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Session 1: Word List

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

precision

n. the quality or condition of being exact and accurate

synonym: accuracy, exactness, rigor

(1) a **precision** instrument, (2) speak with **precision**

This operation requires both patience and **precision**.

prose

n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme

synonym: narrative, writing, story

(1) **prose** fiction, (2) rhythmical **prose**

The novel was written in **prose**, with no rhyme or meter.

solitude

n. the state of being alone and isolated from others

synonym: isolation, seclusion, loneliness

(1) live in **solitude**, (2) enjoyment of **solitude**

He sought **solitude** in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym : fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym : flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

conscious

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

synonym : aware, cognizant, deliberate

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

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

patriarch

n. a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

synonym : father, elder, leader

(1) **Patriarch** of Constantinople, (2) **patriarch** of a religion

The family **patriarch** was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym : emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk

Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or

events

synonym : metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

sweeping

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

synonym : broad, extensive, vast

(1) **sweeping** changes, (2) **sweeping** landscapes

The **sweeping** views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym : wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

primal

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

synonym : original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

jungle

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

synonym : wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

visceral

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

synonym : instinctive, intuitive, gut

(1) **visceral** organ, (2) **visceral** fear

After watching the horror movie, she had a **visceral** reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

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.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

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

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

session

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

synonym: conference, gathering

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

Parliament is now in **session**.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym: clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance

The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym : intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

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.

comparative

adj. relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast

synonym : relative, approximate, correlative

(1) **comparative** viewpoint, (2) **comparative** analysis

The **comparative** study of different cultures is fascinating and informative.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

praise

n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something

synonym : acclaim, honor, commendation

(1) attain critical **praise**, (2) universal **praise**

The drama series mainly received **praise**.

translator

n. a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

synonym: interpreter

(1) electronic **translator**, (2) professional **translator**

The author discovered that the **translator** had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

compliment

n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

synonym: praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment**

Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

apropos

adj. concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way

synonym: concerning, relevant, (adverb) timely

(1) **apropos** expression, (2) arrived **apropos**

His **apropos-of-nothing** comment about the weather caught everyone off guard during the business meeting.

lift

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

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

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

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

treason

n. the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

synonym : betrayal, disloyalty, sedition

(1) high **treason**, (2) arrested for **treason**

The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of **treason** against the state.

charm

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

synonym : allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck

These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm** bracelets.

recommend

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

synonym : advise, suggest, instruct

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

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

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

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

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other

signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

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.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym : hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym : foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym : intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike
Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

crystalline

adj. resembling crystal in clarity, transparency, or brilliance; having a highly ordered and symmetrical molecular structure

synonym: crystallized, clear, transparent

(1) **crystalline** structure, (2) **crystalline** water

The geologist found a beautiful specimen of a **crystalline** mineral.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.

daisy

n. a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

synonym: marguerite, bellis, chrysanthemum

(1) **daisy** chain, (2) lawn **daisy**

She picked a blue **daisy** from the meadow and placed it in her hair.

schizophrenia

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

synonym: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

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

treatment

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

plunge

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

synonym: dive, drop, thrust

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

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

obtainable

adj. capable of being obtained, acquired, or reached; accessible

synonym: attainable, achievable, reachable

(1) **obtainable** resources, (2) **obtainable** solutions

The information on their website could have been clearer, but I found an **obtainable** answer eventually.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

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

Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym: useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

soon-to-be

adj. used to describe someone or something that will soon become something else or will soon be in a different state or position

synonym : upcoming, imminent, future

(1) **soon-to-be** parents, (2) **soon-to-be** graduates

The **soon-to-be** bride was busy planning all the details of her upcoming wedding.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym : thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

recipient

n. a person who receives something

synonym : receiver, beneficiary

(1) a **recipient** of a Nobel prize, (2) a **recipient** of a lung transplant

When performing an organ transplant, it is necessary to test for compatibility between the donor and **recipient**.

opposition

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

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

squad

n. a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

synonym: team, unit, group

(1) a bomb-disposal **squad**, (2) antiriot **squad**

The police department assembled a special **squad** to handle the situation.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

synonym: similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym: humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

wavelength

n. the distance between two points in the same phase in consecutive cycles of a wave

(1) **wavelength** of light, (2) long- **wavelength** laser

White color is made up of many different **wavelengths** of light.

arbitrary

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

synonym: autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical

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

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

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

poetry

n. poems in general as a genre of literature

synonym: ode, poesy, verse

(1) modern **poetry**, (2) book of **poetry**

Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of **poetry** varies greatly.

humor

n. the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body

synonym: comedy, funniness, liquid substance

(1) sardonic **humor**, (2) vitreous **humor**

My wife seems to be in ill **humor**.

satire

n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that

uses such techniques

synonym: irony, mockery, ridicule

(1) **satire** magazine, (2) a pungent **satire**

The comedian's **satire** on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

circumvent

v. to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle

synonym: evade, bypass, outsmart

(1) **circumvent** rules, (2) **circumvent** authority

I took a back road to work on time to **circumvent** the traffic jam.

ingrained

adj. deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time

synonym: inborn, embedded, deep-seated

(1) **ingrained** habit, (2) **ingrained** prejudice

Her fear of dogs was **ingrained** after a traumatic experience in childhood.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

philosophy

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

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

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

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan
She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature
The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;
synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power
My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

ridicule

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

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense
The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury
Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

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.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym : person, being, self

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

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

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym : idea, notion, vision

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

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

self-interest

n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

synonym : selfishness, selfhood, egocentricity

(1) unaffected by **self-interest**, (2) material **self-interest**

The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by **self-interest**.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
synonym : grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

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.

foremost

adj. most important, leading, or prominent

synonym : leading, primary, first

(1) **foremost** expert, (2) keep **foremost** in mind

The **foremost** priority is the safety of the passengers.

honesty

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

synonym : sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

integrity

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

synonym : honesty, honor, morality

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

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

impersonation

n. the act of deliberately imitating or pretending to be someone else, often for comedic or deceptive purposes

synonym : imitation, caricature, portrayal

(1) criminal **impersonation**, (2) **impersonation** act

His **impersonation** of the popular actor at the party was spot-on.

