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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### giant

*adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

*synonym* : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

### asteroid

*n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

*synonym* : minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

(1) **asteroid** mining, (2) **asteroid** explorer

Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the **asteroid** belt to understand the early solar system better.

### 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.

### schedule

*n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

*synonym* : agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**  
So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

## strike

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

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

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

## deflect

*v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone

*synonym* : deter, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **deflect** a blow, (2) **deflect** his criticism

The soccer player was able to **deflect** the ball away from the goal.

## threat

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

*synonym* : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

## wrap

*v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

*synonym* : surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

**Wrap** the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

## polar

*adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

*synonym* : opposing, contrary, contrasting

(1) **polar** bears, (2) **polar** regions

**Polar** animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.

## paralyze

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

*synonym*: immobilize, disable, numb

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

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

## confer

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

*synonym*: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

## alarm

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

*synonym*: notice, warning, panic

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

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

## prediction

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

*synonym*: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

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

These results muddied the **prediction**.

## temperature

*n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

*synonym*: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

## degree

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

academic or professional attainment

*synonym* : level, qualification, diploma

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

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

## centigrade

*n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

(1) **centigrade** scale, (2) **centigrade** thermometer

The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees **centigrade**.

## meter

*n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

*synonym* : gauge, indicator, rhythm

(1) a gas **meter**, (2) poetic **meter**

The **meter** on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.

## low-lying

*adj.* situated at or near ground level; located in an area that is susceptible to flooding or inundation; having a position, status, or condition that is humble or inferior in relation to others

*synonym* : close to the ground, flat, sea-level

(1) **low-lying** countries, (2) **low-lying** region

The **low-lying** area near the river is prone to flooding during heavy rain.

## disappear

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

*synonym* : fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

## lifetime

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

*synonym* : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport  
She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

## collision

*n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict

*synonym*: crash, impact, smash

(1) **collision** detection, (2) come into **collision** with my friend

The **collision** of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.

## equivalent

*n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

*synonym*: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

## dither

*v.* to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement

*synonym*: hesitate, waver, vacillate

(1) **dither** over a decision, (2) **dither** in negotiations

I couldn't decide what to wear to the party, so I **dithered** over my outfit for hours.

## deny

*v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

*synonym*: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

## invite

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

*synonym*: ask, request, summon

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

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

## conservative

*adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

*synonym*: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

## intellect

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

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

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

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

## 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.

## affair

*n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

*synonym*: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

## welfare

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

*synonym*: well-being, benefit, health

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

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

## democracy

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

*synonym* : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**  
**Democracy** often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

## untenable

*adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible

*synonym* : indefensible, unsustainable

(1) **untenable** situation, (2) **untenable** amount of debt  
The proposal was deemed **untenable** due to financial constraints.

## affordable

*adj.* not expensive and able to pay

*synonym* : cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

## dubious

*adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

*synonym* : uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

## economics

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

*synonym* : social science, finance, business

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

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

## demographic

*n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

## bygone

*adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period

*synonym*: past, former, old-fashioned

(1) **bygone** civilization, (2) **bygone** traditions

The historian studied the **bygone** era with great detail.

## scary

*adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

*synonym*: terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

## graph

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

*synonym*: chart, diagram, figure

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

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

## debt

*n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

*synonym*: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

## percentage

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

*synonym*: rate, ratio, portion

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

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

## revolutionary

*adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change



*synonym* : radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice

The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

## bang

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

*synonym* : crash, hit, smash

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

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

## process

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

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

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

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

## depression

*n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

*synonym* : recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

**Depression** symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

## astronomical

*adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

*synonym* : huge, vast, enormous

(1) **astronomical** observation, (2) **astronomical** numbers

The cost of the new equipment was **astronomical** and

beyond the company's budget.

## sustainable

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

*synonym* : continuable, endurable, tolerable

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

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

## primarily

*adv.* mainly

*synonym* : largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

## 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.

## indebted

*adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness

*synonym* : owing, obligated, beholden

(1) **indebted** to creditors, (2) financially **indebted**

He felt **indebted** to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.

## boom

*n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

*synonym* : roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

## retire

*v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

*synonym*: relinquish, step down, withdraw

(1) **retire** voluntarily, (2) **retire** after four terms

After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to **retire** from her job.

## congressional

*adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

*synonym*: parliamentary, senatorial, legislative

(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional** meeting

There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.

## realistic

*adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

*synonym*: practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

## forecast

*n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

*synonym*: prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

## trend

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

*synonym*: direction, movement, tendency

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

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

## extended

*adj.* longer than usual or anticipated

*synonym*: extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

## identical

*adj.* being the exact same one

*synonym* : duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

## ax

*n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

*synonym* : hatchet, chopper, tomahawk

(1) chop wood with an **ax**, (2) an **ax** in the toolbox

He used an **ax** to chop the firewood for the campfire.

## moral

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

*synonym* : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

## implication

*n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

*synonym* : suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

## translate

*v.* to convert or change words into another language

*synonym* : convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

**Translate** the text from Italian into English.

## doom

*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

*synonym* : judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

## hell

*n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

*synonym*: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

## technique

*n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

*synonym*: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

## solvable

*adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

*synonym*: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

## tragedy

*n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

*synonym*: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

## partisan

*adj.* biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint

*synonym*: biased, prejudiced, one-sided

(1) **partisan** politics, (2) bridge **partisan** differences

Her **partisan** beliefs made it difficult for her to consider opposing viewpoints.

## mere

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

*synonym*: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

## psychology

*n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

## morality

*n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

*synonym*: decency, rectitude, righteousness

(1) business **morality**, (2) sense of **morality**

She found fault with the **morality** of politicians.

## principle

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

*synonym*: rule, creed, code

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

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

## bind

*v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

*synonym*: tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

## blind

*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

*synonym*: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

## sacred

*adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

*synonym*: holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

## thereby

*adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

*synonym*: thus, hence, as a result

(1) **thereby-obtained** data, (2) **thereby** improving overall health

The new software will streamline the workflow, **thereby** increasing productivity.

## large-scale

*adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

*synonym*: big, massive, grand

(1) **large-scale** project, (2) **large-scale** agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

## cooperation

*n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

*synonym*: collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

## 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.

## beehive

*n.* a structure or container where bees live and store their honey

*synonym*: hive, apiary, honeycomb

(1) disturb a **beehive**, (2) get rid of a **beehive**

The beekeeper checked the **beehive** for any signs of disease.

## termite

*n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture

*synonym*: woodworm, white ant, insect

(1) **termite** damage, (2) **termite** inspection

The house was infested with **termites** and required extensive repairs.

## mound

*n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

*synonym*: hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

## sibling

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

*synonym*: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

## kinship

*n.* the state or fact of being related to someone

*synonym*: family, relationship, connection

(1) **kinship** ties, (2) **kinship** relations

She felt a sense of **kinship** with her new colleagues.



## reconstruction

*n.* the process of rebuilding or repairing something that has been damaged or destroyed or of restoring something to its original condition

*synonym* : rebuilding, remodeling, renovation

(1) **reconstruction** aid, (2) **reconstruction** aid

The government announced a plan for the **reconstruction** of the city's infrastructure.

## ancient

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

*synonym* : archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

## hunt

*v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

*synonym* : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

## gigantic

*adj.* extremely large

*synonym* : huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

## miraculous

*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

*synonym* : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

## 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.

## mecca

*n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

*synonym* : cynosure, center

(1) tourist **mecca**, (2) **mecca** for surfers

The building has become a **mecca** for fans of the movie.

## electrical

*adj.* relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

## magnetic

*adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

*synonym* : attractive, drawing, hypnotic

(1) **magnetic** field, (2) a **magnetic** tape

The **magnetic** force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.

## distort

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

*synonym* : fudge, deform, contort

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

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

## separate

*v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

*synonym* : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

## evil

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

*synonym* : malign, corruption, immorality

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

## satisfy

*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

*synonym* : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

## gross

*adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

*synonym* : before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

## distortion

*n.* the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted

*synonym* : twist, deformity, misrepresentation

(1) **distortion** of the earth's surface, (2) horizontal **distortion**

Her report was criticized as a gross **distortion** of the truth.

## electromagnetic

*adj.* of or relating to the magnetism produced by electric charge in motion

(1) **electromagnetic** radiation, (2) **electromagnetic** properties

His hypothesis concerns the role of an **electromagnetic** field in human health.

## congress

*n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

*synonym* : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**

**Congress** must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

### strict

*adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

*synonym* : rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

### axis

*n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

*synonym* : central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

### extraordinary

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

*synonym* : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

### historic

*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

*synonym* : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

### polarization

*n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

*synonym* : polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide

in the country.

## bipartisanship

*n.* agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's

(1) spirit of **bipartisanship**, (2) **bipartisanship** legislation

The prime minister's sister has called for **bipartisanship** to pass the legislation on same-sex marriage.

