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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### complicated

*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

*synonym*: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly

#### **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

### emerging

*adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

*synonym*: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

**Emerging** technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

### 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.

## revival

*n.* an instance of bringing something back to life, popularity, or prominence; a period of renewed interest or enthusiasm in something that was previously considered outdated or old-fashioned

*synonym* : resurgence, reawakening, renaissance

(1) **revival** meeting, (2) **revival** of the economy

The town's economy experienced a **revival** after opening a new factory.

## terminology

*n.* the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession

*synonym* : jargon, lexicon, vocabulary

(1) industry **terminology**, (2) medical **terminology**

The instructor will provide a glossary of commonly used **terminology** at the beginning of the course.

## observation

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

*synonym* : watching, notice, reflection

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

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

## fan

*n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

*synonym* : lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

## definitely

*adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

*synonym* : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

## kingdom

*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

*synonym* : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**  
By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

## weird

*adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain  
*synonym*: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**  
My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

## invade

*v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation  
*synonym*: intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy  
I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

## firewall

*n.* (in computing) a technological barrier designed to stop people from seeing or using the information on a computer without permission but still allow them to receive information that is sent to them

(1) **firewall** protection, (2) **firewall** application  
Public cloud computing should provide a secure **firewall** against hackers.

## digital

*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet  
*synonym*: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature  
Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

## boundary

*n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places  
*synonym*: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy  
He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

## 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.

## 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.

## oversea

*adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

*synonym* : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

## universal

*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

*synonym* : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

## separate

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

*synonym* : disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

## wasteland

*n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

*synonym* : desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**

The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

## metaphor

*n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

*synonym* : conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

## ensorship

*n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security

*synonym* : restriction, suppression

(1) clear **ensorship** by the Education Ministry, (2) form of **ensorship**

Newspapers were subjected to **ensorship** a few days later.

## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym* : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## upgrade

*v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

*synonym* : improve, boost, enrich

(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance

It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.

## ensor

*n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or

altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

*synonym* : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **cancel** a book, (2) **cancel** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **cancel** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

## boom

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

*synonym* : roaring, prosperity, boost

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

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

## copycat

*n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand

*synonym* : imitator, mimic, copyist

(1) **copycat** behavior, (2) **copycat** website

The company accused their competitor of being a **copycat** and stealing its design.

## nation

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

*synonym* : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

## 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.

## clone

*n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation

*synonym*: duplicate, imitation, reproduction

(1) **clone** embryo, (2) recombinant **clone**

He is like an exact **clone** of his brother.

## satisfy

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

*synonym*: please, amuse, meet

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

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

## server

*n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant

*synonym*: computer, waiter, waitperson

(1) a mail **server**, (2) work as a **server** in a restaurant

After the airing of the TV commercial, many people accessed the website, and the **server** went down.

## dictator

*n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

*synonym*: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

## critic

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

*synonym*: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their

**critics.**

**technique**

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

*synonym* : approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

**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.

**corruption**

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

*synonym* : depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

**topple**

*v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

*synonym* : overturn, capsize, upset

(1) **topple** communist rule, (2) **topple** off a ledge

The statue was old and unstable, so it easily **toppled** over.

**sphere**

*n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

*synonym* : ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.



## pathway

*n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something

*synonym*: route, footpath, trail

(1) **pathway** to understanding, (2) cellular signaling

## pathways

When the first molecule in the **pathway** receives a signal, it activates other molecules.

## nightmare

*n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream

*synonym*: agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

## 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.

## tweet

*n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

*synonym*: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

## platform

*n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

*synonym*: stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

## unclear

*adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

*synonym*: ambiguous, fuzzy, obscure

(1) an **unclear** match, (2) in no **unclear** terms

It is important not to undertake tasks with **unclear** objectives to improve productivity.

## bury

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

*synonym*: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

## criticism

*n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

*synonym*: critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

## rail

*n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

*synonym*: bar, beam, (verb) criticize

(1) **rail** system, (2) **rail** against his enemies

The children leaned over the bridge **rail** to watch the fish swimming below.

## sack

*v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

*synonym*: discharge, remove, (noun) bag

(1) **sack** an employee, (2) a sleep **sack**

He was **sacked** from his job for stealing company property.

## jail

*n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

*synonym*: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

## 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.

## 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**.

## ministry

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

*synonym*: department, agency, bureau

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

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

## embassy

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

*synonym*: consulate, mission, legation

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

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

## blame

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

*synonym*: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

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

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

## intervene

v. to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse

*synonym*: interfere, mediate, intercede

(1) **intervene** in a dispute, (2) **intervene** between quarreling parties

Following international law, our country does not **intervene** in the internal affairs of our neighbors.

## internal

*adj.* of or relating to the inside of something

*synonym*: interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

## disclose

v. to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly

*synonym*: declare, reveal, uncover

(1) **disclose** a secret, (2) **disclose** a vulnerability

The curtain rose to **disclose** a fantastic set.