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.

vice

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

synonym: corruption, depravity, evil

(1) virtue and **vice**, (2) **vice-chair** of the committee

Cats hate dogs and **vice versa**.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym: applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

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

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

demonstrate

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

synonym: show, illustrate, display

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

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

pundit

n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

synonym : expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

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.

cement

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

synonym : adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym : writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

verbatim

adv. word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written

synonym: word-for-word, exactly, literally

(1) quote his words **verbatim**, (2) **verbatim** transcript

The court reporter transcribed the testimony **verbatim** to ensure accuracy.

remark

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

synonym: comment, observation, statement

(1) a flattering **remark**, (2) **remark** dripping with bitterness

His candid **remark** at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

impersonate

v. to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire

synonym: imitate, mimic, copy

(1) **impersonate** a government official, (2) **impersonate** a character

The comedian is famous for his ability to **impersonate** famous politicians.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

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.

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

punchline

n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

synonym : joke, climax, comedic ending

(1) have no **punchline**, (2) the final **punchline**

The **punchline** of the joke was hilarious.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

scandal

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

synonym : controversy, outrage, uproar

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

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

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.

pew

n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services

synonym : seat, church bench

(1) empty **pew**, (2) wooden **pew**

The church was filled with people sitting on the **pews**, listening to the sermon.

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

cable

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym : wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

conflict

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

synonym : clash, discord, competition

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

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

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym: advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

journalism

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

synonym: reporting, news media, writing

(1) **journalism** ethics, (2) tabloid **journalism**

She plans to study **journalism** in college and become a reporter.

commitment

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

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

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

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

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination;
the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym : sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**
The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym : reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story
They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym : possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer
Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

doubly

adv. to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two
things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or
significance

synonym : twice, twofold, in two ways

(1) **doubly** difficult, (2) **doubly** effective
The athlete faced a challenge that was **doubly** daunting
because of her injury.

ironic

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

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events
It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for
an outdoor picnic.

deliberate

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

synonym : intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt

Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

misdirect

v. to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

synonym : misguide, mislead, botch

(1) **misdirect** my anger, (2) **misdirect** the letter

I believe this analysis is **misdirected** to some extent.

verbal

adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words

synonym : speaking, lingual, oral

(1) **verbal** communication, (2) **verbal** abuse

The candidate must have excellent **verbal** skills.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy

was priceless.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym : laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

coincident

adj. happening or operating in the same place or at the same time

synonym : concurrent, accompanying, coextensive

(1) **coincident** indicators, (2) a series of **coincident** events

Coincident with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

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

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

endorphin

n. a natural hormone-like substance that is produced by the body and that acts on the nervous system to reduce pain and induce a feeling of well-being

synonym : pain reliever, mood elevator

(1) beta- **endorphin**, (2) **endorphin** rush

The release of **endorphins** during exercise can provide a natural high and help to relieve stress.

brain

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

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

seduce

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

synonym : tempt, lure, entice

(1) **seduce** him into crime, (2) **seduce** her mind
He tried to **seduce** her with his charm and good looks.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym: protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat
International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

panic

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

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying
The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad
It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

adrenaline

n. (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger

synonym: epinephrine

(1) **adrenaline** receptor, (2) **adrenaline** addiction
The band has released a lot of **adrenaline-pumping** rock music.

religion

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

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

alchemy

n. a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

synonym : sorcery, magic, transmutation

(1) **alchemy** experiment, (2) **alchemy** of emotions

Today, the study of **alchemy** remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

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

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

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym : cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym : program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

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.

bastardize

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

synonym : corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

adoption

n. the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval

synonym : fostering, acceptance, custody

(1) **adoption** assistance, (2) the **adoption** of a plan

The **adoption** process can be long and difficult, but it is worth it for the love of a child.

remotely

adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

synonym : distantly, remotely, slightly

(1) **remotely** operate, (2) control **remotely**

The company can **remotely** access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym : contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

abomination

n. something that is regarded with extreme disgust or hatred; an object, act, or practice that is morally or religiously offensive

synonym : disgust, outrage, abhorrence

(1) social **abomination**, (2) **abomination** in most cultures

The **abomination** of animal testing is a hotly debated ethical issue.

bible

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

synonym : authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy

Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

epithet

n. a descriptive word or phrase used to characterize or describe someone or something; a term or nickname that highlights a particular quality, attribute, or characteristic

synonym : nickname, moniker, label

(1) literary **epithets**, (2) offensive **epithet**

He was given the **epithet** "The King of Rock and Roll" for his iconic contributions to music.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym : fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym : blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

circuit

n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

synonym : route, course, rotation

(1) **circuit** breaker, (2) federal **circuit** courts

An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring **circuit**.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

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.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

validity

n. the state or quality of being true, correct, justified, or legally recognized

synonym : legitimacy, soundness, credibility

(1) **validity** check, (2) clinical **validity**

The second round of testing confirmed the **validity** of the test results.

sleeve

n. a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
synonym: arm covering, armband

(1) a wide **sleeve**, (2) **sleeve** length

He rolled up his **sleeves** to get ready to work.

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.

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym: clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym: mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym: habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

brag

v. to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

synonym: boast, swagger, vaunt

(1) **brag** to each other, (2) **brag** about my knowledge

Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from **bragging** about his success.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym: battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

playground

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

synonym: park, garden, sandbox

(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof

There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym: ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute**

directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

phenomenon

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

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym: by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

Negro

n. ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States

synonym: African American

(1) **Negro** literature, (2) American **Negro**

They developed **Negro** blues with a lively rhythm.

monologue

n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

synonym: soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**

The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym: request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

craft

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

synonym: art, skill, workmanship

(1) **craft** arts of Japan, (2) **craft** manufacture

His hometown was where he first acquired the **craft** of wood carving.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of

the economy.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF

She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

attendance

n. the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering

synonym: presence, participation, appearance

(1) **attendance** sheet, (2) low **attendance**

Attendance at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive

impact on **decision-makers**.

intentionally

adv. in a planned or intended way

synonym : knowingly, calculatedly, deliberately

(1) she hit him **intentionally**, (2) She **intentionally** spread misleading information.