## grand

*adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

*synonym*: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

## moderate

*adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

*synonym*: average, middle-of-the-road, tempered

(1) **moderate** growth, (2) **moderate** risk

He had a **moderate** understanding of the topic but needed further research.

## rearrange

*v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

*synonym*: readjust, reorganize, reconstruct

(1) **rearrange** the furniture, (2) **rearrange** his schedule

Please **rearrange** these files as we start a new project tomorrow.

## bipartisan

*adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country

*synonym*: neutral, impartial, nonpartisan

(1) promote **bipartisan** cooperation, (2) **bipartisan** agreement

The legislation was passed with **bipartisan** support from both parties.

## committee

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

*synonym* : panel, board, council

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

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

## crank

*n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

*synonym* : eccentric, oddball, kook

(1) **crank** handle, (2) **crank** caller

The fishing reel had a **crank** that made it easy to reel in the catch.

## republican

*n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

*synonym* : conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

## cooperate

*v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal

*synonym* : collaborate, team up, work together

(1) **cooperate** with one another, (2) **cooperate** closely in various ways

The team had to **cooperate** to complete the project on time.

## retiring

*adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

*synonym* : shy, leaving, quitting

(1) near **retiring** age, (2) a **retiring** pension

The **retiring** CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

## nowadays

*adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

*synonym* : currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

## gang

*n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

*synonym* : crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

## warfare

*n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

*synonym* : combat, fighting, conflict

(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

## debate

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

*synonym* : argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

## elite

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

*synonym* : privileged, favored, elect

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

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

## doubt

*n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

*synonym* : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news  
**Doubt** is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

## apparent

*adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly  
*synonym*: obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction  
This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

## elect

*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something  
*synonym*: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death  
Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

## survey

*n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

*synonym*: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**  
That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

## thermometer

*n.* a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature

*synonym*: thermos, gauge, climate gauge

(1) digital **thermometer**, (2) clinical **thermometer**  
My mother always used a mercury **thermometer** to check our temperature when we were sick.

## native

*adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

*synonym*: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language  
The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.



## military

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

*synonym* : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

## administer

*v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

*synonym* : allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

## drift

*v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

*synonym* : float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft

I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

## downward

*adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level

*synonym* : lower, earthward, descending

(1) a **downward** slope, (2) maintain **downward** compatibility

The stock market has been in a **downward** trend for the past month.

## slightly

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

*synonym* : barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

## bush

*n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

*synonym* : copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair  
I am going to trim this **bush** off.

## plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

*synonym*: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

## dislike

v. to not like someone or something

*synonym*: disapprove, disfavor, deprecate

(1) **dislike** speaking in public, (2) **dislike** this kind of food  
He seems to **dislike** all forms of exercise.

## territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

*synonym*: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

## 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.

## forge

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

*synonym*: create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

## relative

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

*synonym*: comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

## overlap

*v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

*synonym*: overlay, cover, bespread

(1) **overlap** one another, (2) **overlap** in many areas

There was no **overlap** between their proposals.

## anomalous

*adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain

*synonym*: unusual, peculiar, abnormal

(1) **anomalous** behavior, (2) **anomalous** result

The data from the study was **anomalous** and unexpected.

## reform

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

*synonym*: change, modify, improve

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

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

## dysfunction

*n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

*synonym*: malfunction, disorder, disfunction

(1) **dysfunction** of kidneys, (2) brain **dysfunction**

The **dysfunction** in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.

## 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.

## **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.

## **recommend**

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

*synonym*: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

## **bunch**

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

*synonym*: group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

## **broad**

*adj.* very wide; general

*synonym*: wide, expansive, comprehensive

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

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

## **polarize**

v. to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict

*synonym*: divide, separate, split

(1) **polarize** society, (2) **polarize** opinions

The controversial new law has the potential to **polarize** the entire nation.

## primary

*adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

*synonym* : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

## committed

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

*synonym* : devoted, faithful, attached

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

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

## nominate

*v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

*synonym* : appoint, designate, elect

(1) **nominate** him for an award, (2) **nominate** government representatives

The organization **nominated** her to be the next president.

## extreme

*adj.* very great in amount or degree

*synonym* : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

## severe

*adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

*synonym* : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

## insider

*n.* a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field

*synonym* : mole, privileged person

(1) **insider** trading, (2) company **insider**

He's a Wall Street **insider** with a lot of valuable information.

## intelligent

*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

*synonym* : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

**Intelligent** robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

## reward

*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

*synonym* : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

## hyperpartisanship

*n.* a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views

*synonym* : polarization, partisanship, factionalism

(1) **hyperpartisanship** politics, (2) **hyperpartisanship** on democracy

The media's sensationalism has fueled **hyperpartisanship** in recent years.

## pun

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

*synonym* : joke, quip, wordplay

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

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

## 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.

## counteract

v. to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it

*synonym*: balance, offset, compensate

(1) **counteract** the effect of poison, (2) **counteract** global warming

Our body's immune system produces antibodies to **counteract** disease.

## disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

*synonym*: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

## aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

*synonym*: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

## aisle

n. a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

*synonym*: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

## opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

*synonym*: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

## negative

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

*synonym* : minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

## advertise

*v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

*synonym* : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

## 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.

## politician

*n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

*synonym* : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

## extrovert

*n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident

*synonym* : outgoing, sociable, gregarious

(1) **extrovert** social skills, (2) natural **extrovert**

She intentionally acts like an **extrovert**.

## cajole

*v.* to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises



*synonym* : persuade, coax, wheedle

(1) **cajole** him into an agreement, (2) **cajole** a child into eating vegetables

He tried to **cajole** his little sister into sharing her toy with him.

## representative

*n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

*synonym* : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

## legislative

*adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature

*synonym* : legislative, parliamentary, statutory

(1) **legislative** process, (2) **legislative** power

The **legislative** branch of government creates and passes laws.

## congressperson

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

*synonym* : lawmaker, politician, representative

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

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

## district

*n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

*synonym* : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

## spouse

*n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

*synonym* : partner, mate, wife

(1) **spouse** tax deduction, (2) **spouse** visa

The **spouse** of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

## motor

*n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work  
*synonym*: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

## descend

*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

*synonym*: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

## paralysis

*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

*synonym*: immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

## stretch

*v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

*synonym*: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

## fundamental

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

*synonym*: basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

## supplement

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

*synonym*: complement, addendum, accessory

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

Certain **supplements** may promote tumor growth.

## 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.

## inequality

*n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others;  
(mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

*synonym*: imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

## associate

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

*synonym*: tie in, link, consociate

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

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

## 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.

## obvious

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

*synonym*: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

## yacht

*n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities

*synonym*: boat, vessel, ship

(1) **yacht** owner, (2) luxury **yacht**

We spent the weekend sailing our **yacht** around the Mediterranean.

## cling

*v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

*synonym*: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

## driftwood

*n.* wood that has been carried along by the current of a river or ocean and washed up on shore, often used for decorative purposes or as fuel

*synonym*: floatwood, beachwood, logwood

(1) **driftwood** art, (2) beach **driftwood**

A large **driftwood** branch provided a perfect perch for the seagull to rest on.

## sacrifice

*n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

*synonym*: forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

## scream

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

very loud voice

*synonym* : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet  
She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

## marital

*adj.* of or relating to marriage

*synonym* : wedded, connubial, matrimonial

(1) **marital** fidelity, (2) affect **marital** relations

More and more people are utilizing counselors to help resolve their **marital** problems.

## steady

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

*synonym* : stable, solid, secure

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

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

## wedlock

*n.* the state of being married; matrimony

*synonym* : marriage, union, matrimony

(1) born in **wedlock**, (2) faithful in **wedlock**

The couple had been happily married for years and cherished the sanctity of their union in **wedlock**.

## unmarried

*adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

*synonym* : single, unwed, celibate

(1) young **unmarried** couple, (2) **unmarried** status

She has chosen to remain **unmarried** and focus on her career.

## whit

*n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all

*synonym* : bit, atom, smidgen

(1) a **whit** of evidence, (2) not a **whit** of difference

His argument had a **whit** of truth, but it was primarily

exaggerated.

## 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**.

## chaos

*n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control  
*synonym* : disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

## reluctant

*adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

*synonym* : hesitant, unwilling, unenthusiastic

(1) slowly becoming more **reluctant**, (2) **reluctant** readers

He was **reluctant** to share his thoughts on the matter.