## sensitive

*adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

*synonym*: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

## firm

*adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

*synonym*: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

## decide

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

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

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

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

## germ

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym*: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## paragraph

*n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

*synonym*: section, chapter, indentation

(1) an editorial **paragraph**, (2) first **paragraph**

Article VII, **Paragraph** 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

## 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.

## hamlet

*n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church

*synonym*: village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

## cheat

*v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

*synonym* : deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

## regard

*v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

*synonym* : consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

## headline

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

*synonym* : title, caption

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

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

## 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.

## innovate

*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

*synonym* : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

## immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym* : directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

## 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.

## mindset

*n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

*synonym*: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

## voiceless

*adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak

*synonym*: mute, silent, speechless

(1) **voiceless** consonant, (2) **voiceless** minority

The **voiceless** screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

## remedy

*n.* a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness

*synonym*: treatment, medication, therapy

(1) **remedy** for air pollution, (2) an internal **remedy**

This drug will be a good **remedy** for your stomach trouble.

## judicial

*adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

*synonym*: legal, juridical, judicatory

(1) **judicial** review, (2) **judicial** police

The **judicial** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

## myth

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

*synonym*: fable, legend, lore

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

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

## emperor

*n.* the male ruler of an empire

*synonym* : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

## thug

*n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang

*synonym* : gangster, hooligan, criminal

(1) local **thug**, (2) notorious **thug**

The police arrested the **thug** who robbed the convenience store.

## victim

*n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

*synonym* : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

## peasant

*n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society

*synonym* : farmer, laborer, rustic

(1) **peasant** class, (2) exploited **peasant**

Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a **peasant**, but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.

## settle

*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

*synonym* : inhabit, occupy, decide

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

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



## revolution

*n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

*synonym*: coup, innovation, rebellion

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

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

## celebrity

*n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry

*synonym*: figure, star, VIP

(1) baseball **celebrity**, (2) **celebrity** known worldwide

The popularity of the show made her an instant **celebrity**.

## negotiate

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

*synonym*: discuss, mediate, bargain

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

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

## surname

*n.* the family name passed down through generations; a person's last name

*synonym*: last name, family name

(1) **surname** history, (2) family **surname**

When filling out a form, include your full **surname**, not just your first name.

## pun

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

*synonym*: joke, quip, wordplay

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

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

## alternative

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

*synonym*: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**  
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

## meme

*n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

*synonym* : buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

## mud

*n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

*synonym* : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

## crab

*n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

*synonym* : crustacean, shellfish, crusty

(1) **crab** cakes, (2) **crab** legs

I ordered a plate of fresh **crab** at the seafood restaurant.

## phonogram

*n.* a symbol or character representing a sound, word, or phrase, particularly in the context of a writing system or musical notation

*synonym* : phonics, sound symbol

(1) different **phonograms**, (2) ancient **phonogram**

The **phonogram** on the record indicated which song would play when it was spun on the turntable.

## harmonize

*v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible  
*synonym*: reconcile, balance, match

(1) **harmonize** with others, (2) **harmonize** two different opinions

The musicians attempted to **harmonize** their voices for the chorus.

## exciting

*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

*synonym*: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

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

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

## 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.

## 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.

## convinced

*adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

*synonym*: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

## threat

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

*synonym*: menace, danger, hazard

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

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

## automatically

*adv.* without needing a direct human control

*synonym*: mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

## poll

*n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

*synonym*: survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

## analyze

*v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

*synonym*: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

## scenario

*n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

*synonym*: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

## dissident

*n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

*synonym*: dissenter, rebel, protester

(1) **dissident** activities, (2) outspoken **dissident**

The government's security forces constantly monitored the **dissident** politician.

## crackdown

*n.* a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior

*synonym*: clampdown, sweep, repression

(1) a citywide **crackdown**, (2) strict **crackdown**

The government announced a **crackdown** on illegal activities in the city.

## process

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

*synonym*: procedure, method, system

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

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

## cat-and-mouse

*adj.* referring to a situation or activity involving a tricky and elusive pursuit or strategy, where one party is constantly trying to outsmart or evade the other

*synonym*: evasive, elusive

(1) **cat-and-mouse** game, (2) tense **cat-and-mouse**

The **cat-and-mouse** chase between the detective and the criminal kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

## bribe

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

*synonym*: graft, corrupt

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

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

## apologize

*v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

*synonym*: excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time  
I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

## movement

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

*synonym*: motion, progression, action

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

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

## transparent

*adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

*synonym*: translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

## independence

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

*synonym*: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

## excuse

*n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

*synonym*: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

## principality

*n.* a territory ruled by a prince or duke

*synonym* : kingdom, nation, territory

(1) a landlocked **principality**, (2) a type of **principality**

The **principality** of Monaco is a small, independent state in Europe.