She would never **intentionally** hurt anyone.

premise

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

synonym : assumption, postulate, supposition

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

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

governor

n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

synonym : administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

fate

n. the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions

synonym : destiny, fortune, karma

(1) **fate** of nations, (2) accept my **fate**

The fortune teller predicted his **fate** and warned him of the looming danger.

nomination

n. the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose

synonym : designation, appointment, selection

(1) **nomination** process, (2) **nomination** list

The actress received a **nomination** for her passionate portrayal of a character in the critically-acclaimed film.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym : announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym : district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym : implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym : curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

unequivocal

adj. admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

synonym : apparent, absolute, undeniable

(1) **unequivocal** evidence, (2) receive an **unequivocal** answer

It is **unequivocal** that human activities are the cause of global warming.

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym : useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion

synonym : throw, sway

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

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

hoax

n. a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank

synonym : deception, fraud, trick

(1) suspect a **hoax**, (2) **hoax** email

The newspaper article was revealed to be a **hoax**.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**
This business yields little **profit**.

metric

adj. using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic

synonym: metrical, measured

(1) **metric** units, (2) key performance **metrics**

In the **metric** system, measurements are made in meters and liters.

bull

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

synonym: bovine, cattle, bruiser

(1) **bull** market, (2) **bull** fighter

The farmer raised a **bull** on his ranch for breeding purposes.

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**.

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.

parliament

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

synonym: congress, assembly, legislature

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

He was a member of **parliament**.

rigorous

adj. allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate

synonym : severe, exact, strict

(1) **rigorous** standards, (2) have **rigorous** criticism

The way he manages his employees is extremely **rigorous**.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

regime

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

synonym : administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

punch

v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

synonym : hit, strike, slap

(1) **punch** out numbers, (2) **punch** a ticket

He **punched** the wall in anger.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cry_____ne structure
adj. resembling crystal in clarity, transparency, or brilliance; having a highly ordered and symmetrical molecular structure
2. h__x email
n. a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
3. am_____g advances
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
4. an ir____c turn of events
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
5. the per_____ve of the battle
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
6. PhD ca_____te
n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
7. gross pr____t
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
8. att_____ce sheet
n. the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
9. in_____ty of data
n. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

ANSWERS: 1. crystalline, 2. hoax, 3. amazing, 4. ironic, 5. perspective, 6. candidate, 7. profit, 8. attendance, 9. integrity

10. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
11. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
12. sy____l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
13. boundless am____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
14. an imp____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
15. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
16. coi____nt indicators *adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
17. injury in a car ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
18. a close co____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
19. an ap____l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
20. mi____ct the letter *v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction

ANSWERS: 10. grateful, 11. military, 12. symbol, 13. ambition, 14. impressive, 15. adopt, 16. coincident, 17. accident, 18. contest, 19. appeal, 20. misdirect

21. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
22. soo_____be parents *adj.* used to describe someone or something that will soon become something else or will soon be in a different state or position
23. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
24. have ri_____us criticism *adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
25. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
26. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
27. go_____or general *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
28. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
29. low att_____ce *n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
30. com_____ve viewpoint *adj.* relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast

ANSWERS: 21. trait, 22. soon-to-be, 23. scan, 24. rigorous, 25. panic, 26. conflict, 27. governor, 28. statistics, 29. attendance, 30. comparative

31. do___y effective *adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
32. speak with pr_____on *n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
33. del_____te attempt *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
34. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
35. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
36. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
37. public ri_____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
38. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
39. ho_____y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

ANSWERS: 31. doubly, 32. precision, 33. deliberate, 34. innocent, 35. sweep, 36. responsible, 37. ridicule, 38. environment, 39. honesty

40. material sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
41. sc_____l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
42. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
43. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
44. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
45. empty p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
46. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
47. ad_____on assistance *n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
48. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

ANSWERS: 40. self-interest, 41. scandal, 42. spectrum, 43. associate, 44. lift, 45. pew, 46. refer, 47. adoption, 48. novel

49. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
50. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
51. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
52. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
53. a well-equipped pla_____nd *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
54. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
55. conservative pu___t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
56. pu_____te a sentence *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
57. sw_____ng landscapes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
58. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
59. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

ANSWERS: 49. symbol, 50. gay, 51. vivid, 52. remarkable, 53. playground, 54. associate, 55. pundit, 56. punctuate, 57. sweeping, 58. obvious, 59. parliament

60. pu_____te his talk
v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
61. a con_____nal style
adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
62. do___y difficult
adv. to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
63. ca___n dioxide
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
64. ob_____s reasons
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
65. meet with opp_____on
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
66. ex___d agricultural output
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
67. ind_____al freedom
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
68. bas_____ze a recipe
v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
69. sports pu___t
n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

ANSWERS: 60. punctuate, 61. conventional, 62. doubly, 63. carbon, 64. obvious, 65. opposition, 66. expand, 67. individual, 68. bastardize, 69. pundit

70. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
71. accept a com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
72. obt_____le solutions *adj.* capable of being obtained, acquired, or reached; accessible
73. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
74. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
75. young and old al___e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
76. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
77. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
78. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
79. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
80. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
81. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

ANSWERS: 70. delivery, 71. compliment, 72. obtainable, 73. capture, 74. release, 75. alike, 76. beneficial, 77. magic, 78. grateful, 79. unexpected, 80. delivery, 81. profession

82. ve_____im transcript *adv.* word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written
83. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
84. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
85. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
86. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
87. still vi__d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
88. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
89. bas_____ze culture *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
90. the sc___t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

ANSWERS: 82. verbatim, 83. rev, 84. contest, 85. routine, 86. president, 87. vivid, 88. rev, 89. bastardize, 90. script

91. me____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
92. sardonic hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
93. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
94. pr__e fiction *n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
95. wooden p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
96. the final pu_____ne *n.* the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
97. ch__m against bad luck *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
98. key performance me___cs *adj.* using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic
99. ar_____ry size and shape *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
100. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
101. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 91. mention, 92. humor, 93. difficulty, 94. prose, 95. pew, 96. punchline, 97. charm, 98. metric, 99. arbitrary, 100. survey, 101. strike

102. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
103. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
104. romantic co____y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
105. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
106. mi_____ct my anger *v.* to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction
107. t__s the bottle into a trash can *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
108. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
109. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
110. suspect a h__x *n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
111. they met acc_____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning

ANSWERS: 102. concept, 103. fundamental, 104. comedy, 105. emotional, 106. misdirect, 107. toss, 108. brain, 109. proclaim, 110. hoax, 111. accidentally

112. meet his com_____nts *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
113. a re_____nt of a lung transplant *n.* a person who receives something
114. book of po____y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
115. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
116. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
117. com_____ve analysis *adj.* relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast
118. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
119. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
120. in_____ed habit *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
121. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
122. 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

ANSWERS: 112. commitment, 113. recipient, 114. poetry, 115. stick, 116. toss, 117. comparative, 118. phenomenon, 119. release, 120. ingrained, 121. parliament, 122. strike

123. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
124. wav_____th of light *n.* the distance between two points in the same phase in consecutive cycles of a wave
125. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
126. live in so_____de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
127. She int_____lly spread misleading information. *adv.* in a planned or intended way
128. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
129. social abo_____on *n.* something that is regarded with extreme disgust or hatred; an object, act, or practice that is morally or religiously offensive
130. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
131. the morning se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
132. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
133. accept my f__e *n.* the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions

ANSWERS: 123. survey, 124. wavelength, 125. controversial, 126. solitude, 127. intentionally, 128. amazing, 129. abomination, 130. devastating, 131. session, 132. editorial, 133. fate

134. me___c units *adj.* using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic
135. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
136. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
137. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
138. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
139. la_____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
140. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
141. en_____in rush *n.* a natural hormone-like substance that is produced by the body and that acts on the nervous system to reduce pain and induce a feeling of well-being
142. vitreous hu__r *n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
143. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
144. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 134. metric, 135. opportune, 136. climate, 137. military, 138. conflict, 139. laughter, 140. environment, 141. endorphin, 142. humor, 143. concept, 144. perspective

145. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
146. ve___l abuse *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
147. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
148. cir_____nt rules *v.* to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle
149. imp_____te a character *v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
150. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
151. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
152. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
153. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
154. sw_____ng changes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
155. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

ANSWERS: 145. county, 146. verbal, 147. profitable, 148. circumvent, 149. impersonate, 150. attach, 151. quest, 152. accident, 153. consciously, 154. sweeping, 155. innocent

156. vi_____ly identical	<i>adv.</i> almost completely
157. reg_____ss tread	<i>adv.</i> not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
158. have no pu_____ne	<i>n.</i> the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax
159. pl___e a dagger through his heart	<i>v.</i> to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
160. no_____te him for an award	<i>v.</i> to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
161. a pr_____on instrument	<i>n.</i> the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
162. fight vi___l infections	<i>adj.</i> relating to or caused by a virus
163. se___e him into crime	<i>v.</i> to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
164. the st___m of time	<i>n.</i> a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
165. a corruption sc_____l	<i>n.</i> an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
166. co___y series	<i>n.</i> a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 156. virtually, 157. regardless, 158. punchline, 159. plunge, 160. nominate, 161. precision, 162. viral, 163. seduce, 164. stream, 165. scandal, 166. comedy

167. pr___l fear	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
168. arrived ap____s	<i>adj.</i> concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way
169. the del_____te act of provocation	<i>adj.</i> done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
170. make a pr____e	<i>n.</i> a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
171. ir___c result	<i>adj.</i> using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
172. con_____ial book	<i>adj.</i> causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
173. pr___l eras	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
174. p__y for rain	<i>v.</i> to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
175. at___h firmly	<i>v.</i> to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
176. l__t a ban on alcohol	<i>v.</i> to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
177. va_____ty check	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being true, correct, justified, or legally recognized

ANSWERS: 167. primal, 168. apropos, 169. deliberate, 170. premise, 171. ironic, 172. controversial, 173. primal, 174. pray, 175. attach, 176. lift, 177. validity

178. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
179. with de_____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
180. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
181. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
182. the ad_____on of a plan *n.* the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval
183. ben_____al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
184. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
185. draw out your ap___l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
186. bring la_____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
187. 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

ANSWERS: 178. opportune, 179. delight, 180. panic, 181. distinct, 182. adoption, 183. beneficial, 184. damn, 185. appeal, 186. laughter, 187. debate

188. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
189. acc_____lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
190. clinical va_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being true, correct, justified, or legally recognized
191. obt_____le resources *adj.* capable of being obtained, acquired, or reached; accessible
192. ready-made ph____es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
193. imp_____te a government official *v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
194. a hand sc____t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
195. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
196. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
197. vi_____al organ *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

ANSWERS: 188. conversation, 189. accidentally, 190. validity, 191. obtainable, 192. phrase, 193. impersonate, 194. script, 195. ultimate, 196. ridicule, 197. visceral

198. f__e of nations *n.* the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions
199. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
200. ju___e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
201. b__g to each other *v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
202. 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
203. middle of the ju___e *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
204. coaxial ca__e *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
205. quote his words ve____im *adv.* word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written
206. modern po___y *n.* poems in general as a genre of literature

ANSWERS: 198. fate, 199. pray, 200. jungle, 201. brag, 202. economy, 203. jungle, 204. cable, 205. verbatim, 206. poetry

207. a series of coi_____nt events	<i>adj.</i> happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
208. ca_____n industry	<i>n.</i> a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
209. co____r honor	<i>v.</i> to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
210. make ast_____ng gains	<i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
211. courtroom sto_____ing	<i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories
212. ce____t blend	<i>v.</i> make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
213. me_____n in a report	<i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly
214. noun ph____e	<i>n.</i> a group of words that mean something specific when used together
215. en_____er a storm	<i>v.</i> to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
216. ca_____n character	<i>n.</i> a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
217. deliver a mo_____ue	<i>n.</i> a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

ANSWERS: 207. coincident, 208. cartoon, 209. confer, 210. astonishing, 211. storytelling, 212. cement, 213. mention, 214. phrase, 215. encounter, 216. cartoon, 217. monologue

218. control re_____ly	<i>adv.</i> at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
219. tr_____rm an education system	<i>v.</i> to change in outward structure or looks;
220. fu___e talk	<i>adj.</i> incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
221. abo_____on in most cultures	<i>n.</i> something that is regarded with extreme disgust or hatred; an object, act, or practice that is morally or religiously offensive
222. ag___a setting	<i>n.</i> a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
223. a bomb-disposal sq___d	<i>n.</i> a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
224. ho_____y policy	<i>n.</i> the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
225. re_____nd a hospitalization	<i>v.</i> to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
226. receive an une_____al answer	<i>adj.</i> admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
227. the in___t of a question	<i>n.</i> a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
228. virtue and v___e	<i>n.</i> wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