## blame

*v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

*synonym* : condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

## critic

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

*synonym* : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

## 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.

## 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.

## decline

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

*synonym*: descend, drop, deny

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

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

## contribute

*v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

*synonym*: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

## divorce

*n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage

*synonym*: separation, dissolution, breakup

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

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

## invest

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

*synonym* : fund, sponsor, support

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

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

## stable

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

*synonym* : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

## environment

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

*synonym* : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

## evangelical

*adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

*synonym* : proselytizing, evangelistic, missionary

(1) **evangelical** mission, (2) **evangelical** Christian group

The **evangelical** pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

## Christ

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

*synonym* : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

**Christmas** is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.



## promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

*synonym* : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior  
The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

## smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

*synonym* : hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee  
The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

## strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

*synonym* : reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol  
Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

## educational

*adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

*synonym* : instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards  
The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

## wage

*n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

*synonym* : payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**  
His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

## criminal

*n.* a person who has committed a crime

*synonym* : offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation  
The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

## conclude

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

*synonym*: complete, finish, decide

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

## congratulation

*n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

*synonym*: praise, compliment, felicitation

(1) **congratulation** on a promotion, (2) a matter for **congratulation**

The **congratulations** from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.

## inaugurate

*v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

*synonym*: initiate, launch, commence

(1) **inaugurate** an enterprise, (2) **inaugurate** a new policy  
The president will **inaugurate** the new embassy building next week.

## naive

*adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

*synonym*: innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

## facilitate

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

*synonym*: aid, assist, help

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

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

### poverty

*n.* the condition of being extremely poor  
*synonym*: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

### humanitarian

*adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare  
*synonym*: philanthropic, compassionate, caring

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

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

### surprisingly

*adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder  
*synonym*: exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

### incarceration

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail  
*synonym*: confinement, imprisonment, detention

(1) mass **incarceration**, (2) **incarceration** rates

The judge sentenced him to five years of **incarceration** for embezzlement.

### quadruple

*v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

(1) **quadruple** the amount, (2) **quadruple** the price of gold

His stock earnings **quadrupled**.

### industrial

*adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry  
*synonym*: manufacturing, mechanical

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

alcohol

**Industrial** design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

## 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.

## unbelievable

*adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

*synonym*: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

## bankrupt

*adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

*synonym*: insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

## corrode

*v.* to destroy or eat away slowly by chemical action; to gradually wear away, weaken, or disintegrate over time

*synonym*: erode, rust, eat away

(1) **corrode** steel drums, (2) **corrode** pipes

The saltwater can **corrode** metal over time if not properly maintained.

## fiscal

*adj.* relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters

*synonym*: financial, monetary, economic

(1) **fiscal** policy, (2) **fiscal** year

The government is facing a **fiscal** crisis due to high levels of

debt.

## oppose

*v.* to be against or in conflict with something or someone;  
to resist or to try to prevent something from happening

*synonym*: match, resist, confront

(1) **oppose** a decision, (2) publicly **oppose**

I strongly **oppose** the new proposed law that would harm our environment.

## efficient

*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

*synonym*: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|---|--|
| 1. con_____te to society                | <i>v.</i> to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people   |
| 2. equ_____nt in meaning                | <i>n.</i> having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.   |
| 3. a charm against e__l                 | <i>adj.</i> profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people   |
| 4. urban di_____cts                     | <i>n.</i> a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features   |
| 5. co_____r degree                      | <i>v.</i> to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something  |
| 6. enforce rev_____ary justice          | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change  |
| 7. sc__y dream                          | <i>adj.</i> causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating  |
| 8. no_____te government representatives | <i>v.</i> to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor  |
| 9. lo_____ng region                     | <i>adj.</i> situated at or near ground level; located in an area that is susceptible to flooding or inundation; having a position, status, or condition that is humble or inferior in relation to others |
| 10. di_____er recovery                  | <i>n.</i> an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life   |

ANSWERS: 1. contribute, 2. equivalent, 3. evil, 4. district, 5. confer, 6. revolutionary, 7. scary, 8. nominate, 9. low-lying, 10. disaster

11. aff\_\_\_\_\_le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
12. hyp\_\_\_\_\_hip politics *n.* a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views
13. me\_\_a for surfers *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
14. ef\_\_\_\_\_nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
15. ast\_\_\_\_\_cal numbers *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
16. a\_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
17. ob\_\_\_\_\_s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
18. algebraic ine\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
19. ad\_\_\_\_\_se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 11. affordable, 12. hyperpartisanship, 13. mecca, 14. efficient, 15. astronomical, 16. aim, 17. obvious, 18. inequality, 19. advertise

20. b\_\_g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
21. tourist me\_\_a *n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam
22. ca\_\_\_e him into an agreement *v.* to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises
23. a pol\_\_\_\_\_an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
24. ki\_\_\_\_\_p ties *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
25. st\_\_\_y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
26. mo\_\_l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
27. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
28. principles of sus\_\_\_\_\_le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
29. ec\_\_\_\_\_y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 20. bang, 21. mecca, 22. cajole, 23. politician, 24. kinship, 25. steady, 26. moral, 27. confer, 28. sustainable, 29. economy



30. an ele\_\_\_\_\_al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
31. ele\_\_\_\_\_tic radiation *adj.* of or relating to the magnetism produced by electric charge in motion
32. th\_\_\_\_\_y improving overall health *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
33. el\_\_t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
34. na\_\_e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
35. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
36. se\_\_\_e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
37. attract br\_\_d attention *adj.* very wide; general
38. gi\_\_t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
39. ex\_\_\_\_\_e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
40. energy-ef\_\_\_\_\_nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 30. electrical, 31. electromagnetic, 32. thereby, 33. elect, 34. naive, 35. process, 36. severe, 37. broad, 38. giant, 39. extreme, 40. efficient

41. aff\_\_\_\_\_le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
42. degree in ele\_\_\_\_\_al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
43. re\_\_\_\_\_ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
44. the gr\_\_s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
45. eva\_\_\_\_\_al mission *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
46. leg\_\_\_\_\_ve process *adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature
47. gi\_\_\_\_\_ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
48. sus\_\_\_\_\_le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
49. adamantly d\_\_y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
50. tr\_\_\_\_\_te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
51. coo\_\_\_\_\_on with strategic partners *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
52. fi\_\_\_l year *adj.* relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters

ANSWERS: 41. affordable, 42. electrical, 43. relative, 44. gross, 45. evangelical, 46. legislative, 47. gigantic, 48. sustainable, 49. deny, 50. translate, 51. cooperation, 52. fiscal

53. financial ind\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
54. 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
55. co\_\_\_\_\_te with one another *v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
56. di\_\_\_\_\_ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
57. se\_\_\_\_\_te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
58. th\_\_\_\_\_y-obtained data *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
59. silly p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
60. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
61. run like h\_\_l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
62. a\_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
63. ma\_\_\_\_\_ic field *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

ANSWERS: 53. independence, 54. temple, 55. cooperate, 56. disappear, 57. separate, 58. thereby, 59. pun, 60. intellect, 61. hell, 62. aim, 63. magnetic

64. a bu\_\_h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
65. spirit of bip\_\_\_\_\_hip *n.* agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's
66. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
67. qu\_\_\_\_\_le the price of gold *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
68. hawkish con\_\_\_\_\_son *n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
69. fun\_\_\_\_\_al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
70. fun\_\_\_\_\_al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
71. corporate d\_\_t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
72. increase sl\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
73. a sonic b\_\_m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 64. bunch, 65. bipartisanship, 66. nation, 67. quadruple, 68. congressperson, 69. fundamental, 70. fundamental, 71. debt, 72. slightly, 73. boom

74. suspend a con\_\_\_\_\_nal meeting     *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
75. pol\_\_\_\_\_ion effect     *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
76. wanted cr\_\_\_\_\_al     *n.* a person who has committed a crime
77. current af\_\_\_\_rs     *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
78. ex\_\_\_\_\_rt social skills     *n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
79. ya\_\_t owner     *n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities
80. fo\_\_\_\_\_st an epidemic     *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
81. lo\_\_\_\_\_ng countries     *adj.* situated at or near ground level; located in an area that is susceptible to flooding or inundation; having a position, status, or condition that is humble or inferior in relation to others
82. con\_\_\_\_\_te a large sum of money to the fund     *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 74. congressional, 75. polarization, 76. criminal, 77. affair, 78. extrovert, 79. yacht, 80. forecast, 81. low-lying, 82. contribute

83. ina\_\_\_\_\_te a new policy      *v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
84. dr\_\_\_\_\_od art      *n.* wood that has been carried along by the current of a river or ocean and washed up on shore, often used for decorative purposes or as fuel
85. in\_\_\_\_\_ed to creditors      *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
86. unpaid w\_\_es      *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
87. intended pr\_\_\_\_\_ly for young people      *adv.* mainly
88. dis\_\_\_\_\_on of the earth's surface      *n.* the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted
89. in\_\_\_e criticism      *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
90. tr\_\_\_\_\_te a document into English      *v.* to convert or change words into another language
91. a coordinate a\_\_s      *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

ANSWERS: 83. inaugurate, 84. driftwood, 85. indebted, 86. wage, 87. primarily, 88. distortion, 89. invite, 90. translate, 91. axis

