic	<i>n.</i> the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
284. in st___e condition	<i>adj.</i> firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
285. ext_____ary ability	<i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
286. b_t my future	<i>v.</i> to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
287. treat this dev_____ng disease	<i>adj.</i> causing a great deal of destruction or damage
288. flu pa_____ic	<i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
289. a f_n of a plane	<i>n.</i> a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
290. b_t on a race	<i>v.</i> to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
291. te_____le heart	<i>adj.</i> revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something
292. po_____y alleviation	<i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor
293. death from sh__k	<i>n.</i> a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 282. exciting, 283. partnership, 284. stable, 285. extraordinary, 286. bet, 287. devastating, 288. pandemic, 289. fin, 290. bet, 291. telltale, 292. poverty, 293. shock

294. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
295. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
296. ma_____a-endemic area *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
297. develop a r__h *n.* any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences
298. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
299. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
300. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
301. pe_____me treaty *n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war
302. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
303. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
304. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
305. sw_____r in their bulletproof vests *v.* to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable

ANSWERS: 294. statistics, 295. fragile, 296. malaria, 297. rash, 298. fantastic, 299. fin, 300. combination, 301. peacetime, 302. wipe, 303. monitor, 304. suddenly, 305. swelter

306. g__p of fear *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
307. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
308. the major pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
309. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
310. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
311. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
312. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
313. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
314. irr_____ive of age *adv.* without taking something into account; regardless of
315. express fru_____on *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
316. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
317. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

ANSWERS: 306. grip, 307. chapter, 308. premise, 309. vaccinate, 310. environment, 311. negotiate, 312. government, 313. infect, 314. irrespective, 315. frustration, 316. economical, 317. volunteer

318. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
319. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
320. sn__f out the candle *n.* finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense; (verb) to extinguish or put out
321. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
322. break a tr__e *n.* a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
323. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
324. nu_____y school *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
325. st_____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
326. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 318. industrious, 319. ancient, 320. snuff, 321. largely, 322. truce, 323. heroic, 324. nursery, 325. striking, 326. roll

327. racial or ___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
328. have ge ____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
329. a criminal bac _____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
330. a re _____ir of facts *n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
331. lose ent _____sm *n.* a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it
332. spread of the vi __s *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
333. the p __k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
334. t __k expedition *n.* a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
335. buy the company's st __e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 327. origin, 328. genetic, 329. background, 330. reservoir, 331. enthusiasm, 332. virus, 333. peak, 334. trek, 335. stake

336. ma_____e amounts	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
337. local h__o	<i>n.</i> a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
338. bu___e down to study	<i>v.</i> to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
339. su_____e a plane crash	<i>v.</i> to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
340. vul_____le parts of the body	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
341. co_____st with a decade ago	<i>v.</i> to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
342. ty_____l leader	<i>adj.</i> having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
343. pe_____nt life insurance	<i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time without essential change
344. se_____ve behavior	<i>adj.</i> tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
345. se___e a dispute	<i>v.</i> to reach an agreement of disagreement
346. do l__g transplantation	<i>n.</i> either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

ANSWERS: 336. massive, 337. hero, 338. buckle, 339. survive, 340. vulnerable, 341. contrast, 342. typical, 343. permanent, 344. seductive, 345. settle, 346. lung

347. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
348. l__g capacity *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
349. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
350. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
351. lose my g__p *n.* the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly
352. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 347. capitalize, 348. lung, 349. confidence, 350. desperately, 351. grip, 352. vulnerable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
2. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
3. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
4. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
5. The ___ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.
n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
6. We are always happy to _____ a discount.
v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
7. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
8. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.
adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 1. kingdom, 2. vulnerable, 3. contrast, 4. hero, 5. jet, 6. negotiate, 7. industrious, 8. stable

9. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

10. I work at the breeding _____ where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

11. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

12. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.

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

13. The actor's _____ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

adj. tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

14. 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

15. The fans went _____ when their team scored the winning goal in the game's final seconds.

adj. in a state of wild, frenzied, or unrestrained behavior; acting or behaving in a violent, irrational, or uncontrollable manner

ANSWERS: 9. urban, 10. nursery, 11. panic, 12. pandemic, 13. seductive, 14. influenza, 15. berserk

16. He _____ in the dazzling sunlight.

v. to shut and open the eyes quickly; to gleam or glow in a regular or intermittent way

17. 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

18. The _____ signs of a dishonest employee were missing files and constant delay.

adj. revealing or betraying information or evidence; serving as a sign or indicator of something

19. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.