## marketplace

*n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

*synonym* : bazaar, mart, emporium

(1) **marketplace** competition, (2) global **marketplace**

The online **marketplace** offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

## rumor

*n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

*synonym* : gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

## dare

*v.* to have the courage to do something

*synonym* : challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

## fake

*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

*synonym* : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

## coup

*n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

*synonym* : revolution, overthrow, takeover

(1) **coup** plotters, (2) military **coup**

The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the **coup**.

## arrest

*v.* to take into custody

*synonym*: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

## precise

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

*synonym*: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

## norm

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

*synonym*: criterion, mean, standard

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

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

## purge

*v.* to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure

*synonym*: cleanse, clear, eliminate

(1) **purge** the system, (2) **purge** his sins

The government tried to **purge** corrupt officials from the bureaucracy.

## convenient

*adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do

*synonym*: timely, fortunate, suitable

(1) **convenient** way, (2) **convenient** location

The airport offers five **convenient** access routes.

## chairperson

*n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings

*synonym*: director, head, leader

(1) vice **chairperson**, (2) the meeting elected a **chairperson**



The **chairperson** has the authority to approve or deny any request.

## **mobilize**

*v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

*synonym*: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

## **cult**

*n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

*synonym*: sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

## **destroy**

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

*synonym*: demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

## **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.

## **embrace**

*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;  
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

*synonym*: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

## birthright

*n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry

*synonym* : heritage, legacy, inheritance

(1) **birthright** citizenship, (2) claim **birthright**

It was his **birthright** to inherit his father's estate.

## privilege

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

*synonym* : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

## citizenship

*n.* the status of being a member of a particular country

*synonym* : nationality, belonging, residency

(1) dual **citizenship**, (2) **citizenship** rights

Her **citizenship** application was denied due to a technical error.

## democracy

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

*synonym* : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

**Democracy** often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

## utilize

*v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

*synonym* : employ, use, operate

(1) **utilize** a different approach, (2) **utilize** a catheter

The cook **utilized** the leftover oxtail to make soup.

## structure

*n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

*synonym*: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

## strengthen

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

*synonym*: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

## aft

*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

## claim

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

*synonym*: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

## conclude

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

*synonym*: complete, finish, decide

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

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

## hook

*n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

*synonym* : buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

## achieve

*v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

*synonym* : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|--|-------------|--|
| 1. se___e a dispute                          | <i>v.</i>   | to reach an agreement of disagreement  |
| 2. perfect ex___e                            | <i>n.</i>   | a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt |
| 3. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy | <i>n.</i>   | a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places  |
| 4. cl___e embryo                             | <i>n.</i>   | a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation             |
| 5. ha___t village                            | <i>n.</i>   | a small village or settlement, often without a church  |
| 6. for ov_____a use                          | <i>adj.</i> | situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries  |
| 7. a type of pri_____ity                     | <i>n.</i>   | a territory ruled by a prince or duke  |
| 8. a citywide cr_____wn                      | <i>n.</i>   | a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior  |
| 9. become increasingly com_____ed            | <i>adj.</i> | involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze   |

ANSWERS: 1. settle, 2. excuse, 3. boundary, 4. clone, 5. hamlet, 6. oversea, 7. principality, 8. crackdown, 9. complicated

10. vice cha\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
11. di\_\_\_\_\_l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
12. false cl\_\_m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
13. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
14. number of different sc\_\_\_\_\_ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
15. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
16. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
17. ce\_\_\_\_r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

ANSWERS: 10. chairperson, 11. digital, 12. claim, 13. aft, 14. scenario, 15. norm, 16. germ, 17. censor

18. ready-made ph\_\_\_es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
19. 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.
20. 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
21. antibiotic-resistant g\_\_m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
22. a pre-election p\_\_l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
23. sa\_\_\_\_\_y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
24. se\_\_\_\_\_te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
25. cor\_\_\_\_\_on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
26. c\_\_b legs *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

ANSWERS: 18. phrase, 19. president, 20. policy, 21. germ, 22. poll, 23. satisfy, 24. separate, 25. corruption, 26. crab

27. cultural n\_\_m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
28. ind\_\_\_\_\_nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
29. 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.
30. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
31. business sp\_\_\_e *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
32. em\_\_\_\_\_r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
33. nuclear wa\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
34. r\_\_l system *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
35. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 27. norm, 28. independence, 29. president, 30. environment, 31. sphere, 32. emperor, 33. wasteland, 34. rail, 35. decide



36. an un\_\_\_\_\_r match *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
37. 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
38. tr\_\_\_\_\_te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
39. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
40. r\_\_l against his enemies *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
41. obs\_\_\_\_\_on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
42. banner he\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
43. bl\_\_e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
44. con\_\_\_\_\_nt location *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
45. b\_\_y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 36. unclear, 37. policy, 38. translate, 39. environment, 40. rail, 41. observation, 42. headline, 43. blame, 44. convenient, 45. bury