92. born in we\_\_\_\_k *n.* the state of being married; matrimony
93. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
94. disturb a be\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a structure or container where bees live and store their honey
95. so\_\_\_\_\_le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
96. the te\_\_\_\_\_ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
97. bl\_\_d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
98. w\_\_p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
99. a re\_\_\_\_\_ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
100. poetic me\_\_r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
101. sc\_\_\_m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
102. a comprehensive su\_\_\_y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 92. wedlock, 93. psychology, 94. beehive, 95. solvable, 96. technique, 97. blind, 98. wrap, 99. realistic, 100. meter, 101. scream, 102. survey

103. ex\_\_\_\_\_e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
104. unb\_\_\_\_\_ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
105. environmental th\_\_\_\_t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
106. financially in\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
107. st\_\_\_\_\_ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
108. fac\_\_\_\_\_te the process *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
109. affect ma\_\_\_\_\_l relations *adj.* of or relating to marriage
110. lar\_\_\_\_\_le project *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
111. a mi\_\_\_\_\_ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
112. digital the\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature

ANSWERS: 103. extreme, 104. unbelievable, 105. threat, 106. indebted, 107. stability, 108. facilitate, 109. marital, 110. large-scale, 111. military, 112. thermometer



113. a motorcycle g\_\_g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
114. the cycle of po\_\_\_\_y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
115. an official rep\_\_\_\_\_ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
116. a mi\_\_\_\_ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
117. an\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
118. m\_\_e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
119. b\_\_g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
120. pre-Christian an\_\_\_\_t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
121. re\_\_\_\_\_on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
122. as\_\_\_\_\_te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
123. mo\_\_\_\_\_te risk *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
124. sa\_\_\_\_\_y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

ANSWERS: 113. gang, 114. poverty, 115. representative, 116. military, 117. anomalous, 118. mere, 119. bang, 120. ancient, 121. relation, 122. associate, 123. moderate, 124. satisfy

125. d\_\_y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
126. in\_\_\_t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
127. inc\_\_\_\_\_ion rates *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
128. extreme tem\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
129. the aftermath of this tr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
130. a gr\_\_h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
131. re\_\_\_e voluntarily *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
132. get rid of a be\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a structure or container where bees live and store their honey
133. re\_\_\_e after four terms *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
134. 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
135. make my pre\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

ANSWERS: 125. deny, 126. invest, 127. incarceration, 128. temperature, 129. tragedy, 130. graph, 131. retire, 132. beehive, 133. retire, 134. planet, 135. prediction

136. welfare ec\_\_\_\_\_cs  
*n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
137. ba\_\_\_\_\_pt business  
*adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
138. rep\_\_\_\_\_an ideology  
*n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
139. gr\_\_h theory  
*n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
140. ina\_\_\_\_\_te an enterprise  
*v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony
141. con\_\_\_\_\_ive about production  
*adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
142. sc\_\_\_m a profanity  
*v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
143. in st\_\_\_t secrecy  
*adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

ANSWERS: 136. economics, 137. bankrupt, 138. republican, 139. graph, 140. inaugurate, 141. conservative, 142. scream, 143. strict

144. gr\_\_d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
145. gi\_\_\_\_ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
146. co\_\_\_\_e steel drums *v.* to destroy or eat away slowly by chemical action; to gradually wear away, weaken, or disintegrate over time
147. economic d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
148. not to be seen no\_\_\_\_ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
149. burial mo\_\_d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
150. ele\_\_\_\_\_tic properties *adj.* of or relating to the magnetism produced by electric charge in motion
151. st\_\_\_e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
152. direct a du\_\_\_\_s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
153. economic re\_\_\_m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
154. strong and co\_\_\_\_\_ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
155. death-penalty op\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

ANSWERS: 144. grand, 145. gigantic, 146. corrode, 147. doom, 148. nowadays, 149. mound, 150. electromagnetic, 151. strike, 152. dubious, 153. reform, 154. committed, 155. opponent

156. du\_\_\_\_s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
157. give the al\_\_m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
158. no do\_\_t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
159. eva\_\_\_\_al Christian group *adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
160. equ\_\_\_\_nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
161. te\_\_\_\_e damage *n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture
162. de\_\_\_\_yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
163. fiscal st\_\_\_\_ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
164. material we\_\_\_\_h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
165. ki\_\_\_\_p relations *n.* the state or fact of being related to someone
166. h\_\_t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

ANSWERS: 156. dubious, 157. alarm, 158. doubt, 159. evangelical, 160. equivalent, 161. termite, 162. destroy, 163. stability, 164. wealth, 165. kinship, 166. hunt

167. in st\_\_\_e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
168. cr\_\_k caller *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
169. play with my si\_\_\_\_gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
170. co\_\_\_\_de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
171. dielectric pol\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
172. con\_\_\_\_nal approval *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
173. a ma\_\_\_\_ic tape *adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel
174. sc\_\_y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
175. business mo\_\_\_\_ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
176. an ax in the toolbox *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
177. a mo\_\_r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

ANSWERS: 167. stable, 168. crank, 169. sibling, 170. conclude, 171. polarization, 172. congressional, 173. magnetic, 174. scary, 175. morality, 176. ax, 177. motor

178. mass inc\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail
179. prophet of d\_\_m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
180. cen\_\_\_\_\_de scale *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
181. int\_\_\_\_\_nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
182. domestic af\_\_\_\_rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
183. an al\_\_m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
184. computer op\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
185. achieve the hi\_\_\_\_\_ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
186. re\_\_\_\_\_on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
187. pr\_\_\_\_\_le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 178. incarceration, 179. doom, 180. centigrade, 181. intelligent, 182. affair, 183. alarm, 184. opponent, 185. historic, 186. relation, 187. principle

188. d\_\_t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
189. dr\_\_t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
190. de\_\_\_e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
191. se\_\_\_\_\_te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
192. ind\_\_\_\_\_nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
193. leg\_\_\_\_\_ve power *adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature
194. sa\_\_\_\_\_ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
195. str\_\_\_\_\_en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
196. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 188. debt, 189. drift, 190. debate, 191. separate, 192. independence, 193. legislative, 194. sacrifice, 195. strengthen, 196. statistics



197. de\_\_\_\_\_t his criticism *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
198. teaching of Ch\_\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
199. peace co\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
200. as\_\_\_\_\_id mining *n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
201. an id\_\_\_\_\_al equation *adj.* being the exact same one
202. the imp\_\_\_\_\_on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
203. the center ai\_\_e of a church *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
204. no\_\_\_\_\_te him for an award *v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
205. a b\_\_h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

ANSWERS: 197. deflect, 198. Christ, 199. congress, 200. asteroid, 201. identical, 202. implication, 203. aisle, 204. nominate, 205. bush

206. midst of ch__s	<i>n.</i> a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
207. un_____le amount of debt	<i>adj.</i> cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
208. con_____ion on a promotion	<i>n.</i> the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
209. young un_____ed couple	<i>adj.</i> not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
210. te_____ry in charge	<i>n.</i> an area under the control of a ruler or state
211. sa___d music	<i>adj.</i> connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
212. adm_____er justice	<i>v.</i> to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
213. publicly op___e	<i>v.</i> to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening
214. na__e mistake	<i>adj.</i> showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
215. sp___e tax deduction	<i>n.</i> a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
216. ap_____nt contradiction	<i>adj.</i> able to see or understand easily or clearly

ANSWERS: 206. chaos, 207. untenable, 208. congratulation, 209. unmarried, 210. territory, 211. sacred, 212. administer, 213. oppose, 214. naive, 215. spouse, 216. apparent

217. de\_\_\_\_d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
218. li\_\_\_\_\_me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
219. spiritual wa\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
220. a do\_\_\_\_\_rd slope *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
221. a corrupt pol\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
222. re\_\_\_\_\_ge the furniture *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
223. recent su\_\_\_\_y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
224. pa\_\_\_\_\_an politics *adj.* biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint
225. beginning of the ind\_\_\_\_\_al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
226. moral pa\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

ANSWERS: 217. descend, 218. lifetime, 219. warfare, 220. downward, 221. politician, 222. rearrange, 223. survey, 224. partisan, 225. industrial, 226. paralysis

227. rev_____ary change	<i>adj.</i> relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
228. mathematically so_____le equation	<i>adj.</i> capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
229. sense of mo_____ty	<i>n.</i> principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
230. go through a mir_____us change	<i>adj.</i> very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
231. re____m movement	<i>n.</i> the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
232. a se____e case of pneumonia	<i>adj.</i> extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
233. promote bip_____an cooperation	<i>adj.</i> involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
234. ine_____ty in salary	<i>n.</i> the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
235. an int_____nt person	<i>adj.</i> having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
236. com_____ty theory	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
237. a con_____ive society	<i>adj.</i> holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

ANSWERS: 227. revolutionary, 228. solvable, 229. morality, 230. miraculous, 231. reform, 232. severe, 233. bipartisan, 234. inequality, 235. intelligent, 236. complexity, 237. conservative

238. un\_\_\_\_\_le situation *adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
239. mo\_\_\_\_\_te growth *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
240. di\_\_\_\_\_t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
241. a mir\_\_\_\_\_us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
242. clinical the\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature
243. hyp\_\_\_\_\_hip on democracy *n.* a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views
244. the root problem of her dep\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
245. sales rep\_\_\_\_\_ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
246. mo\_\_l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

