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Session 1: Word List

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges
Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

abuse

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

synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

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

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

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

financier

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

synonym: banker, investor, capitalist

(1) **financier** scandals, (2) powerful **financier**

The wealthy **financier** made a generous donation to the charity.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym: fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

discuss

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

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

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

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

commissioner

n. an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling

something or performing specific duties

synonym: administrator, agent, official

(1) elect police **commissioners**, (2) **commissioner** of patent office

He became an audit **commissioner** because of his years of experience as an accountant.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

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.

security

n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym: safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

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.

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.

loot

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

synonym: plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**

The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

taxpayer

n. a person who pays taxes to the government

synonym: contributor, payer, financier

(1) **taxpayer** money, (2) delinquent **taxpayer**

As a **taxpayer**, he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

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.

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.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

backhand

n. (in sports such as tennis and squash) a stroke or shot made with the back of the hand facing forward is used to hit the ball on the non-dominant side of the body

(1) **backhand** shot, (2) **backhand** grip

She hit a perfect **backhand** winner down the line to win the match.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

demonstrate

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

synonym: show, illustrate, display

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

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

mischief

n. playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage

synonym: impishness, malice, prank

(1) playful **mischief**, (2) malicious **mischief**

The dog's **mischief** led to the destruction of the living room furniture.

wealth

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

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

petrol

n. a flammable liquid made from petroleum that is used as a fuel in internal combustion engines, commonly known as gasoline in North America

synonym : gasoline, fuel, gas

(1) **petrol** station, (2) **petrol** engine

I must fill my car with **petrol** before going on a long road trip.

treasury

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym : coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

irony

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
synonym : careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

terrace

n. commonly paved outdoor space next to a house; a row of homes that were all constructed in the same design and shared dividing walls

synonym : sundeck, balcony, patio

(1) private **terrace**, (2) rooftop **terrace**

Heavy rain soaked a significant part of the **terrace**.

tower

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

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

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

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

ministry

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

synonym : department, agency, bureau

(1) **ministry** officials, (2) enter the **ministry**

The **ministry** of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of

the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

arrangement

n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

synonym: placement, configuration, account

(1) **arrangement** of the furniture, (2) **arrangement** committee

As a first **arrangement**, we agreed to meet the following Friday.

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.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

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.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

inquiry

n. the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest

synonym: question, research, exploration

(1) **inquiry** about the product, (2) launch an **inquiry**

Our tech support responds to the first **inquiry** exceptionally promptly.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

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**.

prime

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

synonym: excellent, exceptional, premium

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

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

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym: congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

constitutional

adj. of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

synonym: fundamental, basic, inherent

(1) **constitutional** ban, (2) a **constitutional** disease

The right to free speech is a **constitutional** right in the United States.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

fiasco

n. a complete failure or debacle, often resulting from poor planning, execution, or unforeseen circumstances

synonym: debacle, failure, disaster

(1) **fiasco** in the project, (2) **fiasco** of a performance

The company's decision to launch a product without proper testing resulted in a marketing **fiasco**.

suspicious

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

synonym: fishy, questionable, doubtful

(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is **suspicious**

We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we receive.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick
The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other
The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

lexicon

n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

synonym: glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases
This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name
The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

plot

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

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution
The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

pervert

v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual

interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

synonym : distort, corrupt, twist

(1) **pervert** justice, (2) **pervert** young men

The teacher warned the students not to **pervert** the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

protest

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

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

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

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

embassy

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

synonym : consulate, mission, legation

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

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

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym : gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

swift

adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

synonym : quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river
Her voice was **swift**, yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

convene

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

synonym: assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council
The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order
The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

outwit

v. to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than someone else

synonym: outsmart, outmaneuver, outfox

(1) **outwit** a problem, (2) **outwit** his competitors
He could **outwit** his opponents with his quick thinking and clever strategy.

celebrated

adj. renowned for possessing admirable attributes

synonym: acclaimed, notable, prominent

(1) **celebrated** artist, (2) **celebrated** paper
Three **celebrated** tenors performed during the president's inauguration.

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym: commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**
They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic

dinner.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

jubilee

n. a special anniversary or celebration, especially one marking a 25th, 50th, or 60th year
synonym : anniversary, celebration, commemorative event

(1) **jubilee** procession, (2) golden **jubilee**

The royal family celebrated their **jubilee** with a parade and a special concert.