46. em\_\_\_\_y staff *n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
47. claim bir\_\_\_\_\_ht *n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
48. fi\_\_\_\_\_ll protection *n.* (in computing) a technological barrier designed to stop people from seeing or using the information on a computer without permission but still allow them to receive information that is sent to them
49. be in j\_\_l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
50. geographical bo\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
51. industry ter\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession
52. a com\_\_\_\_\_ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
53. a landlocked pri\_\_\_\_\_ity *n.* a territory ruled by a prince or duke
54. principles of un\_\_\_\_\_al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
55. re\_\_\_d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

ANSWERS: 46. embassy, 47. birthright, 48. firewall, 49. jail, 50. boundary, 51. terminology, 52. complicated, 53. principality, 54. universal, 55. regard

56. co\_\_\_\_\_t website *n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
57. family su\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the family name passed down through generations; a person's last name
58. up\_\_\_\_\_e a product *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
59. c\_\_t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
60. an alt\_\_\_\_\_ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
61. historic ha\_\_\_\_t *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
62. in no un\_\_\_\_\_r terms *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
63. harsh cr\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

ANSWERS: 56. copycat, 57. surname, 58. upgrade, 59. cult, 60. alternative, 61. hamlet, 62. unclear, 63. criticism

64. his latest tw\_\_ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
65. ap\_\_\_\_\_ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
66. co\_\_\_\_\_ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
67. tabloid jou\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
68. re\_\_\_\_\_l of the economy *n.* an instance of bringing something back to life, popularity, or prominence; a period of renewed interest or enthusiasm in something that was previously considered outdated or old-fashioned
69. f\_\_m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
70. st\_\_\_\_\_re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
71. aut\_\_\_\_\_lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
72. em\_\_\_\_\_y function *n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based

ANSWERS: 64. tweet, 65. apologize, 66. convinced, 67. journalism, 68. revival, 69. firm, 70. structure, 71. automatically, 72. embassy

73. me\_\_\_\_\_n in a report  
*v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
74. a di\_\_\_\_\_l watch  
*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
75. tense cat\_\_\_\_\_use  
*adj.* referring to a situation or activity involving a tricky and elusive pursuit or strategy, where one party is constantly trying to outsmart or evade the other
76. f\_\_e police officer  
*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
77. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt of troops  
*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
78. first pa\_\_\_\_\_ph  
*n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
79. a\_t view  
*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
80. exercise re\_\_\_e  
*n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
81. na\_\_\_n-state  
*n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 73. mention, 74. digital, 75. cat-and-mouse, 76. fake, 77. movement, 78. paragraph, 79. aft, 80. regime, 81. nation

82. bl\_\_e the lack of knowledge      *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
83. vo\_\_\_\_\_ss consonant      *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
84. ru\_\_r mill      *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
85. cl\_\_m responsibility      *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
86. a circular mo\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
87. de\_\_\_e a question      *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
88. a chick's tw\_\_t      *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
89. co\_\_\_\_\_ed of the idea      *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
90. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product      *adv.* now or without delay
91. an arrival pl\_\_\_\_\_rm      *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 82. blame, 83. voiceless, 84. rumor, 85. claim, 86. movement, 87. decide, 88. tweet, 89. convinced, 90. immediately, 91. platform

92. baseball ce\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
93. financial ind\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
94. de\_\_\_d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
95. medical ter\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession
96. county j\_\_\_l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
97. the in\_\_\_t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
98. br\_\_\_e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
99. pr\_\_\_\_\_e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
100. in\_\_\_\_\_ne in a dispute *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
101. there is no other alt\_\_\_\_\_ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
102. me\_\_\_\_\_n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 92. celebrity, 93. independence, 94. defend, 95. terminology, 96. jail, 97. intent, 98. bribe, 99. precise, 100. intervene, 101. alternative, 102. mention

103. a di\_\_\_\_or with enormous powers      *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
104. a film f\_n      *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
105. environmental th\_\_\_\_t      *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
106. estimate pr\_\_\_\_e costs      *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
107. str\_\_\_\_\_en the immune system      *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
108. ar\_\_\_\_t the thief      *v.* to take into custody
109. em\_\_\_\_ng technologies      *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
110. public opinion p\_\_ls      *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
111. mi\_\_\_\_ry officials      *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
112. de\_\_\_\_d my country      *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 103. dictator, 104. fan, 105. threat, 106. precise, 107. strengthen, 108. arrest, 109. emerging, 110. poll, 111. ministry, 112. defend



113. em\_\_\_\_e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspings another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
114. military c\_\_p *n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
115. cr\_\_\_\_\_sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
116. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
117. fi\_\_\_\_\_ll application *n.* (in computing) a technological barrier designed to stop people from seeing or using the information on a computer without permission but still allow them to receive information that is sent to them
118. ne\_\_\_\_\_te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
119. b\_\_y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
120. co\_\_\_\_\_de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
121. an internal re\_\_\_y *n.* a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness

ANSWERS: 113. embrace, 114. coup, 115. criticism, 116. nation, 117. firewall, 118. negotiate, 119. bury, 120. conclude, 121. remedy