ANSWERS: 218. remotely, 219. transform, 220. futile, 221. abomination, 222. agenda, 223. squad, 224. honesty, 225. recommend, 226. unequivocal, 227. intent, 228. vice

229. ce___t a close relationship *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
230. ve___l communication *adj.* expressed in spoken rather than written words
231. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
232. historical no___l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
233. sa___e magazine *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques
234. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
235. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
236. a pungent sa___e *n.* a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

ANSWERS: 229. cement, 230. verbal, 231. demonstrate, 232. novel, 233. satire, 234. intent, 235. encounter, 236. satire

237. adr_____ne addiction *n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
238. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
239. da__y chain *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
240. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
241. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
242. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
243. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
244. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
245. a person of in_____ty *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
246. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 237. adrenaline, 238. statistics, 239. daisy, 240. transport, 241. carbon, 242. devastating, 243. demonstrate, 244. punch, 245. integrity, 246. opposition

247. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
248. b__l market *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
249. universal pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
250. professional tra____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
251. pr____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
252. long-wav____th laser *n.* the distance between two points in the same phase in consecutive cycles of a wave
253. electronic tra____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
254. tr____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
255. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
256. at____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

ANSWERS: 247. wisdom, 248. bull, 249. praise, 250. translator, 251. proclaim, 252. wavelength, 253. translator, 254. transform, 255. expand, 256. attribute

257. tr_____te the emotion to a movement
v. to convert or change words into another language
258. a com_____nt to an alliance
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
259. personality tr__ts
n. a particular feature of your nature
260. detect a vi__l code
adj. relating to or caused by a virus
261. re_____ly operate
adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
262. ambitious ag____a
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
263. the major pr_____e
n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
264. e_o defense mechanisms
n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
265. pu__h out numbers
v. to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
266. f__e their homes
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
267. western phi_____hy
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
268. fo_____st expert
adj. most important, leading, or prominent
269. co____r degree
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 257. translate, 258. commitment, 259. trait, 260. viral, 261. remotely, 262. agenda, 263. premise, 264. ego, 265. punch, 266. flee, 267. philosophy, 268. foremost, 269. confer

270. adr_____ne receptor *n.* (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
271. nom_____on list *n.* the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose
272. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
273. cry_____ne water *adj.* resembling crystal in clarity, transparency, or brilliance; having a highly ordered and symmetrical molecular structure
274. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
275. inner mo_____ue *n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
276. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
277. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
278. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 270. adrenaline, 271. nomination, 272. conventional, 273. crystalline, 274. emotional, 275. monologue, 276. storytelling, 277. county, 278. discovery

279. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
280. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
281. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
282. masculine ch__m *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
283. une_____al evidence *adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion
284. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
285. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
286. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
287. a wide sl___e *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
288. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
289. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
290. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

ANSWERS: 279. grasp, 280. profession, 281. conversation, 282. charm, 283. unequivocal, 284. capture, 285. spectrum, 286. ambition, 287. sleeve, 288. concentration, 289. impressive, 290. suit

291. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
292. a pla_____nd on the roof *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
293. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
294. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
295. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
296. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
297. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

ANSWERS: 291. policy, 292. playground, 293. suit, 294. twist, 295. policy, 296. survival, 297. scan

298. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
299. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
300. make a fu___e protest *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
301. exercise re___e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
302. cr__t manufacture *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
303. b__l fighter *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
304. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
305. a fountain of wi___m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
306. a puppet re___e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
307. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
308. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 298. basis, 299. argue, 300. futile, 301. regime, 302. craft, 303. bull, 304. conscious, 305. wisdom, 306. regime, 307. virtually, 308. brand

309. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
310. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
311. keep fo____st in mind *adj.* most important, leading, or prominent
312. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
313. beta-en_____in *n.* a natural hormone-like substance that is produced by the body and that acts on the nervous system to reduce pain and induce a feeling of well-being
314. a cr_____le story *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
315. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
316. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
317. cir_____nt authority *v.* to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle

ANSWERS: 309. regardless, 310. schizophrenia, 311. foremost, 312. cable, 313. endorphin, 314. credible, 315. argue, 316. profit, 317. circumvent

318. ri____us standards *adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
319. se___e her mind *v.* to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship
320. federal ci____t courts *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
321. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
322. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
323. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
324. lawn da__y *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
325. 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: 318. rigorous, 319. seduce, 320. circuit, 321. decision-maker, 322. insight, 323. communicate, 324. daisy, 325. economy

326. al_____y of emotions *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
327. nom_____on process *n.* the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose
328. soo_____be graduates *adj.* used to describe someone or something that will soon become something else or will soon be in a different state or position
329. arrested for tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government
330. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
331. a prefectural go_____or *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
332. sch_____nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
333. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

ANSWERS: 326. alchemy, 327. nomination, 328. soon-to-be, 329. treason, 330. consciously, 331. governor, 332. schizophrenia, 333. ultimate

334. pa_____ch of a religion *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
335. Ne__o literature *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
336. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
337. American Ne__o *n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
338. jou_____sm ethics *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
339. in_____ed prejudice *adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
340. criminal imp_____ion *n.* the act of deliberately imitating or pretending to be someone else, often for comedic or deceptive purposes
341. al_____y experiment *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious

ANSWERS: 334. patriarch, 335. Negro, 336. survival, 337. Negro, 338. journalism, 339. ingrained, 340. impersonation, 341. alchemy

342. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
343. re___n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
344. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
345. offensive ep_____t *n.* a descriptive word or phrase used to characterize or describe someone or something; a term or nickname that highlights a particular quality, attribute, or characteristic
346. the ar_____ry rule of a dictator *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
347. v__e-chair of the committee *n.* wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person
348. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
349. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
350. vi_____al fear *adj.* relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses
351. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 342. editorial, 343. retain, 344. remarkable, 345. epithet, 346. arbitrary, 347. vice, 348. grasp, 349. ego, 350. visceral, 351. insight