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
synonym : disgusting, offensive, foul

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

The weather turned **nasty**.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

fort

n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack
synonym : stronghold, bastion, fortress

(1) an isolated **fort**, (2) **fort** gate

The stone **fort** was built to protect the city from invading forces.

superior

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
synonym : better, greater, exceptional

(1) **superior** performance, (2) provide **superior** customer service

The new smartphone model is **superior** to the previous version in terms of speed and features.

bluff

v. to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

synonym: abrupt, cliff, precipice

(1) **bluff** the other side, (2) riverside **bluff**

He **bluffed** a person out of going.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

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.

outdated

adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

synonym: obsolete, ancient, bygone

(1) become **outdated**, (2) **outdated** technology

We replaced **outdated** equipment to improve factory productivity.

rig

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

synonym : set up, prepare, arrange

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

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

corrupt

adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

synonym : dishonest, unethical, immoral

(1) **corrupt** good manners, (2) **corrupt** discipline

The **corrupt** politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym : lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

slide

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

synonym : glide, drift, drop

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

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

prosecution

n. the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial

synonym : trial, lawsuit, legal action

(1) criminal **prosecution**, (2) wrongful **prosecution**

The judge denied the motion to dismiss the **prosecution's** case.

trace

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

synonym : seek, follow, depict

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

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

offshore

adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

synonym : seaward, alongshore

(1) an **offshore** oil field, (2) an **offshore** fund

The company undertakes **offshore** development for software companies in many countries.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

damp

adj. slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting

synonym : moist, dampened, wet

(1) **damp** cloth, (2) **damp** weather

The clothes were still **damp** after being in the dryer for an hour.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
synonym: inhabit, settle, populate

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

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

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.

batter

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

synonym: beat, pound, strike

(1) **batter** the eggs, (2) the **batter's** box

He got so angry that he **battered** the door down.

blond

adj. of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

synonym: blonde, light-haired

(1) **blond** fuzz, (2) ash- **blond** ringlet

She is a natural **blond** and doesn't need to dye her hair.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

- spy**
- n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
- synonym* : agent, undercover operative
- (1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools
- The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell
- novel**
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
- synonym* : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative
- (1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect
- The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.
- privilege**
- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
- synonym* : benefit, authorization, advantage
- (1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership
- In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.
- joint**
- adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
- synonym* : collaborative, cooperative, combined
- (1) a **joint** venture, (2) the bone of a **joint**
- After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a **joint** statement.
- consult**
- v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
- synonym* : confer, consider, see
- (1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet

Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

council

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

synonym: board, committee, assembly

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

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

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

procure

v. to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill

synonym: obtain, acquire, secure

(1) **procure** a rare antique, (2) **procure** services

I need to **procure** some supplies for the upcoming project.

transact

v. to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract

synonym: conduct, carry out, perform

(1) **transact** internationally, (2) **transact** in cash

I need to **transact** some business at the bank before it closes.

segue

v. to make a smooth and uninterrupted transition from one topic or activity to another

synonym: transit, move, shift

(1) **segue** the conversation, (2) **segue** between topics

He smoothly **segued** from one topic to the next during his presentation.

relate

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

synonym: connect, link, associate

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

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

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

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

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

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym: clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials

The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

bailout

n. the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

synonym: help, aid, support

(1) **bailout** bill, (2) **bailout** bottle

Many countries provided a **bailout** to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

conglomerate

n. a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole

synonym: aggregate, mixture, combination

(1) multinational **conglomerate**, (2) media **conglomerate**

The **conglomerate** of companies managed to dominate the market.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym : novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

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.

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.

repay

v. to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given

synonym : compensate, refund, reimburse

(1) **repay** a kindness, (2) **repay** a debt

I must **repay** my loan on time to avoid late fees and penalties.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for

voluntary liquidation.

contradiction

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

synonym: inconsistency, opposition, contravention

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

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

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

biology

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

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

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

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**.

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

synonym: aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing
He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**
I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

bail

n. the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court

(1) accept **bail**, (2) he was released on **bail**
The judge set **bail** at \$20,000.

excess

n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

synonym: exuberance, glut, surplus

(1) lose **excess** weight, (2) an **excess** of exports
The road of **excess** leads to the palace of wisdom.

statutory

adj. relating to law or regulation; authorized or required by law or regulation

synonym: legal, lawful, official

(1) **statutory** entitlements, (2) **statutory** regulation
It is important to adhere to **statutory** requirements when starting a new business.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym: allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo
The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

calculate

v. to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

synonym: compute, figure, estimate

(1) **calculate** the distance, (2) **calculate** his credit score

He couldn't **calculate** the actual value of the artwork.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

provision

n. the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition

synonym: supply, agreement, stocking

(1) **provision** for loan losses, (2) administrative **provision**

The new law includes **provisions** for increased penalties for repeat offenders.

immune

adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

synonym: resistant, unsusceptible, unaffected

(1) **immune** from criminal prosecution, (2) the cell of the **immune** system

The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely **immune**.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

clarity

n. the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

synonym: clearness, translucence, brightness

(1) lack of **clarity**, (2) sake of **clarity**

The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for **clarity**.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative

relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

dignify

v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

synonym: elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

scholarship

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

synonym: grant, award, stipend

(1) a **scholarship** association, (2) college **scholarship**

She received a full **scholarship** to study abroad.

scandal

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

synonym: controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**

The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

advert

v. an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing

synonym: advertise, mention, attend

(1) a television **advert** for the product, (2) full page **advert**

Our company took out a big **advert** next to the highway.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

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.

disclosure

n. the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts

synonym : announcement, revelation, exposure

(1) **disclosure** agreement, (2) public **disclosure**

The company's **disclosure** of its financial records led to a better understanding of its operations.