122. ap\_\_\_\_\_ze for being late      *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
123. c\_\_p plotters      *n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
124. d\_\_e to take risks      *v.* to have the courage to do something
125. art cr\_\_\_c      *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
126. religious m\_\_\_e      *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
127. the curved shape of a h\_\_k      *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
128. 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
129. a subordinate ki\_\_\_\_\_m      *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

ANSWERS: 122. apologize, 123. coup, 124. dare, 125. critic, 126. meme, 127. hook, 128. economy, 129. kingdom

130. have a ni\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
131. un\_\_\_\_\_al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
132. the te\_\_\_\_\_ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
133. a mail se\_\_\_\_r *n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
134. se\_\_\_\_\_ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
135. se\_\_\_\_\_te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
136. clear cen\_\_\_\_\_ip by the Education Ministry *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
137. re\_\_\_\_d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
138. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
139. vo\_\_\_\_\_ss minority *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
140. tr\_\_\_\_\_te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 130. nightmare, 131. universal, 132. technique, 133. server, 134. sensitive, 135. separate, 136. censorship, 137. regard, 138. government, 139. voiceless, 140. translate

141. ex\_\_\_\_ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
142. a tra\_\_\_\_\_nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
143. ex\_\_\_\_ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
144. ni\_\_\_\_\_re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
145. cat\_\_\_\_\_use game *adj.* referring to a situation or activity involving a tricky and elusive pursuit or strategy, where one party is constantly trying to outsmart or evade the other
146. local t\_\_g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
147. a political rev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
148. ju\_\_\_\_al police *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
149. sp\_\_\_\_e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
150. ce\_\_\_\_\_ty known worldwide *n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
151. s\_\_k an employee *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

ANSWERS: 141. exciting, 142. transparent, 143. exciting, 144. nightmare, 145. cat-and-mouse, 146. thug, 147. revolution, 148. judicial, 149. sphere, 150. celebrity, 151. sack

152. pa\_\_\_\_y to understanding *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
153. cit\_\_\_\_\_ip rights *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
154. flexible mi\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
155. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
156. pe\_\_\_\_\_t class *n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
157. ju\_\_\_\_\_al review *adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment
158. 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
159. b\_\_m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
160. c\_\_b cakes *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

ANSWERS: 152. pathway, 153. citizenship, 154. mindset, 155. government, 156. peasant, 157. judicial, 158. debate, 159. boom, 160. crab

161. cellular signaling pa\_\_\_\_\_ys *n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
162. in\_\_\_\_\_al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
163. say def\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
164. de\_\_\_\_\_y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
165. a breach of pr\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
166. jou\_\_\_\_\_sm ethics *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
167. de\_\_\_\_\_cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
168. def\_\_\_\_\_ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
169. ch\_\_t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
170. su\_\_\_\_\_e history *n.* the family name passed down through generations; a person's last name
171. con\_\_\_\_\_nt way *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do

ANSWERS: 161. pathway, 162. internal, 163. definitely, 164. destroy, 165. privilege, 166. journalism, 167. democracy, 168. definitely, 169. cheat, 170. surname, 171. convenient

172. the state of being we\_\_d      *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
173. di\_\_\_\_\_nt activities      *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
174. co\_\_\_\_\_t behavior      *n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
175. to\_\_\_e communist rule      *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
176. recombinant cl\_\_\_e      *n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation
177. m\_d volcano      *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
178. a puppet re\_\_\_e      *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
179. di\_\_\_\_\_se a vulnerability      *v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
180. in\_\_\_e other tissues      *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
181. principles of de\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 172. weird, 173. dissident, 174. copycat, 175. topple, 176. clone, 177. mud, 178. regime, 179. disclose, 180. invade, 181. democracy

182. em\_\_\_\_ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
183. severe cr\_\_\_\_c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
184. record driving aut\_\_\_\_\_lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
185. ancient ph\_\_\_\_\_am *n.* a symbol or character representing a sound, word, or phrase, particularly in the context of a writing system or musical notation
186. class obs\_\_\_\_\_on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
187. an\_\_\_\_\_e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
188. 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
189. str\_\_\_\_\_en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
190. accounting f\_\_m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 182. emerging, 183. critic, 184. automatically, 185. phonogram, 186. observation, 187. analyze, 188. economy, 189. strengthen, 190. firm



191. a hat h\_\_k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
192. dual cit\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
193. baby with se\_\_\_\_\_ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
194. to\_\_\_e off a ledge *v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing
195. co\_\_\_\_\_de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
196. enter the mi\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
197. ov\_\_\_\_\_a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
198. pu\_\_e his sins *v.* to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
199. economic th\_\_\_t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
200. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 191. hook, 192. citizenship, 193. sensitive, 194. topple, 195. conclude, 196. ministry, 197. oversea, 198. purge, 199. threat, 200. mobilize