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

20. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

21. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

22. He reached into his pocket and pulled out a small silver _____ box.

n. finely ground tobacco that is inhaled through the nose as a form of tobacco use; a type of scented tobacco that is often used for aromatic purposes in candles or incense; (verb) to extinguish or put out

23. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

ANSWERS: 16. blinked, 17. government, 18. telltale, 19. gap, 20. extraordinary, 21. generosity, 22. snuff, 23. ultimate

24. The patient's health _____ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

25. We are tackling the development for updates with _____.

n. a strong feeling of excitement and interest in a particular subject or cause and an eagerness to become involved in it

26. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

27. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

28. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

29. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

30. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

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

31. He stumbled _____ down the stairs, tumbling to the bottom.

adv. with great speed or force; in a rush, or without caution

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

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

ANSWERS: 24. deteriorated, 25. enthusiasm, 26. terrifying, 27. innovative, 28. sequence, 29. survive, 30. combination, 31. headlong, 32. economy

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

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

34. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

35. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

36. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

37. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

38. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

39. An outbreak of _____ occurred in the 1920s.

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

40. The scenery of the battlefield was _____ and grey.

adj. empty, simple, or apparent; devoid of any qualifications

ANSWERS: 33. stake, 34. dense, 35. permanent, 36. granted, 37. typical, 38. movement, 39. smallpox, 40. stark

41. He was preparing for a long _____ through the mountains.
n. a long and difficult journey, typically on foot
42. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
43. This medication is sealed in a _____.
n. a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume
44. The baby clung _____ to her mother.
adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
45. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
46. 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
47. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
48. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
adv. now or without delay
49. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
n. the value of the shares issued by a company

ANSWERS: 41. trek, 42. nation, 43. vial, 44. desperately, 45. rolled, 46. disease, 47. entirely, 48. immediately, 49. equity

50. The government predicts an epidemic _____ of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.
- n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
51. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
- n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
52. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
53. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
54. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.
- n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
55. Launching an artificial _____ contributed to the technological development of our country.
- n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
56. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.
- adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
57. People in the area were forced to _____ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
- v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

ANSWERS: 50. outbreak, 51. volunteer, 52. infrastructure, 53. fins, 54. motivation,

55. satellite, 56. fragile, 57. hail

58. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
- n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
59. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
- v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
60. He has terminal _____ cancer.
- n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
61. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
62. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
63. The school sent a notice of a _____ case in one of the classrooms.
- n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
64. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
- v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
65. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 58. continent, 59. bang, 60. lung, 61. launch, 62. largely, 63. measles, 64. download, 65. decide

66. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

67. An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the _____ to others.

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

68. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

69. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

70. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

v. to pull or haul with force

71. Our company hires _____ of national origin.

adv. without taking something into account; regardless of

72. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

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

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

74. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 66. eradicate, 67. virus, 68. venture, 69. president, 70. dragged, 71. irrespective, 72. paralyzed, 73. absolutely, 74. origin

75. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.
- v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
76. Many people in tropical countries die from _____ every year.
- n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
77. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
- n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
78. The mRNA _____ was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.
- n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
79. He felt a deep _____ as he realized the project would not be completed on time.
- n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
80. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v.* to frighten someone very much
81. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.
- n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

ANSWERS: 75. monitor, 76. malaria, 77. peak, 78. vaccine, 79. frustration, 80. terrify, 81. premise

82. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
83. 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
84. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
85. The _____ for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.
n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
86. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
87. She did well on her _____ exam.
n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
88. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
89. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.
v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

ANSWERS: 82. concept, 83. develop, 84. opposition, 85. payoff, 86. heroic, 87. geography, 88. economical, 89. crawl

90. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
- v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
91. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
- v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
92. He got an electric _____ at work.
- n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
93. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
- v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
94. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
- n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
95. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.
- v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
96. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.
- adj. harsh or cruel
97. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.
- adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

ANSWERS: 90. crack, 91. unfolded, 92. shock, 93. infect, 94. miracle, 95. capitalize, 96. brutal, 97. genetic

98. The marketing team developed new _____ to boost sales.
n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports
99. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
100. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.
adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
101. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
102. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.
adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
103. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
104. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
105. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 98. tactics, 99. confidence, 100. gutsy, 101. fantastic, 102. horrific, 103. circumstances, 104. involves, 105. Communal

106. The sperm whale can _____ to 1,000 meters.

- v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

107. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

108. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.