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.

secretary

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

synonym : assistant, clerk, administrator

(1) a confidential **secretary**, (2) **secretary** general

The chief **secretary** was responsible for organizing the meeting.

exempt

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

synonym : free, clear, released

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

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

integrity

n. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

synonym : honesty, honor, morality

(1) a person of **integrity**, (2) **integrity** of data

The company's reputation for honesty and **integrity** is highly valued among its customers.

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym : structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

safeguard

v. to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss

synonym : protect, assure, conserve

(1) **safeguard** my property, (2) **safeguard** environmental quality

This measure will **safeguard** people against terrorism.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

liability

n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

synonym : debt, obligation, responsibility

(1) **liability** insurance, (2) **liability** for military service
The company is facing a potential **liability** of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

discard

v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

synonym: throw away, reject, abandon

(1) **discard** old beliefs, (2) **discard** the downloaded data

He **discarded** the old torn shirt and bought a new one.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

expenditure

n. the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent

synonym: outlay, cost, expense

(1) energy **expenditure**, (2) **expenditure** planning

Almost \$1 billion in capital **expenditure** is still required.

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

resolution

n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

synonym: determination, decision, settlement

(1) **resolution** of a conflict, (2) display **resolution**

He made a New Year's **resolution** to exercise more and eat healthier.

journalist

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

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

introduction

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

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

engaging.

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

stability

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

synonym: resilience, solidity, steadiness

(1) **stability** pact, (2) fiscal **stability** pact

The policy should increase the country's monetary **stability**.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

2. di_____d old beliefs *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

3. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

4. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

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

6. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

7. war l__t *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

ANSWERS: 1. privilege, 2. discard, 3. reverse, 4. security, 5. rig, 6. define, 7. loot

8. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
9. college sch____ip *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
10. apparent con____ion *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
11. s_y cameras *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
12. ready to co____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
13. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
14. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
15. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
16. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
17. di____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

ANSWERS: 8. branch, 9. scholarship, 10. contradiction, 11. spy, 12. collapse, 13. plot, 14. ignore, 15. accuse, 16. abuse, 17. disperse

18. new fa____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
19. a television ad____t for the product *v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
20. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
21. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
22. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
23. bl__d fuzz *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
24. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
25. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
26. d__p cloth *adj.* slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting

ANSWERS: 18. fashion, 19. advert, 20. introduction, 21. reconstruct, 22. protest, 23. blond, 24. temple, 25. council, 26. damp

27. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
28. lose ex___s weight *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
29. wrongful pro_____on *n.* the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial
30. enter the mi_____ry *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
31. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
32. arr_____nt committee *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
33. industrial se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
34. pr_____on for loan losses *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
35. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
36. r_g an election *v.* to prepare or set up something in a certain way, typically in a carefully planned or fraudulent manner; to equip with sails or masts

ANSWERS: 27. statistics, 28. excess, 29. prosecution, 30. ministry, 31. nowhere, 32. arrangement, 33. sector, 34. provision, 35. advance, 36. rig

37. res_____on of a conflict *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
38. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
39. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
40. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
41. di_____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
42. take sw__t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
43. 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
44. administrative pr_____on *n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
45. a person of in_____ty *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

ANSWERS: 37. resolution, 38. brain, 39. discuss, 40. ignore, 41. disperse, 42. swift, 43. movement, 44. provision, 45. integrity

46. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
47. provide su____or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
48. co____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
49. disband par____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
50. the ba____r's box *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
51. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
52. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
53. co____t discipline *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest
54. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
55. ta____er money *n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
56. lack of cl____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity

ANSWERS: 46. biology, 47. superior, 48. conduct, 49. parliament, 50. batter, 51. government, 52. creditor, 53. corrupt, 54. asset, 55. taxpayer, 56. clarity

57. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
58. br___e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
59. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
60. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
61. an of_____re oil field *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
62. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
63. ju_____e procession *n.* a special anniversary or celebration, especially one marking a 25th, 50th, or 60th year
64. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
65. se_____ry general *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

ANSWERS: 57. corruption, 58. bribe, 59. immediately, 60. creditor, 61. offshore, 62. introduction, 63. jubilee, 64. destroy, 65. secretary

66. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
67. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
68. ca_____te his credit score *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
69. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
70. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
71. launch an in_____y *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
72. pe_____t young men *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
73. l__t the ship *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

ANSWERS: 66. participate, 67. corruption, 68. calculate, 69. statistics, 70. finance, 71. inquiry, 72. pervert, 73. loot

74. a person who is sus_____us *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
75. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
76. irr_____ble actions *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
77. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
78. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
79. a con_____nal disease *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
80. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
81. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
82. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
83. re__y a kindness *v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
84. rec_____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

ANSWERS: 74. suspicious, 75. largely, 76. irresponsible, 77. locate, 78. commitment, 79. constitutional, 80. reverse, 81. parliament, 82. collapse, 83. repay, 84. reconstruct

85. sa_____rd environmental quality *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
86. irr_____ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
87. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
88. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
89. in_____y about the product *n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
90. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
91. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
92. riverside bl__f *v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion
93. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
94. ir__y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 85. safeguard, 86. irresponsible, 87. asset, 88. label, 89. inquiry, 90. consist, 91. tower, 92. bluff, 93. suppose, 94. irony

95. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
96. co_____e the council *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
97. media con_____ate *n.* a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole
98. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
99. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
100. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
101. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
102. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
103. oc___y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
104. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
105. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 95. plunge, 96. convene, 97. conglomerate, 98. responsible, 99. slide, 100. embarrass, 101. embark, 102. institutionalize, 103. occupy, 104. pause, 105. discovery

106. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
107. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
108. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
109. le_____n of business phrases *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
110. ba___r the eggs *v.* to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting
111. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
112. ann_____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
113. tr___e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
114. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
115. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
116. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity

ANSWERS: 106. construct, 107. motto, 108. journalist, 109. lexicon, 110. batter, 111. plunge, 112. anniversary, 113. trace, 114. define, 115. motto, 116. conduct

117. malicious mi____ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
118. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
119. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
120. br__e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
121. private te_____e *n.* commonly paved outdoor space next to a house; a row of homes that were all constructed in the same design and shared dividing walls
122. cel_____ed paper *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
123. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
124. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
125. ca_____te the distance *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
126. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
127. con_____nal ban *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

ANSWERS: 117. mischief, 118. independence, 119. commerce, 120. bribe, 121. terrace, 122. celebrated, 123. participate, 124. unprecedented, 125. calculate, 126. individual, 127. constitutional

128. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
129. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
130. criminal pro_____on *n.* the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial
131. regularly co_____t with a doctor *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
132. pr_____e a rare antique *v.* to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
133. Greek-English le_____n *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
134. mi_____ry officials *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
135. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
136. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
137. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

ANSWERS: 128. suffer, 129. relation, 130. prosecution, 131. consult, 132. procure, 133. lexicon, 134. ministry, 135. complexity, 136. plot, 137. prime

138. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
139. ash-bl__d ringlet *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
140. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
141. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
142. the bone of a jo__t *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
143. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
144. nuclear ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
145. golden ju_____e *n.* a special anniversary or celebration, especially one marking a 25th, 50th, or 60th year
146. li_____ty for military service *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

ANSWERS: 138. suppose, 139. blond, 140. destroy, 141. exchange, 142. joint, 143. abuse, 144. physics, 145. jubilee, 146. liability

147. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
148. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
149. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
150. tr_____ry money *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
151. a bicentennial ann_____ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
152. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
153. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
154. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
155. lo____e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 147. commission, 148. planet, 149. context, 150. treasury, 151. anniversary, 152. sustainable, 153. mysterious, 154. context, 155. locate

156. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
157. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
158. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
159. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
160. in_____ty of data *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
161. 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
162. dis_____re agreement *n.* the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts
163. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

ANSWERS: 156. brain, 157. complexity, 158. courage, 159. ridicule, 160. integrity, 161. develop, 162. disclosure, 163. novel

164. a confidential se_____ry *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
165. sake of cl_____y *n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
166. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
167. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
168. d__p weather *adj.* slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting
169. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
170. full page ad____t *v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
171. sa_____rd my property *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
172. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
173. energy exp_____re *n.* the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent

ANSWERS: 164. secretary, 165. clarity, 166. government, 167. relate, 168. damp, 169. wealth, 170. advert, 171. safeguard, 172. transparency, 173. expenditure

174. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
175. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
176. co_____e a press conference *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
177. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
178. cel_____ed artist *adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
179. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
180. pe____l station *n.* a flammable liquid made from petroleum that is used as a fuel in internal combustion engines, commonly known as gasoline in North America
181. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
182. fi____o of a performance *n.* a complete failure or debacle, often resulting from poor planning, execution, or unforeseen circumstances
183. oc____y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
184. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 174. release, 175. appoint, 176. convene, 177. council, 178. celebrated, 179. responsible, 180. petrol, 181. largely, 182. fiasco, 183. occupy, 184. commitment