352. at_____te the change to their marriage
v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
353. in_____nt risk
adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
354. co_____te environment
adj. of or relating to a large company
355. al__e in nature
adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance
356. she is ma__c
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
357. re__r to a book
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
358. ast_____ng achievement
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
359. co_____us effort
adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
360. a passage from the Bi__e
n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
361. antiriot sq__d
n. a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
362. de__d against a threat
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 352. attribute, 353. inherent, 354. corporate, 355. alike, 356. magic, 357. refer, 358. astonishing, 359. conscious, 360. bible, 361. squad, 362. defend

363. literary ep____ts *n.* a descriptive word or phrase used to characterize or describe someone or something; a term or nickname that highlights a particular quality, attribute, or characteristic
364. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
365. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
366. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
367. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
368. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
369. a flattering re___k *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
370. re___n information *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
371. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

ANSWERS: 363. epithet, 364. responsible, 365. corporate, 366. candidate, 367. religion, 368. alien, 369. remark, 370. retain, 371. alien

372. Pa_____ch of Constantinople *n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership
373. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
374. ap_____s expression *adj.* concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way
375. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
376. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
377. a re_____nt of a Nobel prize *n.* a person who receives something
378. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
379. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
380. high tr_____n *n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

ANSWERS: 372. patriarch, 373. communicate, 374. apropos, 375. basis, 376. religion, 377. recipient, 378. brand, 379. gay, 380. treason

381. attain critical pr___e *n.* an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
382. sl___e length *n.* a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm
383. visual im____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
384. believe Bi___e prophecy *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
385. sw___p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
386. tabloid jou_____sm *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
387. f___e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
388. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
389. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
390. imp_____ion act *n.* the act of deliberately imitating or pretending to be someone else, often for comedic or deceptive purposes

ANSWERS: 381. praise, 382. sleeve, 383. imagery, 384. bible, 385. sweep, 386. journalism, 387. flee, 388. unexpected, 389. profitable, 390. impersonation

391. the court se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
392. 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
393. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
394. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
395. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
396. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
397. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
398. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
399. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 391. session, 392. debate, 393. discovery, 394. difficulty, 395. president, 396. twist, 397. inherent, 398. adopt, 399. quest

400. enjoyment of so____de	<i>n.</i> the state of being alone and isolated from others
401. policy dec_____ker	<i>n.</i> a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
402. st__k a key in a lock	<i>v.</i> to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
403. tr_____te a document into English	<i>v.</i> to convert or change words into another language
404. di_____ct difference	<i>adj.</i> noticeable from something else of a similar type
405. a tremor of de____t	<i>n.</i> a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
406. b__g about my knowledge	<i>v.</i> to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior
407. no_____te government representatives	<i>v.</i> to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
408. d__n with faint praise	<i>v.</i> to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
409. satellite im_____y	<i>n.</i> the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

ANSWERS: 400. solitude, 401. decision-maker, 402. stick, 403. translate, 404. distinct, 405. delight, 406. brag, 407. nominate, 408. damn, 409. imagery

410. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
411. confuse fa_____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
412. unaffected by sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
413. his research area of con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
414. cr__t arts of Japan *n.* an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands
415. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
416. cr_____le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
417. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
418. ci_____t breaker *n.* (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area
419. pl___e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
420. fa_____y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

ANSWERS: 410. fundamental, 411. fantasy, 412. self-interest, 413. concentration, 414. craft, 415. brain, 416. credible, 417. individual, 418. circuit, 419. plunge, 420. fantasy

421. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
422. she hit him int_____lly *adv.* in a planned or intended way
423. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
424. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
425. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
426. a backhanded com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
427. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
428. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
429. re___k dripping with bitterness *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
430. rhythmical pr___e *n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
431. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

ANSWERS: 421. philosophy, 422. intentionally, 423. recommend, 424. climate, 425. phenomenon, 426. compliment, 427. transport, 428. defend, 429. remark, 430. prose, 431. stream

432. a built-in diagnostic ro____e

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things;
a set sequence of steps, part of a larger
computer program

ANSWERS: 432. routine

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The information on their website could have been clearer, but I found an _____ answer eventually.
adj. capable of being obtained, acquired, or reached; accessible

2. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.
n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

3. He collected data to avoid _____ decisions.
adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

4. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

5. The political _____ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.
n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

6. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 1. obtainable, 2. honesty, 3. arbitrary, 4. panic, 5. pundit, 6. policy

7. Computers help people _____ specific memories.
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
8. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
9. This village is still in a dense _____.
n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
10. The _____ priority is the safety of the passengers.
adj. most important, leading, or prominent
11. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something
12. She was constantly trying to boost her ____ by talking about her accomplishments.
n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
13. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
14. 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
15. When performing an organ transplant, it is necessary to test for compatibility between the donor and _____.
n. a person who receives something

ANSWERS: 7. retain, 8. impressive, 9. jungle, 10. foremost, 11. quest, 12. ego, 13. twisted, 14. strike, 15. recipient

16. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.
n. the act or sound of laughing
17. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
18. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
19. Laughing is _____ to our health.
adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
20. She made a _____ impression.
adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
21. The drama series mainly received _____.
n. an expression that shows approval and admiration of the achievements or characteristics of someone or something
22. My husband was found _____ of any crime.
adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
23. The way he manages his employees is extremely _____.
adj. allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
24. The fortune teller predicted his _____ and warned him of the looming danger.
n. the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions

ANSWERS: 16. laughter, 17. Climate, 18. symbol, 19. beneficial, 20. vivid, 21. praise, 22. innocent, 23. rigorous, 24. fate

25. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
26. The band has released a lot of _____ rock music.
n. (also "epinephrine") a substance secreted by the adrenal medulla in response to stress, which makes the heart beat faster and prepares the body to react to danger
27. Her _____ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.
n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
28. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
29. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
30. The candidate must have excellent _____ skills.
adj. expressed in spoken rather than written words
31. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.
adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
32. There is a woods with a creek near the school _____.
n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

ANSWERS: 25. associate, 26. adrenaline-pumping, 27. compliment, 28. damn, 29. discovery, 30. verbal, 31. unexpected, 32. playground