- n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

109. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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

110. The _____ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

- n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

111. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

- n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree

112. The castle served as a _____ for the kingdom, protecting against invaders.

- n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations

ANSWERS: 106. dive, 107. vast, 108. slums, 109. strike, 110. polio, 111. reduction, 112. stronghold

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

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

114. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

115. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

adj. having the least wealth or resources

116. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

117. 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

118. The company decided to _____ production of the product.

v. to stop an action or event

119. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

120. I spotted a majestic _____ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

ANSWERS: 113. settle, 114. poverty, 115. poorest, 116. statistics, 117. dodge, 118. cease, 119. massive, 120. buck

121. Pakistan's ____ budget was still being reviewed.

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

122. The term of a _____ is two years.

n. a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

123. I'm at a career _____ and unsure which path to take.

n. a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

124. They need food and _____.

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

125. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

126. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

127. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

128. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 121. aid, 122. congressperson, 123. crossroads, 124. shelter, 125. exploded, 126. exposed, 127. incredible, 128. exciting

129. The _____ novel was a masterpiece with stunning illustrations that brought the story to life.
adj. relating to visual art or involving the use of diagrams or illustrations; very clear and powerful
130. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
131. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
132. Before the vaccine was developed, many countries experienced widespread outbreaks of _____.
n. a viral disease caused by the poliovirus, often affecting the nervous system and leading to paralysis (= being unable to move the body) or muscle weakness
133. The two sides agreed to a _____ and set down their weapons.
n. a cessation or suspension of hostilities between warring parties, usually for a specified period, as a treaty, armistice, or other agreement
134. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
135. He had a firm _____ on the rope as he climbed the mountain.
n. the act of holding onto something firmly with your hands, or the ability to do so; (verb) to hold fast or firmly

ANSWERS: 129. graphic, 130. vaccinated, 131. partnership, 132. poliomyelitis, 133. truce, 134. invest, 135. grip

136. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.

- v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

137. Many of the lakes and marshes in the _____ are mildly salty.

- n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

138. The strong sunlight brought her out in an itchy _____.

- n.* any red spot of the skin, caused by a disease or reaction to something; (adjective) marked by defiance and not caring about risk or consequences

139. Tensions were high during wartime, but the countries were friendly in _____.

- n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war

140. The poem had a consistent _____ scheme throughout.

- n.* a word or phrase that has the same last sound as another word or phrase, often used in poetry and songwriting

141. _____ workers play a critical role in keeping our cities clean and healthy.

- n.* the process of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment, particularly in public health and safety contexts; the practice of disposing of waste products in a safe and appropriate manner

142. The ship's _____ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

- n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

ANSWERS: 136. wipe, 137. basin, 138. rash, 139. peacetime, 140. rhyme, 141. Sanitation, 142. crew

143. The organization is dedicated to providing _____ aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

adj. something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare

144. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

145. His final goal is to sail around the _____.

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

146. 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

147. The _____ engine is known for its smooth and efficient operation.

adj. relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion

148. I _____ that you know it.

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

149. The severe heat wave _____ railway tracks.

v. to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

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

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

ANSWERS: 143. humanitarian, 144. commerce, 145. globe, 146. forego, 147. rotary, 148. bet, 149. buckled, 150. tradition

151. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

152. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

153. His business _____ took him to the United States.

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

154. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

155. He is in _____ searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.

adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful

156. The two plays have many _____ parallels.

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

157. The injury was severe enough to _____ the athlete's chances of playing again this season.

v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

158. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

ANSWERS: 151. suddenly, 152. background, 153. commitments, 154. chapter, 155. vain, 156. striking, 157. cripple, 158. incredibly

159. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.

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

160. The castle was _____ several years later.

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

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

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

162. The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground _____.

n. a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something

163. The heat was so intense that it made us _____.

v. to feel extremely hot and uncomfortable

164. The ad hoc _____ met to discuss the proposal.

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

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

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

166. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

ANSWERS: 159. collaboration, 160. abandoned, 161. ancient, 162. reservoir, 163. swelter, 164. committee, 165. environment, 166. bullet

167. 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

168. _____ is better than argument.

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

169. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

170. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

171. This company _____ its battery problem completely.

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

172. He walked with the aid of a _____ after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.

n. a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility

173. This project is _____ despite the tight schedule.

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

174. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

175. _____ C is important for immune system function and skin health.

n. any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body

ANSWERS: 167. device, 168. Proof, 169. deserved, 170. conflicts, 171. resolves, 172. crutch, 173. doable, 174. devastating, 175. Vitamin

176. For greater efficiency, our efforts must be better _____.

adj. effectively arranged or organized so that all the parts work smoothly or systematically together

ANSWERS: 176. coordinated