185. 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
186. goods ex_____t from tax *adj.* free from or not subject to a particular requirement or restriction; (verb) to excuse someone or something from an obligation, payment, etc.
187. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
188. an of _____re fund *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
189. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
190. powerful fi_____er *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
191. li_____ty insurance *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
192. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
193. a corruption sc_____l *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

ANSWERS: 185. economy, 186. exempt, 187. journalist, 188. offshore, 189. individual, 190. financier, 191. liability, 192. suspect, 193. scandal

194. ou___t his competitors *v.* to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than someone else
195. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
196. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
197. pe_____t justice *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
198. become ou_____ed *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
199. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
200. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
201. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

ANSWERS: 194. outwit, 195. ironic, 196. involve, 197. pervert, 198. outdated, 199. suspect, 200. ironic, 201. mysterious

202. se__e between topics *v.* to make a smooth and uninterrupted transition from one topic or activity to another
203. fi___o in the project *n.* a complete failure or debacle, often resulting from poor planning, execution, or unforeseen circumstances
204. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
205. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
206. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
207. re__y a debt *v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
208. the eq_____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
209. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
210. co_____t good manners *adj.* characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted; (verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

ANSWERS: 202. segue, 203. fiasco, 204. sect, 205. sustainable, 206. conscious, 207. repay, 208. equation, 209. massive, 210. corrupt

211. playful mi____ef *n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
212. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
213. ba_____nd grip *n.* (in sports such as tennis and squash) a stroke or shot made with the back of the hand facing forward is used to hit the ball on the non-dominant side of the body
214. elect police com_____ners *n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
215. employee da_____se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
216. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
217. bl__f the other side *v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

ANSWERS: 211. mischief, 212. transparency, 213. backhand, 214. commissioner, 215. database, 216. finance, 217. bluff

218. pe_____nt life insurance	<i>adj.</i> lasting for a long time without essential change
219. come out of no_____e	<i>adv.</i> not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
220. em_____y staff	<i>n.</i> the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
221. imm_____ly recall a product	<i>adv.</i> now or without delay
222. ap_____t members	<i>v.</i> to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
223. a sw__t current of a river	<i>adj.</i> happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
224. sc_____l magazine	<i>n.</i> an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
225. na___n-state	<i>n.</i> a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
226. st_____ty pact	<i>n.</i> the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
227. display res_____on	<i>n.</i> a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
228. ex___t from the law	<i>adj.</i> free from or not subject to a particular requirement or restriction; (verb) to excuse someone or something from an obligation, payment, etc.

ANSWERS: 218. permanent, 219. nowhere, 220. embassy, 221. immediately, 222. appoint, 223. swift, 224. scandal, 225. nation, 226. stability, 227. resolution, 228. exempt

229. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
230. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
231. di_____y the role *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
232. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
233. 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
234. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
235. laws of ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
236. pa_____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
237. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 229. entitle, 230. complain, 231. dignify, 232. unprecedented, 233. movement, 234. independence, 235. physics, 236. parallel, 237. ridicule

238. pa__e a moment
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
239. pr__e number
adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
240. st_____le to get the job
v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
241. a fa_____ic dress
adj. extremely good; excellent
242. dem_____te a difference
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
243. su_____or performance
adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
244. co_____ct a dam
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
245. save the pl____t
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
246. the fr_____rk of a house
n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
247. a m__s of molten rock
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 238. pause, 239. prime, 240. struggle, 241. fantastic, 242. demonstrate, 243. superior, 244. construct, 245. planet, 246. framework, 247. mass

248. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
249. ou____ed technology *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
250. com_____ner of patent office *n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
251. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
252. co____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
253. a scientific di____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
254. call and co____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
255. pr____e services *v.* to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
256. ba____nd shot *n.* (in sports such as tennis and squash) a stroke or shot made with the back of the hand facing forward is used to hit the ball on the non-dominant side of the body
257. national se____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 248. slide, 249. outdated, 250. commissioner, 251. sect, 252. consist, 253. discovery, 254. complain, 255. procure, 256. backhand, 257. security

258. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
259. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
260. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
261. di_____d the downloaded data *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
262. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
263. st_____ry regulation *adj.* relating to law or regulation; authorized or required by law or regulation
264. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
265. multinational con_____ate *n.* a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole
266. a sch_____ip association *n.* a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements
267. f__t gate *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
268. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 258. massive, 259. twin, 260. permanent, 261. discard, 262. minister, 263. statutory, 264. parallel, 265. conglomerate, 266. scholarship, 267. fort, 268. label

269. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
270. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
271. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
272. tr_____ct in cash *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
273. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
274. bitter ir__y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
275. se__e the conversation *v.* to make a smooth and uninterrupted transition from one topic or activity to another
276. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
277. di_____y the occasion *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
278. 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: 269. suffer, 270. embark, 271. wealth, 272. transact, 273. accuse, 274. irony, 275. segue, 276. involve, 277. dignify, 278. generosity

279. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
280. an isolated f__t *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
281. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
282. em____y function *n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
283. fiscal st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
284. the cell of the im___e system *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
285. hold a pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
286. delinquent ta_____er *n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
287. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
288. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
289. com_____on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

ANSWERS: 279. tower, 280. fort, 281. nation, 282. embassy, 283. stability, 284. immune, 285. protest, 286. taxpayer, 287. discuss, 288. myth, 289. commission

290. he was released on b__l *n.* the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court
291. receive a na__y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
292. con_____ion of capitalism *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
293. im___e from criminal prosecution *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
294. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
295. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
296. ou___t a problem *v.* to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than someone else
297. exp_____re planning *n.* the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent
298. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
299. report sus_____us activity *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

ANSWERS: 290. bail, 291. nasty, 292. contradiction, 293. immune, 294. temple, 295. branch, 296. outwit, 297. expenditure, 298. relation, 299. suspicious

300. ba____t bill *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
301. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
302. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
303. st____ry entitlements *adj.* relating to law or regulation; authorized or required by law or regulation
304. re____e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
305. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
306. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
307. a jo__t venture *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
308. en____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
309. boundless gen____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

ANSWERS: 300. bailout, 301. biology, 302. release, 303. statutory, 304. relate, 305. myth, 306. twin, 307. joint, 308. entitle, 309. generosity

310. ba____t bottle *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
311. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
312. Mi____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
313. ce____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
314. 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
315. 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
316. accept b__l *n.* the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court
317. public dis____re *n.* the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts

ANSWERS: 310. bailout, 311. sector, 312. minister, 313. celebrate, 314. economy, 315. develop, 316. bail, 317. disclosure

318. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
319. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
320. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
321. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
322. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
323. rooftop te_____e *n.* commonly paved outdoor space next to a house; a row of homes that were all constructed in the same design and shared dividing walls
324. a chemical eq_____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
325. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
326. fi_____er scandals *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

ANSWERS: 318. fashion, 319. embarrass, 320. mass, 321. rely, 322. demonstrate, 323. terrace, 324. equation, 325. advance, 326. financier

327. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
328. co_____t my wallet *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
329. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
330. a na__y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
331. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
332. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
333. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
334. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
335. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
336. arr_____nt of the furniture *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

ANSWERS: 327. trace, 328. consult, 329. courage, 330. nasty, 331. rely, 332. privilege, 333. institutionalize, 334. conscious, 335. commerce, 336. arrangement

337. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
338. di_____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
339. tr_____ct internationally *v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
340. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
341. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
342. tr_____ry bonds *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
343. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
344. digital s_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

ANSWERS: 337. fantastic, 338. dismantle, 339. transact, 340. struggle, 341. exchange, 342. treasury, 343. framework, 344. spy

345. pe___l engine *n.* a flammable liquid made from petroleum that is used as a fuel in internal combustion engines, commonly known as gasoline in North America
346. historical no__l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
347. an ex___s of exports *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
348. da_____se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
349. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
350. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 345. petrol, 346. novel, 347. excess, 348. database, 349. dismantle, 350. celebrate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The policy should increase the country's monetary _____.
n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
2. The judge set _____ at \$20,000.
n. the temporary release of an accused person awaiting trial in exchange for a monetary deposit to ensure their appearance in court
3. It was _____ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.
adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
4. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.
v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
5. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
6. The political _____ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.
n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
7. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
8. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 1. stability, 2. bail, 3. irresponsible, 4. accused, 5. novel, 6. scandal, 7. ignored, 8. motto

9. He became an audit _____ because of his years of experience as an accountant.
- n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
10. The company is facing a potential _____ of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.
- n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
11. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
- n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
12. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
13. I need to _____ some supplies for the upcoming project.
- v.* to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
14. 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
15. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 9. commissioner, 10. liability, 11. creditor, 12. sector, 13. procure, 14. develop, 15. responsible

16. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

17. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

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

18. The _____ building was heavily guarded by security personnel.

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

19. The protracted war nearly depleted the country's _____.

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

20. The stone _____ was built to protect the city from invading forces.

n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack

21. He was a member of _____.

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

22. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

23. Almost \$1 billion in capital _____ is still required.

n. the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent

ANSWERS: 16. parallel, 17. independence, 18. embassy, 19. treasury, 20. fort, 21. parliament, 22. institutionalize, 23. expenditure

24. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
25. That style is no longer in _____.
- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
26. The publisher will proofread most of this manuscript for _____.
- n.* the quality of being coherent and understandable; the quality of transparency or purity
27. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
- n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
28. Our tech support responds to the first _____ exceptionally promptly.
- n.* the act or process of asking a question or asking for information; an official process of investigating a matter of public interest
29. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
30. The _____ of companies managed to dominate the market.
- n.* a large corporation or organization made up of many smaller companies or divisions; (verb) to gather or combine various things or entities together, typically to form a larger and more diverse whole
31. The parliament will _____ at 1 p.m. tomorrow.
- v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