33. The author discovered that the _____ had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.
- n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
34. Different cultures have different comfortable word rhythms, so the composition of _____ varies greatly.
- n.* poems in general as a genre of literature
35. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
36. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
37. Her fear of dogs was _____ after a traumatic experience in childhood.
- adj.* deeply rooted in someone's mind or behavior; difficult to change due to being established for a long time
38. They developed _____ blues with a lively rhythm.
- n.* ("Negro" is now considered out of date and offensive) a term that was once used to refer to people of African descent, especially those living in the United States
39. The farmer raised a _____ on his ranch for breeding purposes.
- n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
40. She would never _____ hurt anyone.
- adv.* in a planned or intended way

ANSWERS: 33. translator, 34. poetry, 35. brain, 36. expand, 37. ingrained, 38. Negro, 39. bull, 40. intentionally

41. I took a back road to work on time to _____ the traffic jam.
- v.* to go around, avoid, or bypass something, often to achieve an intended goal or objective; to outmaneuver or outsmart a person or obstacle
42. He was given the _____ "The King of Rock and Roll" for his iconic contributions to music.
- n.* a descriptive word or phrase used to characterize or describe someone or something; a term or nickname that highlights a particular quality, attribute, or characteristic
43. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
44. The release of _____ during exercise can provide a natural high and help to relieve stress.
- n.* a natural hormone-like substance that is produced by the body and that acts on the nervous system to reduce pain and induce a feeling of well-being
45. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was _____ about invasion.
- adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
46. _____ at the meeting is mandatory for all employees.
- n.* the act of being present at an event or gathering; the number of people present at an event or gathering
47. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

ANSWERS: 41. circumvent, 42. epithet, 43. mentioned, 44. endorphins, 45. deliberate, 46. Attendance, 47. delivery

48. The organization _____ her to be the next president.
- v.* to propose someone for a position, especially in politics or an organization, or some honor
49. This movie is famous for its romantic _____.
- n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
50. 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
51. My wife seems to be in ill _____.
- n.* the quality of being amusing or funny; the liquid parts of the body
52. This operation requires both patience and _____.
- n.* the quality or condition of being exact and accurate
53. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
54. The newspaper article was revealed to be a _____.
- n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
55. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
- n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

ANSWERS: 48. nominated, 49. imagery, 50. survey, 51. humor, 52. precision, 53. amazing, 54. hoax, 55. concentration

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

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

57. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

58. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

59. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

60. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

61. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

62. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

63. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

64. An intelligent battery has a voltage monitoring _____.

n. (in electrical engineering) an electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow; a journey or route around a particular place or area

ANSWERS: 56. commitments, 57. accident, 58. cartoon, 59. scanned, 60. ultimate, 61. grateful, 62. wisdom, 63. emotional, 64. circuit

65. Today, the study of _____ remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy
- n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
66. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
67. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
- n.* a condition or state that causes problems
68. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
- n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
69. _____ with the negotiation, the bank was permitted to open a Beijing branch.
- adj.* happening or operating in the same place or at the same time
70. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
- n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
71. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 65. alchemy, 66. perspective, 67. difficulty, 68. profession, 69. Coincident, 70. agenda, 71. adopted

72. His _____ comment about the weather caught everyone off guard during the business meeting.
adj. concerning a particular topic; fitting or appropriate in a given situation; (adverb) at the right time; incidentally or by the way
73. The ___ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
adj. homosexual; happy, carefree
74. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
75. 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
76. Totalitarian _____ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.
n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
77. _____ all the parties signed the contract.
adv. almost completely
78. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
79. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 72. apropos-of-nothing, 73. gay, 74. inherent, 75. debate, 76. regimes, 77. Virtually, 78. intent, 79. stick

80. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
81. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
82. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
83. The two paintings looked _____ as if the same artist had done them.
adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance
84. 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
85. The church was filled with people sitting on the _____ listening to the sermon.
n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
86. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
87. The state _____ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.
n. the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

ANSWERS: 80. flee, 81. religion, 82. statistics, 83. alike, 84. economy, 85. pews, 86. conflicts, 87. governor

88. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

89. 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

90. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

91. The actor's _____ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

n. a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

92. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

93. The _____ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

94. The second round of testing confirmed the _____ of the test results.

n. the state or quality of being true, correct, justified, or legally recognized

ANSWERS: 88. regardless, 89. responsible, 90. president, 91. monologue, 92. cables, 93. primal, 94. validity

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

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

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

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

97. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

98. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

99. This business yields little _____.

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

100. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

101. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.

n. a particular feature of your nature

102. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

ANSWERS: 95. individual, 96. scandal, 97. decision-makers, 98. consciously, 99. profit, 100. fundamental, 101. traits, 102. communicate

103. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
104. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
105. She picked a blue _____ from the meadow and placed it in her hair.
n. a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
106. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
107. He sought _____ in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.
n. the state of being alone and isolated from others
108. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.
v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion
109. Parliament is now in _____.
n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
110. The _____ process can be long and difficult, but it is worth it for the love of a child.
n. the action or fact of legally taking another's child as one's own; the act of accepting with approval

ANSWERS: 103. release, 104. candidate's, 105. daisy, 106. Translate, 107. solitude, 108. tossed, 109. session, 110. adoption

111. These are significantly more exquisite than typical _____ bracelets.
n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
112. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
113. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.
n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
114. The _____ of animal testing is a hotly debated ethical issue.
n. something that is regarded with extreme disgust or hatred; an object, act, or practice that is morally or religiously offensive
115. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.
adj. relating to or caused by a virus
116. I believe this analysis is _____ to some extent.
v. to give someone the wrong order, information, etc.; to send someone or something to the wrong place or wrong direction
117. 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
118. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

ANSWERS: 111. charm, 112. attach, 113. contest, 114. abomination, 115. viral, 116. misdirected, 117. recommend, 118. carbon

119. He was a member of _____.

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

120. They are eager to _____ a positive reputation.

- v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

121. The rebels were sentenced to death for committing acts of _____ against the state.

- n.* the act of betraying one's country or government, especially by attempting to overthrow it or give aid and comfort to its enemies; a violation of allegiance or loyalty to one's country or government

122. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

- n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

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

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

124. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

- adj.* of or relating to a large company

125. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 119. parliament, 120. cement, 121. treason, 122. county's, 123. premise, 124. corporate, 125. conversation

126. 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

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

- adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

128. 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

129. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

- n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

130. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

- n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

131. We do not want to _____ the text's original meaning through poor translations.

- v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

132. Greed and _____ composed his personality.

- n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something

133. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.