ANSWERS: 238. untenable, 239. moderate, 240. distort, 241. miraculous, 242. thermometer, 243. hyperpartisanship, 244. depression, 245. representative, 246. moral

247. li\_\_\_\_me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
248. child we\_\_\_\_e *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
249. come into co\_\_\_\_on with my friend *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
250. na\_\_\_e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
251. sm\_\_k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
252. the Great Dep\_\_\_\_on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
253. ex\_\_\_\_ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
254. na\_\_\_e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
255. cr\_\_k handle *n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person
256. w\_\_p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

ANSWERS: 247. lifetime, 248. welfare, 249. collision, 250. native, 251. smack, 252. depression, 253. extended, 254. native, 255. crank, 256. wrap

257. in\_\_\_e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
258. a te\_\_\_\_\_ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
259. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
260. severe cr\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
261. h\_\_t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
262. principles of de\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
263. the tr\_\_d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
264. elevate edu\_\_\_\_\_al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
265. hi\_\_\_\_\_ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
266. an international co\_\_\_\_\_ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
267. gr\_\_s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
268. el\_\_t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 257. invite, 258. technique, 259. complexity, 260. critic, 261. hunt, 262. democracy, 263. trend, 264. educational, 265. historic, 266. congress, 267. gross, 268. elect

269. bip\_\_\_\_\_an agreement *adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
270. pl\_\_\_\_\_ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
271. de\_\_\_\_\_cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
272. psy\_\_\_\_\_gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
273. ov\_\_\_\_\_p one another *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
274. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
275. re\_\_\_\_\_nt readers *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
276. de\_\_\_\_\_t a blow *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
277. 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
278. witty p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

ANSWERS: 269. bipartisan, 270. plummet, 271. democracy, 272. psychology, 273. overlap, 274. extraordinary, 275. reluctant, 276. deflect, 277. economy, 278. pun



279. fac\_\_\_\_\_te a smooth transition      *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
280. res\_\_\_\_\_le action      *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
281. an\_\_\_\_\_us result      *adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
282. acquire te\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
283. his conclusion was ob\_\_\_\_\_s      *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
284. earn el\_\_e status      *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
285. a we\_\_\_\_\_e state      *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
286. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
287. de\_\_\_\_\_d a steep hill      *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
288. gi\_\_t trees      *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 279. facilitate, 280. responsible, 281. anomalous, 282. territory, 283. obvious, 284. elite, 285. welfare, 286. process, 287. descend, 288. giant

289. brain dys\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
290. a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
291. de\_\_\_\_\_e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
292. adm\_\_\_\_\_er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
293. in\_\_\_\_\_r trading *n.* a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field
294. un\_\_\_\_\_ed status *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
295. de\_\_\_\_\_y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
296. horizontal dis\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted
297. a w\_\_t of evidence *n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
298. pr\_\_\_\_\_le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
299. gloomy pre\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

ANSWERS: 289. dysfunction, 290. negative, 291. decline, 292. administer, 293. insider, 294. unmarried, 295. destroy, 296. distortion, 297. whit, 298. principle, 299. prediction

300. tr\_\_e a telephone call      *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
301. cl\_\_g onto power      *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
302. chop wood with an ax      *n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials
303. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer      *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
304. 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
305. dem\_\_\_\_\_ic analyses      *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
306. pr\_\_\_\_\_e a better relationship      *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
307. the halo of a sa\_\_\_d image      *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
308. fo\_\_e iron      *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 300. trace, 301. cling, 302. ax, 303. statistics, 304. reverse, 305. demographic, 306. promote, 307. sacred, 308. forge

309. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
310. take a st\_\_\_y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
311. pr\_\_\_\_y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
312. economic th\_\_\_t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
313. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
314. dem\_\_\_\_\_ic policy *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
315. ch\_\_s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
316. have sur\_\_\_\_\_gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
317. re\_\_\_\_\_ge his schedule *v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned

ANSWERS: 309. nation, 310. steady, 311. primary, 312. threat, 313. environment, 314. demographic, 315. chaos, 316. surprisingly, 317. rearrange

318. art cr\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
319. st\_\_\_e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
320. a gas me\_\_\_r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
321. thoroughgoing coo\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
322. slowly becoming more re\_\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears
323. rec\_\_\_\_\_ion aid *n.* the process of rebuilding or repairing something that has been damaged or destroyed or of restoring something to its original condition
324. mo\_\_\_d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
325. st\_\_\_\_\_h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
326. dispel do\_\_\_ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

ANSWERS: 318. critic, 319. strike, 320. meter, 321. cooperation, 322. reluctant, 323. reconstruction, 324. mound, 325. stretch, 326. doubt

327. natural ex\_\_\_\_\_rt *n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident
328. po\_\_r regions *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
329. b\_\_m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
330. st\_\_\_t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
331. shopping re\_\_\_ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
332. re\_\_\_\_\_nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
333. pl\_\_\_\_\_t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
334. ai\_\_e seat *n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure
335. lar\_\_\_\_\_le agriculture *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
336. before Ch\_\_\_t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 327. extrovert, 328. polar, 329. boom, 330. strict, 331. reward, 332. recommend, 333. plummet, 334. aisle, 335. large-scale, 336. Christ

337. ec\_\_\_\_\_cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
338. as\_\_\_\_\_id explorer *n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
339. maintain do\_\_\_\_\_rd compatibility *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
340. near re\_\_\_\_\_ng age *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
341. ind\_\_\_\_\_al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
342. a high per\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
343. po\_\_\_\_\_y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
344. hum\_\_\_\_\_ian crisis *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
345. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
346. Rep\_\_\_\_\_an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
347. have a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

ANSWERS: 337. economics, 338. asteroid, 339. downward, 340. retiring, 341. industrial, 342. percentage, 343. poverty, 344. humanitarian, 345. institutionalize, 346. republican, 347. negative

348. di\_\_\_\_e settlement *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
349. e\_\_l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
350. pair of id\_\_\_\_\_al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
351. di\_\_\_\_e speaking in public *v.* to not like someone or something
352. 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
353. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
354. vertical a\_\_s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
355. co\_\_\_\_de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
356. di\_\_\_\_t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
357. st\_\_\_\_h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
358. arrange my sc\_\_\_\_le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

ANSWERS: 348. divorce, 349. evil, 350. identical, 351. dislike, 352. reverse, 353. environment, 354. axis, 355. conclude, 356. distort, 357. stretch, 358. schedule



359. de\_\_\_e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
360. bl\_\_d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
361. bl\_\_e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
362. di\_\_\_\_\_e this kind of food *v.* to not like someone or something
363. a truly hum\_\_\_\_\_ian act *adj.* something relating to the promotion of human welfare or someone who works to promote human welfare
364. a re\_\_\_\_\_ng pension *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
365. cou\_\_\_\_\_ct global warming *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
366. co\_\_\_\_\_te closely in various ways *v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
367. co\_\_\_\_\_e pipes *v.* to destroy or eat away slowly by chemical action; to gradually wear away, weaken, or disintegrate over time
368. sm\_\_k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

ANSWERS: 359. debate, 360. blind, 361. blame, 362. dislike, 363. humanitarian, 364. retiring, 365. counteract, 366. cooperate, 367. corrode, 368. smack

369. ma\_\_\_\_\_l fidelity *adj.* of or relating to marriage
370. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
371. res\_\_\_\_\_le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
372. di\_\_\_\_r in negotiations *v.* to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement
373. ext\_\_\_\_\_ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
374. ca\_\_\_\_e a child into eating vegetables *v.* to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises
375. in\_\_\_\_t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
376. de\_\_\_\_e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
377. pr\_\_\_\_\_y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
378. young people no\_\_\_\_\_ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

ANSWERS: 369. marital, 370. intellect, 371. responsible, 372. dither, 373. extraordinary, 374. cajole, 375. invest, 376. degree, 377. primary, 378. nowadays

379. the atmospheric tem\_\_\_\_\_re      *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
380. co\_\_\_\_\_ee member      *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
381. g\_\_g member      *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
382. faithful in we\_\_\_\_\_k      *n.* the state of being married; matrimony
383. have a st\_\_\_e job      *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
384. cr\_\_\_\_\_al investigation      *n.* a person who has committed a crime
385. DC mo\_\_r control      *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
386. co\_\_\_\_\_ee meeting      *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
387. heir ap\_\_\_\_\_nt      *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
388. sl\_\_\_\_\_ly alkaline soils      *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
389. m\_\_e acquaintance      *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
390. company in\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field

ANSWERS: 379. temperature, 380. committee, 381. gang, 382. wedlock, 383. stable, 384. criminal, 385. motor, 386. committee, 387. apparent, 388. slightly, 389. mere, 390. insider