ANSWERS: 24. mass, 25. fashion, 26. clarity, 27. temple, 28. inquiry, 29. sect, 30. conglomerate, 31. convene

32. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.
- n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
33. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
34. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.
- n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
35. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
36. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
- v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
37. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
- n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
38. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
39. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.
- n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 32. equations, 33. conduct, 34. anniversary, 35. mysterious, 36. trace, 37. label, 38. council, 39. framework

40. He smoothly _____ from one topic to the next during his presentation.
v. to make a smooth and uninterrupted transition from one topic or activity to another
41. 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
42. She hit a perfect _____ winner down the line to win the match.
n. (in sports such as tennis and squash) a stroke or shot made with the back of the hand facing forward is used to hit the ball on the non-dominant side of the body
43. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
44. Members of the military are _____ from paying taxes.
adj. free from or not subject to a particular requirement or restriction; (verb) to excuse someone or something from an obligation, payment, etc.
45. I must fill my car with _____ before going on a long road trip.
n. a flammable liquid made from petroleum that is used as a fuel in internal combustion engines, commonly known as gasoline in North America
46. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
47. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 40. segued, 41. government, 42. backhand, 43. suspected, 44. exempt, 45. petrol, 46. finance, 47. asset

48. The _____ politician was finally exposed and faced criminal charges.

adj. characterized by dishonest behavior or actions, often involving bribery, fraud, or the abuse of power for personal gain; morally or ethically flawed or polluted;
(verb) to make someone or something morally depraved or causing it to become dishonest

49. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

50. The royal family celebrated their _____ with a parade and a special concert.

n. a special anniversary or celebration, especially one marking a 25th, 50th, or 60th year

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

adj. extremely good; excellent

52. Each country's officials can access the central _____.

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

53. The teacher warned the students not to _____ the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray;
(noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

54. This bilingual _____ was essential for his language improvement.

n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

ANSWERS: 48. corrupt, 49. discovery, 50. jubilee, 51. fantastic, 52. database, 53. pervert, 54. lexicon

55. The new law includes _____ for increased penalties for repeat offenders.
- n.* the act of providing or supplying something; a clause in a document or law that specifies a particular requirement or condition
56. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
57. I must _____ my loan on time to avoid late fees and penalties.
- v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
58. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
59. 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
60. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.
- adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
61. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
62. The company's decision to launch a product without proper testing resulted in a marketing _____.
- n.* a complete failure or debacle, often resulting from poor planning, execution, or unforeseen circumstances

ANSWERS: 55. provisions, 56. rely, 57. repay, 58. relations, 59. movement, 60. suspicious, 61. complexity, 62. fiasco

63. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
64. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
65. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
66. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
67. The main discussion topic is government _____.
n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through
68. 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
69. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
70. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
71. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 63. collapsed, 64. protest, 65. myth, 66. biology, 67. transparency, 68. generosity, 69. massive, 70. wealth, 71. embarrass

72. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
- v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
73. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
74. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
- adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
75. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.
- v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
76. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
77. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
78. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
- n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
79. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
- v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 72. exchange, 73. destroyed, 74. prime, 75. occupy, 76. struggle, 77. suppose, 78. privilege, 79. relate

80. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
81. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
82. She is a natural _____ and doesn't need to dye her hair.
adj. of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
83. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
84. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.
v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
85. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
86. His statement was filled with _____ that made it difficult to take seriously.
n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
87. She gets a _____ on each contract.
n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

ANSWERS: 80. release, 81. advance, 82. blond, 83. security, 84. entitled, 85. tower, 86. contradictions, 87. commission

88. As a first _____ we agreed to meet the following Friday.
- n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
89. We _____ on a new project.
- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
90. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
91. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
92. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
- v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
93. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
94. He studied the _____ of radiation.
- n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
95. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.
- n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

ANSWERS: 88. arrangement, 89. embarked, 90. plot, 91. reversed, 92. bribe, 93. sustainable, 94. physics, 95. secretary

96. The judge denied the motion to dismiss the _____ case.
n. the act of bringing legal charges against someone for a crime they are accused of committing; the legal team responsible for presenting the case against the defendant in a criminal trial
97. He became _____ that he was being followed.
adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
98. Her voice was _____ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.
adj. happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
99. 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
100. After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a _____ statement.
adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
101. 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
102. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
103. The road of _____ leads to the palace of wisdom.
n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

ANSWERS: 96. prosecution's, 97. conscious, 98. swift, 99. nation, 100. joint, 101. economy, 102. locate, 103. excess