201. re\_\_\_\_l meeting *n.* an instance of bringing something back to life, popularity, or prominence; a period of renewed interest or enthusiasm in something that was previously considered outdated or old-fashioned
202. spread of f\_\_e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
203. a sleep s\_\_k *v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things
204. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* now or without delay
205. bir\_\_\_\_\_ht citizenship *n.* a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry
206. a warm em\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasp ing another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
207. visual me\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
208. pu\_\_e the system *v.* to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
209. a digital pl\_\_\_\_\_rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 201. revival, 202. fake, 203. sack, 204. immediately, 205. birthright, 206. embrace, 207. metaphor, 208. purge, 209. platform

210. global mar\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
211. inn\_\_\_\_\_on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
212. ne\_\_\_\_\_te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
213. up\_\_\_\_\_e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
214. pr\_\_\_\_\_s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
215. ex\_\_\_\_d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
216. vi\_\_\_\_m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
217. in\_\_\_\_\_ne between quarreling parties *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse

ANSWERS: 210. marketplace, 211. innovation, 212. negotiate, 213. upgrade, 214. process, 215. expand, 216. victim, 217. intervene

218. mo\_\_\_\_ze a stiff joint                    *v.*    to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
219. beginning of the industrial  
    rev\_\_\_\_\_on                                *n.*    a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
220. strict cr\_\_\_\_\_wn                        *n.*    a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior
221. ce\_\_\_\_r a book                              *n.*    a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
222. establish his ki\_\_\_\_\_m                    *n.*    the country ruled by a king or queen
223. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer                    *n.*    the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
224. engine cooling f\_n                            *n.*    a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
225. ex\_\_\_\_d agricultural output                *v.*    to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
226. di\_\_\_\_\_se a secret                        *v.*    to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
227. a we\_\_d dress                                *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 218. mobilize, 219. revolution, 220. crackdown, 221. censor, 222. kingdom, 223. statistics, 224. fan, 225. expand, 226. disclose, 227. weird

228. the worst case sc_____io	<i>n.</i>	a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
229. a false ru__r	<i>n.</i>	a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
230. ch__t in a game	<i>v.</i>	to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
231. the mi_____t in an education system	<i>n.</i>	the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
232. noun ph___e	<i>n.</i>	a group of words that mean something specific when used together
233. exploited pe_____t	<i>n.</i>	a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
234. former em_____r	<i>n.</i>	the male ruler of an empire
235. ar___t the progress	<i>v.</i>	to take into custody
236. decision-making pr_____s	<i>n.</i>	a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
237. the m__h of an old religion	<i>n.</i>	an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

ANSWERS: 228. scenario, 229. rumor, 230. cheat, 231. mindset, 232. phrase, 233. peasant, 234. emperor, 235. arrest, 236. process, 237. myth

238. mar\_\_\_\_\_ce competition *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
239. outspoken di\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
240. notorious t\_\_g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
241. different ph\_\_\_\_\_ams *n.* a symbol or character representing a sound, word, or phrase, particularly in the context of a writing system or musical notation
242. ac\_\_\_\_\_e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
243. silly p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
244. the meeting elected a cha\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
245. an editorial pa\_\_\_\_\_ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
246. 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

ANSWERS: 238. marketplace, 239. dissident, 240. thug, 241. phonogram, 242. achieve, 243. pun, 244. chairperson, 245. paragraph, 246. debate

247. federal cor\_\_\_\_\_on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
248. in\_\_\_\_t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
249. work as a se\_\_\_\_r in a restaurant *n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
250. sa\_\_\_\_\_y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
251. a te\_\_\_\_\_ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
252. tra\_\_\_\_\_nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
253. he\_\_\_\_\_ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
254. me\_\_\_\_\_or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
255. pronounce m\_\_e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

ANSWERS: 247. corruption, 248. intent, 249. server, 250. satisfy, 251. technique, 252. transparent, 253. headline, 254. metaphor, 255. meme

256. m\_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
257. vi\_\_\_m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
258. ha\_\_\_\_\_ze with others *v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
259. ac\_\_\_\_\_e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
260. in\_\_\_e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
261. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
262. an\_\_\_\_\_e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
263. c\_\_t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
264. br\_\_\_e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
265. the in\_\_\_\_\_al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something

ANSWERS: 256. mud, 257. victim, 258. harmonize, 259. achieve, 260. invade, 261. statistics, 262. analyze, 263. cult, 264. bribe, 265. internal



266. post-apocalyptic wa\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
267. de\_\_\_\_\_yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
268. ut\_\_\_\_\_e a catheter *v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
269. the st\_\_\_\_\_re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
270. form of cen\_\_\_\_\_ip *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
271. re\_\_\_\_y for air pollution *n.* a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness
272. pr\_\_\_\_\_ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
273. ha\_\_\_\_\_ze two different opinions *v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
274. military di\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

ANSWERS: 266. wasteland, 267. destroy, 268. utilize, 269. structure, 270. censorship, 271. remedy, 272. privilege, 273. harmonize, 274. dictator

275. ex\_\_\_e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
276. a sonic b\_\_m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
277. d\_\_e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
278. perpetuate a m\_\_h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
279. se\_\_\_e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
280. cutting-edge inn\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
281. witty p\_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
282. ut\_\_\_\_\_e a different approach *v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