391. dys\_\_\_\_\_on of kidneys *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
392. tr\_\_e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
393. trees and b\_\_hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
394. ad\_\_\_\_\_se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
395. by\_\_\_e civilization *adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
396. el\_\_e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
397. pr\_\_\_\_\_ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
398. a tr\_\_\_\_\_y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
399. qu\_\_\_\_\_le the amount *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
400. an\_\_\_\_\_t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
401. po\_\_\_\_\_ze opinions *v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict

ANSWERS: 391. dysfunction, 392. trace, 393. bush, 394. advertise, 395. bygone, 396. elite, 397. primarily, 398. tragedy, 399. quadruple, 400. ancient, 401. polarize

402. luxury ya\_\_t *n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities
403. co\_\_\_\_\_on detection *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
404. pr\_\_\_\_\_e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
405. h\_\_l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
406. cen\_\_\_\_\_de thermometer *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
407. pa\_\_\_\_\_is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
408. dr\_\_t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
409. str\_\_\_\_\_en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

ANSWERS: 402. yacht, 403. collision, 404. promote, 405. hell, 406. centigrade, 407. paralysis, 408. drift, 409. strengthen

410. po\_\_r bears *adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites
411. by\_\_\_e traditions *adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
412. sa\_\_\_\_\_y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
413. wage sup\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
414. te\_\_\_\_\_e inspection *n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture
415. wa\_\_\_\_\_e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
416. cou\_\_\_\_\_ct the effect of poison *v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
417. a weather fo\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
418. op\_\_\_e a decision *v.* to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening
419. have a si\_\_\_\_\_g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
420. a matter for con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another

ANSWERS: 410. polar, 411. bygone, 412. satisfy, 413. supplement, 414. termite, 415. warfare, 416. counteract, 417. forecast, 418. oppose, 419. sibling, 420. congratulation

421. pa\_\_\_\_ze a city                    *v.*    to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
422. 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
423. ov\_\_\_\_p in many areas                    *v.*    to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
424. a br\_\_d mind                    *adj.* very wide; general
425. fi\_\_\_l policy                    *adj.* relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters
426. global di\_\_\_\_er                    *n.*    an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
427. bachelor's de\_\_\_\_e                    *n.*    a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
428. a gr\_\_d meal                    *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
429. b\_\_d the man's hands                    *v.*    to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
430. former con\_\_\_\_\_son                    *n.*    a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)

ANSWERS: 421. paralyze, 422. entitle, 423. overlap, 424. broad, 425. fiscal, 426. disaster, 427. degree, 428. grand, 429. bind, 430. congressperson

431. sur\_\_\_\_\_gly advanced culture      *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
432. edu\_\_\_\_\_al system      *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
433. sp\_\_\_e visa      *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
434. bip\_\_\_\_\_hip legislation      *n.* agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's
435. de\_\_\_\_\_e in quality      *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
436. bl\_\_e circumstances for the failure      *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
437. an international tr\_\_d      *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
438. school di\_\_\_\_\_cts      *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
439. the per\_\_\_\_\_ge of the gold content      *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
440. a remote re\_\_\_\_\_ve      *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
441. the imp\_\_\_\_\_on in a crime      *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
442. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a person      *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

ANSWERS: 431. surprisingly, 432. educational, 433. spouse, 434. bipartisanship, 435. decline, 436. blame, 437. trend, 438. district, 439. percentage, 440. relative, 441. implication, 442. paralyze



443. increase in the minimum w\_\_e      *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
444. majority of his we\_\_\_h      *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
445. fo\_\_e an alliance      *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
446. as\_\_\_\_\_te with people widely      *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
447. ex\_\_\_\_\_ed payment      *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
448. financially ba\_\_\_\_\_pt      *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
449. b\_\_d old letters into a bundle      *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
450. 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
451. not a w\_\_t of difference      *n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all

ANSWERS: 443. wage, 444. wealth, 445. forge, 446. associate, 447. extended, 448. bankrupt, 449. bind, 450. temple, 451. whit

452. po\_\_\_\_\_ze society      *v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict
453. ins\_\_\_\_\_ize a system      *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
454. small sa\_\_\_\_\_ce for a great cause      *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
455. 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
456. re\_\_\_\_\_nd a hospitalization      *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
457. a heavy sc\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
458. ast\_\_\_\_\_cal observation      *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
459. in a co\_\_\_\_\_ed relationship      *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
460. beach dr\_\_\_\_\_od      *n.* wood that has been carried along by the current of a river or ocean and washed up on shore, often used for decorative purposes or as fuel

ANSWERS: 452. polarize, 453. institutionalize, 454. sacrifice, 455. entitle, 456. recommend, 457. schedule, 458. astronomical, 459. committed, 460. driftwood

461. di\_\_\_\_\_ar without a trace      *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
462. di\_\_\_r over a decision      *v.* to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement
463. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls      *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
464. cause unb\_\_\_\_\_ble damage      *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
465. 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
466. cl\_\_g tightly to the skin      *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
467. the re\_\_\_d for good works      *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
468. use of dietary sup\_\_\_\_\_nts      *n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
469. bridge pa\_\_\_\_\_an differences      *adj.* biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint
470. a consensual di\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage

ANSWERS: 461. disappear, 462. dither, 463. bunch, 464. unbelievable, 465. planet, 466. cling, 467. reward, 468. supplement, 469. partisan, 470. divorce

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.  
*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.  
*adj.* relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
3. \_\_\_\_\_ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.  
*n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
4. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's \_\_\_\_\_ profits.  
*adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
5. The ad hoc \_\_\_\_\_ met to discuss the proposal.  
*n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
6. She was \_\_\_\_\_ from an old Italian noble family.  
*v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
7. \_\_\_\_\_ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.  
*v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

ANSWERS: 1. Intelligent, 2. evangelical, 3. Democracy, 4. gross, 5. committee, 6. descended, 7. Wrap

8. These results muddied the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
9. Some herds have been observed to \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of kilometers.
- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
10. This star is \_\_\_\_\_ to the naked eye.
- adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
11. Efficiency isn't an essential \_\_\_\_\_ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
12. 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
13. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ between their proposals.
- v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
14. \_\_\_\_\_ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
- n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
15. He became in \_\_\_\_\_ after losing his job.
- n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
16. Their team specializes in demand \_\_\_\_\_ for our products.
- n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

ANSWERS: 8. prediction, 9. stretch, 10. apparent, 11. principle, 12. complexity, 13. overlap, 14. Doubt, 15. debt, 16. forecasts

17. Many studies have investigated the relationship between \_\_\_\_\_ and academic achievement.

*n.* the condition of being extremely poor

18. Solar gravity creates \_\_\_\_\_ pressures and temperatures.

*adj.* very great in amount or degree

19. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

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

20. The judge sentenced him to five years of \_\_\_\_\_ for embezzlement.

*n.* the state of being confined in prison or jail

21. The \_\_\_\_\_ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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

22. Our company is strongly \_\_\_\_\_ to meeting customers' needs.

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

23. The building has become a \_\_\_\_\_ for fans of the movie.

*n.* a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

24. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite \_\_\_\_\_ with a software update.

*adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 17. poverty, 18. extreme, 19. bunch, 20. incarceration, 21. threat, 22. committed, 23. mecca, 24. solvable

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

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

26. She had to \_\_\_\_\_ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

*v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

27. The senator received \_\_\_\_\_ criticism from his opponent.

*adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

28. The \_\_\_\_\_ force of the earth keeps our planet spinning.

*adj.* having the properties of attracting or repelling certain materials containing iron or steel

29. He is still \_\_\_\_\_ stealing the money from the cash register.

*v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

30. The president will \_\_\_\_\_ the new embassy building next week.

*v.* to formally begin or initiate something, particularly a new project, organization, government, or system, often through an official ceremony

31. All peaceful cooperation is based \_\_\_\_\_ on mutual trust.

*adv.* mainly

32. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

ANSWERS: 25. negative, 26. forge, 27. severe, 28. magnetic, 29. denying, 30. inaugurate, 31. primarily, 32. affair

33. There are \_\_\_\_\_ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

*adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

34. She felt a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ with her new colleagues.

*n.* the state or fact of being related to someone

35. Relations between the two countries have been relatively \_\_\_\_\_ due to the summit meeting.

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

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

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

37. Everyone was aware of the impending \_\_\_\_\_ but was unable to prevent it.

*n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

38. The house was infested with \_\_\_\_\_ and required extensive repairs.

*n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture

39. Did this response \_\_\_\_\_ your request?

*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

40. Energy-efficient \_\_\_\_\_ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

*n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

ANSWERS: 33. obvious, 34. kinship, 35. stable, 36. graph, 37. doom, 38. termites, 39. satisfy, 40. motors



41. The government should do more to \_\_\_\_\_ sustainable agribusiness.  
*v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
42. The prime minister's sister has called for \_\_\_\_\_ to pass the legislation on same-sex marriage.  
*n.* agreement or collaboration between two political parties whose policies are normally opposed to one other's
43. The \_\_\_\_\_ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.  
*adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle
44. The new washing machine is much more \_\_\_\_\_ than the old one.  
*adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
45. His argument had a \_\_\_\_\_ of truth, but it was primarily exaggerated.  
*n.* a very small or insignificant amount or quantity, often used in the phrase "not a whit," meaning not at all
46. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.  
*adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
47. \_\_\_\_\_ animals are graceful and efficient swimmers.  
*adj.* relating to, or close to, the North or South Pole; characterized by complete opposites

ANSWERS: 41. promote, 42. bipartisanship, 43. primary, 44. efficient, 45. whit, 46. revolutionary, 47. Polar

48. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.  
*n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
49. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ recovery.  
*adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
50. 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
51. She found fault with the \_\_\_\_\_ of politicians.  
*n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
52. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.  
*n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
53. I \_\_\_\_\_ around for years in Europe before going to university.  
*v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
54. So far, the meeting is going according to \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
55. 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

ANSWERS: 48. meter, 49. miraculous, 50. responsible, 51. morality, 52. degree, 53. drifted, 54. schedule, 55. planet

56. This space is a private office \_\_\_\_\_ to the President

*adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

57. Cities around the world set records for highest \_\_\_\_\_ this summer.

*n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

58. His stock earnings \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

59. People can clone a sheep \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

60. \_\_\_\_\_ the text from Italian into English.