104. The government recruited a ____ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell
- n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
105. Heavy rain soaked a significant part of the _____.
- n.* commonly paved outdoor space next to a house; a row of homes that were all constructed in the same design and shared dividing walls
106. This measure will _____ people against terrorism.
- v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
107. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
108. He couldn't _____ the actual value of the artwork.
- v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
109. The clothes were still ____ after being in the dryer for an hour.
- adj.* slightly wet or moist; characterized by a lack of warmth, enthusiasm, or energy; depressing or dispiriting
110. It is important to adhere to _____ requirements when starting a new business.
- adj.* relating to law or regulation; authorized or required by law or regulation
111. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
- v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 104. spy, 105. terrace, 106. safeguard, 107. planet, 108. calculate, 109. damp, 110. statutory, 111. slide

112. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
- n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
113. Three _____ tenors performed during the president's inauguration.
- adj.* renowned for possessing admirable attributes
114. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?
- v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
115. The bandits _____ the small town, leaving it in ruins.
- v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
116. His business _____ took him to the United States.
- n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
117. I need to _____ some business at the bank before it closes.
- v.* to carry out or conduct a business or other transaction; to complete or fulfill an agreement, deal, or contract
118. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
119. The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely _____.
- adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

ANSWERS: 112. ridicule, 113. celebrated, 114. demonstrate, 115. looted, 116. commitments, 117. transact, 118. immediately, 119. immune

120. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
121. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.
- adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
122. The man _____ before opening the door.
- v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
123. Our company took out a big _____ next to the highway.
- v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
124. As a _____ he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.
- n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
125. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
- n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
126. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
127. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 120. introduction, 121. Unprecedented, 122. paused, 123. advert, 124. taxpayer, 125. corruption, 126. branch, 127. commerce

128. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

129. The weather turned _____.

- adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

130. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

131. The company's _____ of its financial records led to a better understanding of its operations.

- n.* the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts

132. It's important to _____ other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

- v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

133. The company undertakes _____ development for software companies in many countries.

- adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

134. The _____ of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

- n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

ANSWERS: 128. brain, 129. nasty, 130. context, 131. disclosure, 132. dignify, 133. offshore, 134. ministry

135. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

136. She is searching for a _____ residence.

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

137. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

138. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

139. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

140. He got so angry that he _____ the door down.

v. to hit something or someone repeatedly with much force; (noun, baseball) a ballplayer who is batting

141. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

142. She received a full _____ to study abroad.

n. a grant or payment made to support a student's education usually awarded based on academic or other achievements

ANSWERS: 135. participated, 136. permanent, 137. courage, 138. celebrated, 139. define, 140. battered, 141. reconstruct, 142. scholarship

143. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
144. The wealthy _____ made a generous donation to the charity.
- n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
145. The new smartphone model is _____ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.
- adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
146. 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
147. The dog's _____ led to the destruction of the living room furniture.
- n.* playful, minor actions or behavior intended to cause harm, trouble, or annoyance; mischievous behavior that is not intended to cause harm or damage
148. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
149. The company's reputation for honesty and _____ is highly valued among its customers.
- n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

ANSWERS: 143. constructs, 144. financier, 145. superior, 146. involves, 147. mischief, 148. discuss, 149. integrity

150. He _____ the old torn shirt and bought a new one.

- v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

151. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.

- v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

152. He could _____ his opponents with his quick thinking and clever strategy.

- v.* to defeat or overcome someone cleverly or cunningly by outsmarting them; to be more clever or cunning than someone else

153. Many countries provided a _____ to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

- n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

154. We replaced _____ equipment to improve factory productivity.

- adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

155. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

156. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

- n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

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

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

ANSWERS: 150. discarded, 151. plunged, 152. outwit, 153. bailout, 154. outdated, 155. largely, 156. irony, 157. statistics

158. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.

- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

159. He _____ the game so he could win the prize.

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

160. He made a New Year's _____ to exercise more and eat healthier.

- n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

161. He _____ a person out of going.

- v.* to try to deceive someone into believing that you can or are going to do something, or that you have knowledge or abilities; (noun) a high steep bank, usually formed by river erosion

162. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

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

163. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

164. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.

- v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

165. The right to free speech is a _____ right in the United States.

- adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

ANSWERS: 158. complaining, 159. rigged, 160. resolution, 161. bluffed, 162. abuse, 163. suffers, 164. dispersed, 165. constitutional

166. Always _____ a lawyer before launching a business.

- v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

167. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.

- v.* to be composed or made up of

168. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

- n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

169. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

- n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

170. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.

- v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

171. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

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

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

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

173. The court _____ a guardian for the child.

- v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

ANSWERS: 166. consult, 167. consists, 168. minister, 169. twin, 170. dismantled, 171. journalists, 172. individual, 173. appointed

174. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

175. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 174. nowhere, 175. ironic