- n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 126. confer, 127. remarkable, 128. environment, 129. storytelling, 130. magic, 131. bastardize, 132. ambition, 133. comedy

134. His candid _____ at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

n. a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

135. The police department assembled a special _____ to handle the situation.

n. a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

136. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

137. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

138. He rolled up his _____ to get ready to work.

n. a part of a garment that covers all or part of an arm

139. His hometown was where he first acquired the _____ of wood carving.

n. an activity that requires a particular skill in making things with one's hands

140. Cats hate dogs and _____ versa.

n. wrongdoing or wicked behavior; (in the form of vice versa) with the order reversed; (as a prefix) someone with a job immediately below a particular person

141. The comedian's _____ on politics had the audience laughing and thinking.

n. a literary or artistic work that uses irony, sarcasm, humor, ridicule, or exaggeration to criticize human vices, follies, or shortcomings; a genre of literature or art that uses such techniques

ANSWERS: 134. remark, 135. squad, 136. credible, 137. delight, 138. sleeves, 139. craft, 140. vice, 141. satire

142. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

143. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

144. The novel was written in _____ with no rhyme or meter.

n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme

145. The _____ study of different cultures is fascinating and informative.

adj. relating to the comparison of different things or groups; denoting a degree of difference or comparison between two or more things; characterized by comparison or contrast

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

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

147. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

148. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

149. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 142. grasp, 143. encounter, 144. prose, 145. comparative, 146. plunged, 147. transformed, 148. defend, 149. insights

150. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

151. The athlete faced a challenge that was _____ daunting because of her injury.

adv. to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance

152. Ethics is a branch of _____.

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

153. The court reporter transcribed the testimony _____ to ensure accuracy.

adv. word for word; in the exact words; exactly as spoken or written

154. In the _____ system, measurements are made in meters and liters.

adj. using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic

155. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

156. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

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

157. He tried to _____ her with his charm and good looks.

v. to entice someone to engage in sexual behavior or to enter into a romantic relationship

ANSWERS: 150. distinct, 151. doubly, 152. philosophy, 153. verbatim, 154. metric, 155. novel, 156. schizophrenia, 157. seduce

158. Despite his impressive achievements, he refrained from _____ about his success.

- v.* to say something in a boastful manner, to impress others, or make oneself feel superior

159. It is _____ that human activities are the cause of global warming.

- adj.* admitting of no doubt; having only one meaning or interpretation and leading to only one conclusion

160. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

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

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

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

162. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

163. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.

- adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

164. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 158. bragging, 159. unequivocal, 160. lifted, 161. ironic, 162. brand, 163. astonishing, 164. opportune

165. The _____ bride was busy planning all the details of her upcoming wedding.

adj. used to describe someone or something that will soon become something else or will soon be in a different state or position

166. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

167. After watching the horror movie, she had a _____ reaction and couldn't sleep all night.

adj. relating to or affecting the internal organs; instinctive or emotional rather than rational; characterized by deep-seated emotional reactions or responses

168. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

169. The geologist found a beautiful specimen of a _____ mineral.

adj. resembling crystal in clarity, transparency, or brilliance; having a highly ordered and symmetrical molecular structure

170. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

171. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

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

172. The _____ of the joke was hilarious.

n. the final sentence or phrase in a joke, which is intended to be funny or surprising and to bring the joke to a climax

ANSWERS: 165. soon-to-be, 166. refer, 167. visceral, 168. controversial, 169. crystalline, 170. spectrum, 171. demonstrate, 172. punchline

173. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

174. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

175. He became _____ that he was being followed.

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

176. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

177. His _____ of the popular actor at the party was spot-on.

n. the act of deliberately imitating or pretending to be someone else, often for comedic or deceptive purposes

178. The company can _____ access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.

adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

179. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

180. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 173. conventional, 174. prayed, 175. conscious, 176. streams, 177. impersonation, 178. remotely, 179. profitable, 180. capture

181. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

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

182. The _____ views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

183. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

184. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

185. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

186. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

187. A rainbow is a natural _____.

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

188. It was _____ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

ANSWERS: 181. opposition, 182. sweeping, 183. transportation, 184. phrase, 185. appeal, 186. attributes, 187. phenomenon, 188. futile

189. The comedian is famous for his ability to _____ famous politicians.
- v.* to pretend to be someone else, often with the intent to deceive or defraud; to imitate the mannerisms or speech of another person as a form of tribute or satire
190. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.
- n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
191. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
- v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
192. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
- n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
193. The actress received a _____ for her passionate portrayal of a character in the critically-acclaimed film.
- n.* the act or process of formally proposing someone for election or appointment to a position, office, or award; the act of designating or selecting someone for a particular role or purpose
194. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.
- n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
195. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.
- adv.* by chance or without planning

ANSWERS: 189. impersonate, 190. routine, 191. argue, 192. ridicule, 193. nomination, 194. Alien, 195. accidentally

196. She plans to study _____ in college and become a reporter.
- n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
197. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology _____.
- n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
198. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
199. The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by _____.
- n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
200. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
201. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
202. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
203. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

ANSWERS: 196. journalism, 197. bible, 198. basis, 199. self-interest, 200. rev, 201. survival, 202. concept, 203. fantasy

204. Strikes had also _____ the preceding weeks.

- v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

205. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.

- adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

206. The company's reputation for honesty and _____ is highly valued among its customers.

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

207. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.

- n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

208. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.

- adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage

209. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

210. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.

- n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

211. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.

- v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

ANSWERS: 204. punctuated, 205. editorial, 206. integrity, 207. suits, 208. devastating, 209. obvious, 210. script, 211. proclaimed

212. He _____ the wall in anger.

- v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something

213. White color is made up of many different _____ of light.

- n.* the distance between two points in the same phase in consecutive cycles of a wave

214. The family _____ was a respected elder who was always consulted on important decisions.

- n.* a man who is the head of a family or tribe or a man who is revered because of his age, wisdom, or spiritual leadership

215. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.

- v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

216. 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

ANSWERS: 212. punched, 213. wavelengths, 214. patriarch, 215. sweep, 216. military