*v.* to convert or change words into another language

61. The government is proposing a \_\_\_\_\_ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

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

62. More and more people are utilizing counselors to help resolve their \_\_\_\_\_ problems.

*adj.* of or relating to marriage

63. She struggled for years to survive without \_\_\_\_\_.

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

64. The horror movie was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I couldn't watch it alone.

*adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

ANSWERS: 56. sacred, 57. temperatures, 58. quadrupled, 59. nowadays, 60. Translate, 61. reform, 62. marital, 63. welfare, 64. scary

65. The policy should increase the country's monetary \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
66. His \_\_\_\_\_ continued to rise as his skills improved.
- n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
67. They incorporated the conquered \_\_\_\_\_ into their nation.
- n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
68. The high-technology industry is enjoying a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
69. The soccer player was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the ball away from the goal.
- v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
70. He felt \_\_\_\_\_ to his parents for all the sacrifices they had made for him.
- adj.* owing money or having financial obligations to another person or organization; feeling grateful or obligated to someone for their help, support, or kindness
71. Difficulties \_\_\_\_\_ the mind, as labor does the body.
- v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
72. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

ANSWERS: 65. stability, 66. wages, 67. territory, 68. boom, 69. deflect, 70. indebted, 71. strengthen, 72. critics

73. The battlefield became \_\_\_\_\_ on earth.

- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

74. She kept \_\_\_\_\_ for an ambulance.

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

75. She intentionally acts like an \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a person who is outgoing, sociable, and confident

76. The team discovered a hidden \_\_\_\_\_ in the desert.

- n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

77. Very few educational \_\_\_\_\_ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

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

78. The \_\_\_\_\_ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

- adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

79. The fishing reel had a \_\_\_\_\_ that made it easy to reel in the catch.

- n.* a mechanical device that converts rotary motion into linear motion or vice versa; an eccentric or unpredictable person

80. The automaker has been providing \_\_\_\_\_ car financing options since last year.

- adj.* not expensive and able to pay

ANSWERS: 73. hell, 74. screaming, 75. extrovert, 76. mound, 77. elites, 78. military, 79. crank, 80. affordable

81. He used an \_\_\_ to chop the firewood for the campfire.

*n.* a tool with a metal blade that is usually attached to a wooden handle and is used for chopping wood or other materials

82. We spent the weekend sailing our \_\_\_\_\_ around the Mediterranean.

*n.* a large, luxurious sailing vessel or motorboat that is often used for pleasure cruises, racing, or other leisure activities

83. That \_\_\_\_\_ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

*n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

84. The building was \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

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

85. Let's \_\_\_\_\_ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

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

86. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural \_\_\_\_\_.

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

87. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost \_\_\_\_\_ to a mother's breast milk.

*adj.* being the exact same one

88. Actuators convert \_\_\_\_\_ pulses into motion.

*adj.* relating to electricity

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

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

ANSWERS: 81. ax, 82. yacht, 83. survey, 84. destroyed, 85. trace, 86. economics, 87. identical, 88. electrical, 89. supplements

90. The \_\_\_\_\_ of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.
- n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
91. The \_\_\_\_\_ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
92. Jockey's superior \_\_\_\_\_ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
93. Hounds \_\_\_\_\_ their prey by using their keen scent.
- v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
94. Her \_\_\_\_\_ beliefs made it difficult for her to consider opposing viewpoints.
- adj.* biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint
95. The vegetation here is almost wholly \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
96. We \_\_\_\_\_ for an overseas expansion.
- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
97. The stock prices have \_\_\_\_\_ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
- v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

ANSWERS: 90. collision, 91. politician, 92. technique, 93. hunt, 94. partisan, 95. native, 96. aim, 97. plummeted

98. Many \_\_\_\_\_ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.  
*n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
99. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ you to our annual charity event.  
*v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
100. The government is facing a \_\_\_\_\_ crisis due to high levels of debt.  
*adj.* relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters
101. The stock market has been in a \_\_\_\_\_ trend for the past month.  
*adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
102. The European Central Bank is Europe's \_\_\_\_\_ of the Federal Reserve.  
*n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
103. My father tried to \_\_\_\_\_ mathematics into my head since childhood.  
*v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
104. Please \_\_\_\_\_ these files as we start a new project tomorrow.  
*v.* to change the order or position of things already made; to change the time, date, or place of an event already planned
105. The couple had been happily married for years and cherished the sanctity of their union in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state of being married; matrimony

ANSWERS: 98. republican, 99. invite, 100. fiscal, 101. downward, 102. equivalent, 103. bang, 104. rearrange, 105. wedlock



106. The \_\_\_\_\_ branch of government creates and passes laws.  
*adj.* having to do with the process of making laws; relating to or serving as a branch of government that makes laws, such as a legislative assembly or legislature
107. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.  
*v.* to cease to exist or be visible
108. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ probe into the scandal.  
*adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
109. The term of a \_\_\_\_\_ is two years.  
*n.* a person who belongs to a congress, especially a member of the US House of Representatives; congressman (congressperson is used to avoid gender discrimination)
110. Unfortunately, the company went \_\_\_\_\_ and had to close its doors permanently.  
*adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
111. The comedian's \_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.  
*n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
112. The baseball player \_\_\_\_\_ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.  
*v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
113. He was \_\_\_\_\_ to share his thoughts on the matter.  
*adj.* unwilling or hesitant to do something because of doubts or fears

ANSWERS: 106. legislative, 107. disappear, 108. congressional, 109. congressperson, 110. bankrupt, 111. pun, 112. smacked, 113. reluctant

114. A large \_\_\_\_\_ branch provided a perfect perch for the seagull to rest on.

- n.* wood that has been carried along by the current of a river or ocean and washed up on shore, often used for decorative purposes or as fuel

115. He was attempting to confuse his \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

116. He accumulated wealth across a \_\_\_\_\_ spectrum of assets.

- adj.* very wide; general

117. The con artist's lies quickly took in the \_\_\_\_\_ young man.

- adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

118. 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.)

119. She had lived through two world wars in her \_\_\_\_\_.

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

120. She has chosen to remain \_\_\_\_\_ and focus on her career.

- adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

121. He drinks an \_\_\_\_\_ amount of beer.

- adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

ANSWERS: 114. driftwood, 115. opponent, 116. broad, 117. naive, 118. institutionalize, 119. lifetime, 120. unmarried, 121. unbelievable

122. Her report was criticized as a gross \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth.

- n.* the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted

123. She had a master's degree in \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

124. After the accident, three governmental bodies \_\_\_\_\_ the company.

- v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

125. Children often copy their parents or elder \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

126. He lost the election by \_\_\_\_\_ votes.

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

127. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern \_\_\_\_\_ tactics.

- n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

128. There are several causes of economic \_\_\_\_\_ within societies.

- n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

129. Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the \_\_\_\_\_ belt to understand the early solar system better.

- n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

ANSWERS: 122. distortion, 123. psychology, 124. administer, 125. siblings, 126. mere, 127. warfare, 128. inequality, 129. asteroid

130. The proposal was deemed \_\_\_\_\_ due to financial constraints.  
*adj.* cannot be supported or defended against attack or criticism; indefensible
131. The \_\_\_\_\_ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.  
*n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
132. The team had to \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the project on time.  
*v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
133. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.  
*n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
134. Too \_\_\_\_\_ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.  
*adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
135. The \_\_\_\_\_ inequality was unavoidable.  
*n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
136. Night fishing has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
137. He narrated the \_\_\_\_\_ story of his adventure.  
*adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
138. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ our company through your media.  
*v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 130. untenable, 131. alarm, 132. cooperate, 133. dysfunction, 134. strict, 135. wealth, 136. rewards, 137. extraordinary, 138. advertise

139. The couple decided to get a \_\_\_\_\_ after many years of marriage.  
*n.* the legal dissolution of a marriage
140. The venom from the snake bite \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.  
*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
141. The Chinese people have accomplished several \_\_\_\_\_ feats.  
*adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
142. The \_\_\_\_\_ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.  
*n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
143. The \_\_\_\_\_ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.  
*adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
144. The data from the study was \_\_\_\_\_ and unexpected.  
*adj.* deviating from what is standard or expected; unexpected or unusual in a way that is difficult to explain
145. The \_\_\_\_\_ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.  
*n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
146. The street \_\_\_\_\_ was known for its violent behavior.  
*n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

ANSWERS: 139. divorce, 140. paralyzed, 141. historic, 142. debate, 143. extended, 144. anomalous, 145. cooperation, 146. gang

147. 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

148. His hypothesis concerns the role of an \_\_\_\_\_ field in human health.

- adj.* of or relating to the magnetism produced by electric charge in motion

149. She walked down the \_\_\_\_\_ to the front of the church.

- n.* a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

150. My mother always used a mercury \_\_\_\_\_ to check our temperature when we were sick.

- n.* a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature

151. The saltwater can \_\_\_\_\_ metal over time if not properly maintained.

- v.* to destroy or eat away slowly by chemical action; to gradually wear away, weaken, or disintegrate over time

152. Since 2001, the \_\_\_\_\_ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

153. This year's \_\_\_\_\_ gathering will be held in Canada.

- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

154. The organization is dedicated to providing \_\_\_\_\_ aid to disaster-stricken areas worldwide.

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

ANSWERS: 147. reversed, 148. electromagnetic, 149. aisle, 150. thermometer, 151. corrode, 152. district, 153. grand, 154. humanitarian

155. She was nearly \_\_\_\_\_ due to severe diabetes.

*adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

156. The company's rules \_\_\_\_\_ the employee's working hours.

*v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

157. \_\_\_\_\_ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

*n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

158. The beekeeper checked the \_\_\_\_\_ for any signs of disease.

*n.* a structure or container where bees live and store their honey

159. The conference room was in \_\_\_\_\_ as everyone tried to speak at once.

*n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

160. I couldn't decide what to wear to the party, so I \_\_\_\_\_ over my outfit for hours.

*v.* to be indecisive or unsure about something; to tremble or shake with nervousness or excitement

161. The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

162. That story was so \_\_\_\_\_ and it was scary.

*adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

ANSWERS: 155. blind, 156. bind, 157. Christmas, 158. beehive, 159. chaos, 160. dithered, 161. centigrade, 162. realistic,

163. You cannot accomplish great things without a \_\_\_\_\_ of your time or money.

- n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

164. The oil price continued their downward \_\_\_\_\_.

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

165. \_\_\_\_\_ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

- n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

166. Human behavior has \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.

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

167. The company is planning to make a \_\_\_\_\_ expansion of its factory.

- adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

168. We \_\_\_\_\_ taking media training every six months.

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

169. He's a Wall Street \_\_\_\_\_ with a lot of valuable information.

- n.* a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field

170. 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

ANSWERS: 163. sacrifice, 164. trend, 165. Congress, 166. fundamental, 167. large-scale, 168. recommend, 169. insider, 170. nation



171. He always makes a \_\_\_\_\_ estimation when predicting future sales.  
*adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
172. The cost of the new equipment was \_\_\_\_\_ and beyond the company's budget.  
*adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
173. 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
174. The majority of consumers \_\_\_\_\_ this brand with quality.  
*v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
175. The historian studied the \_\_\_\_\_ era with great detail.  
*adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
176. The \_\_\_\_\_ from her friends and family were overwhelming after she won the championship.  
*n.* the act of expressing that someone has an occasion for celebration or the expression of pleasure at the success or good fortune of another
177. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
178. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his little sister into sharing her toy with him.  
*v.* to persuade or coax someone through flattery, coaxing, or gentle pleading; to convince someone to do something by using sweet talk or deceptive promises

ANSWERS: 171. conservative, 172. astronomical, 173. temple, 174. associate, 175. bygone, 176. congratulations, 177. confer, 178. cajole

179. Macbeth is a famous \_\_\_\_\_ by Shakespeare.

- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

180. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

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

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

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

182. The media \_\_\_\_\_ had special passes.

- n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

183. 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

184. The evidence presented in court had a \_\_\_\_\_ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

- adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain

185. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

- n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

186. He had a \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of the topic but needed further research.

- adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

ANSWERS: 179. tragedy, 180. strike, 181. concluded, 182. representatives, 183. relations, 184. dubious, 185. spouse, 186. moderate

187. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
188. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
189. There is nothing more valuable than \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom.  
*n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
190. The \_\_\_\_\_ area near the river is prone to flooding during heavy rain.  
*adj.* situated at or near ground level; located in an area that is susceptible to flooding or inundation; having a position, status, or condition that is humble or inferior in relation to others
191. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.  
*v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
192. Government workers cannot \_\_\_\_\_ to political campaigns.  
*v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
193. The government should do more to support environmentally \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture.  
*adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
194. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the consumption tax in the United States?  
*n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

ANSWERS: 187. intellect, 188. environment, 189. independence, 190. low-lying, 191. separate, 192. contribute, 193. sustainable, 194. percentage

195. The \_\_\_\_\_ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
- n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
196. 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
197. Our body's immune system produces antibodies to \_\_\_\_\_ disease.
- v.* to act against something to reduce its bad or harmful effects or neutralize it
198. The media's sensationalism has fueled \_\_\_\_\_ in recent years.
- n.* a state of extreme or excessive loyalty and support for a particular political party or ideology, often to the extent that it becomes difficult to engage in constructive dialogue or compromise with those who hold different views
199. After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to \_\_\_\_\_ from her job.
- v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
200. The \_\_\_\_\_ CEO passed on the reins to his successor.
- adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
201. The controversial new law has the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ the entire nation.
- v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict
202. The new software will streamline the workflow, \_\_\_\_\_ increasing productivity.
- adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

ANSWERS: 195. disaster, 196. entitled, 197. counteract, 198. hyperpartisanship, 199. retire, 200. retiring, 201. polarize, 202. thereby

203. Ethics deals with \_\_\_\_\_ conduct.

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

204. Massive demonstrations lead to total \_\_\_\_\_ of transportation.

*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

205. The government announced a plan for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the city's infrastructure.

*n.* the process of rebuilding or repairing something that has been damaged or destroyed or of restoring something to its original condition

206. Every five years, the provincial governors are \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

207. Corruption is an \_\_\_\_\_ act for any reason.

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

208. 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

209. Several \_\_\_\_\_ indicators correlate with care admission.

*n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

ANSWERS: 203. moral, 204. paralysis, 205. reconstruction, 206. elected, 207. evil, 208. economy, 209. demographic

210. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
211. The government should view children as national assets and actively \_\_\_\_\_ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
212. The earth's \_\_\_\_\_ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.
- n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
213. I am going to trim this \_\_\_\_\_ off.
- n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
214. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
215. The legislation was passed with \_\_\_\_\_ support from both parties.
- adj.* involving or supported by both of the main political parties in a country
216. \_\_\_\_\_ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
- adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
217. The museum offers a variety of \_\_\_\_\_ programs for children and adults.
- adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

ANSWERS: 210. statistics, 211. invest, 212. axis, 213. bush, 214. giant, 215. bipartisan, 216. Industrial, 217. educational

218. The company implemented a new software system to \_\_\_\_\_ employee communication and collaboration.

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

219. He seems to \_\_\_\_\_ all forms of exercise.

*v.* to not like someone or something

220. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

221. We \_\_\_\_\_ our impeded progress on lack of money.

*v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

222. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually \_\_\_\_\_.

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

223. He moved his body \_\_\_\_\_ to the left.

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

224. The \_\_\_\_\_ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

*n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

225. The police are searching for the \_\_\_\_\_ who stole the jewels.

*n.* a person who has committed a crime

226. The patient's vital signs are \_\_\_\_\_ indicating a stable condition.

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

ANSWERS: 218. facilitate, 219. dislike, 220. relatives, 221. blamed, 222. declines, 223. slightly, 224. polarization, 225. criminal, 226. steady,

227. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a \_\_\_\_\_ appetite.

*adj.* extremely large

228. The exam was \_\_\_\_\_ tricky for everyone.

*adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

229. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the hope that he will find a job soon.

*v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

230. The organization \_\_\_\_\_ her to be the next president.

*v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor

231. I strongly \_\_\_\_\_ the new proposed law that would harm our environment.

*v.* to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening

232. Economists contend that taxes \_\_\_\_\_ consumer behavior in general.

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

233. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

234. They have been living near water since \_\_\_\_\_ times.

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

ANSWERS: 227. gigantic, 228. surprisingly, 229. clings, 230. nominated, 231. oppose, 232. distort, 233. process, 234. ancient



235. His poem has a very significant \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

236. \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

- n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

ANSWERS: 235. implication, 236. Depression