ANSWERS: 275. excuse, 276. boom, 277. dare, 278. myth, 279. settle, 280. innovation, 281. pun, 282. utilize

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I have no intention to \_\_\_\_\_ your privacy.
  - v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
  
2. There is nothing more valuable than \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom.
  - n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
  
3. The children leaned over the bridge \_\_\_\_\_ to watch the fish swimming below.
  - n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
  
4. It's an excellent opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ our networking.
  - v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
  
5. The paper is \_\_\_\_\_ worth reading thoroughly.
  - adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
  
6. We bought a Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ book.
  - n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together
  
7. The comedian's \_\_\_\_\_ had the audience laughing out loud.
  - n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
  
8. It was his \_\_\_\_\_ to inherit his father's estate.
  - n. a right or privilege that is considered to be a natural or inherent possession, often as a result of birth or ancestry

ANSWERS: 1. invade, 2. independence, 3. rail, 4. upgrade, 5. definitely, 6. phrase, 7. pun, 8. birthright

9. The government tried to \_\_\_\_\_ corrupt officials from the bureaucracy.
- v.* to remove or get rid of something, especially that is unwanted or impure
10. 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
11. The online \_\_\_\_\_ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.
- n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
12. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
13. The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
14. I'm a big \_\_\_\_ of French food.
- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
15. I will work hard to \_\_\_\_\_ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 9. purge, 10. intent, 11. marketplace, 12. meme, 13. coup, 14. fan, 15. achieve

16. The curtain rose to \_\_\_\_\_ a fantastic set.
- v.* to make something, such as secret or new information, known publicly
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
19. The newspaper editor decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.
- n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
20. The vegetarian burger was an \_\_\_\_\_ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
21. Constructive \_\_\_\_\_ is always helpful to help improving one's work.
- n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

ANSWERS: 16. disclose, 17. threat, 18. cult, 19. censor, 20. innovation, 21. criticism

22. I wouldn't \_\_\_\_\_ to speak to him like that.

- v.* to have the courage to do something

23. Difficulties \_\_\_\_\_ the mind, as labor does the body.

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

24. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.

- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

25. There was a baseless \_\_\_\_\_ that the company was going bankrupt.

- n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

26. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Monaco is a small, independent state in Europe.

- n.* a territory ruled by a prince or duke

27. It is important not to undertake tasks with \_\_\_\_\_ objectives to improve productivity.

- adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

28. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

29. He wants to \_\_\_\_\_ ownership of the abandoned property.

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

ANSWERS: 22. dare, 23. strengthen, 24. embrace, 25. rumor, 26. principality, 27. unclear, 28. government, 29. claim

30. He tries to \_\_\_\_\_ the ship's captain to export illegal products.
- v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
31. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
32. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the \_\_\_\_\_ of royalty and nobility.
- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
33. \_\_\_\_\_ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
34. The abandoned industrial site is now a \_\_\_\_\_ of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.
- n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
35. Her \_\_\_\_\_ application was denied due to a technical error.
- n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
36. Article VII, \_\_\_\_\_ 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.
- n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

ANSWERS: 30. bribe, 31. movement, 32. privilege, 33. Democracy, 34. wasteland, 35. citizenship, 36. Paragraph

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

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

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

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

39. Newspapers were subjected to \_\_\_\_\_ a few days later.

n. the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security

40. The organizational \_\_\_\_\_ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

41. Public cloud computing should provide a secure \_\_\_\_\_ against hackers.

n. (in computing) a technological barrier designed to stop people from seeing or using the information on a computer without permission but still allow them to receive information that is sent to them

42. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial \_\_\_\_\_ in each individual.

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

43. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ for second best.

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

44. A police officer has the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ a criminal.

v. to take into custody

ANSWERS: 37. concluded, 38. ministry, 39. censorship, 40. structure, 41. firewall, 42. mindset, 43. settle, 44. arrest



45. She plans to study \_\_\_\_\_ in college and become a reporter.  
*n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
46. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and \_\_\_\_\_ it  
*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
47. In the hospital, she will remain under constant \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
48. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
49. The picture earned near-\_\_\_\_\_ acclaim from critics.  
*adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
50. We are always happy to \_\_\_\_\_ a discount.  
*v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
51. I ordered a plate of fresh \_\_\_\_\_ at the seafood restaurant.  
*n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
52. 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.
53. Several \_\_\_\_\_ show a decline in the president's approval rating.  
*n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

ANSWERS: 45. journalism, 46. faked, 47. observation, 48. norms, 49. universal, 50. negotiate, 51. crab, 52. president, 53. polls

54. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
55. The popularity of the show made her an instant \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* someone who is well-known, particularly in the entertainment industry
56. My computer has been acting \_\_\_\_\_ recently.
- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
57. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
58. The content is \_\_\_\_\_ and informative for me.
- adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
59. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
60. The \_\_\_\_\_ chase between the detective and the criminal kept the audience on the edge of their seats.
- adj.* referring to a situation or activity involving a tricky and elusive pursuit or strategy, where one party is constantly trying to outsmart or evade the other
61. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 54. victim, 55. celebrity, 56. weird, 57. excuse, 58. precise, 59. critics, 60. cat-and-mouse, 61. germ

62. After the airing of the TV commercial, many people accessed the website, and the \_\_\_\_\_ went down.
- n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
63. 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
64. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve \_\_\_\_\_ disputes.
- adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
65. With the financial bubble bursting, the \_\_\_\_\_ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
66. This drug will be a good \_\_\_\_\_ for your stomach trouble.
- n.* a successful way of dealing with or improving an unpleasant or difficult situation or curing an illness
67. We \_\_\_\_\_ our impeded progress on lack of money.
- v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
68. The police arrested the \_\_\_\_\_ who robbed the convenience store.
- n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang

ANSWERS: 62. server, 63. policy, 64. internal, 65. myth, 66. remedy, 67. blamed, 68. thug

69. There is plenty of space to \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.

*v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

70. \_\_\_\_\_ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

*adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

71. The military \_\_\_\_\_ troops to the border.

*v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

72. When filling out a form, include your full \_\_\_\_\_ not just your first name.

*n.* the family name passed down through generations; a person's last name

73. Life as a waiter was a big \_\_\_\_\_ for him.

*n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream

74. Frugality and industry are still \_\_\_\_\_ as virtues.

*v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

75. The \_\_\_\_ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

76. Even though he knew it was wrong, he \_\_\_\_\_ on the exam.

*v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

ANSWERS: 69. bury, 70. Emerging, 71. mobilized, 72. surname, 73. nightmare, 74. regarded, 75. aft, 76. cheated

77. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
78. \_\_\_\_\_ the text from Italian into English.
- v.* to convert or change words into another language
79. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
80. Following international law, our country does not \_\_\_\_\_ in the internal affairs of our neighbors.
- v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
81. Sensors convert physical phenomena into \_\_\_\_\_ signals.
- adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
82. The airport offers five \_\_\_\_\_ access routes.
- adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
83. The musicians attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ their voices for the chorus.
- v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
84. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.
- adv.* now or without delay

ANSWERS: 77. metaphors, 78. Translate, 79. dictator, 80. intervene, 81. digital, 82. convenient, 83. harmonize, 84. immediately

85. 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
86. The police escorted the prisoner to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
87. 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
88. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.  
*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
89. When the first molecule in the \_\_\_\_\_ receives a signal, it activates other molecules.  
*n.* a track that constitutes or serves as a path; an approach or a way of doing something
90. The high-technology industry is enjoying a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
91. Did this response \_\_\_\_\_ your request?  
*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
92. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.  
*n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 85. mentioned, 86. jail, 87. environment, 88. alternative, 89. pathway, 90. boom, 91. satisfy, 92. process

93. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.
- n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
94. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
95. They hope to \_\_\_\_\_ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
96. Many people today romanticize the idea of the simple life of a \_\_\_\_\_ but in reality, it was a difficult and often harsh existence.
- n.* a farmer or agricultural worker who owns or rents a small piece of land and grows crops, especially in a traditional or undeveloped society
97. 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
98. The \_\_\_\_\_ once lived in the vast palace.
- n.* the male ruler of an empire
99. The engagement of the two golf players became \_\_\_\_\_ news.
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
100. The company enhanced \_\_\_\_\_ operations to tap into new markets.
- adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 93. sphere, 94. decide, 95. expand, 96. peasant, 97. regimes, 98. Emperor, 99. headline, 100. oversea

101. The \_\_\_\_\_ screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.  
*adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
102. The teacher attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ the root cause of our mistake.  
*v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
103. Jockey's superior \_\_\_\_\_ brought him victory.  
*n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
104. The teacher is very \_\_\_\_\_ to children's feelings.  
*adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
105. The public is \_\_\_\_\_ that the prime minister has committed fraud.  
*adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
106. The government announced a \_\_\_\_\_ on illegal activities in the city.  
*n.* a severe or forceful attempt to suppress or control something, such as illegal or disruptive behavior
107. 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
108. The findings of the experiment were both \_\_\_\_\_ and unexpected.  
*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 101. voiceless, 102. analyze, 103. technique, 104. sensitive, 105. convinced, 106. crackdown, 107. economy, 108. exciting



109. The \_\_\_\_\_ has the authority to approve or deny any request.
- n.* the officer who presides over organization meetings
110. The government's security forces constantly monitored the \_\_\_\_\_ politician.
- n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
111. Rampant \_\_\_\_\_ led to a loss of trust in the government.
- n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
112. The company accused their competitor of being a \_\_\_\_\_ and stealing its design.
- n.* a person who imitates or copies the behavior, speech, or appearance of another individual; a product or design that is made to look like a popular or successful product from another company or brand
113. The town's economy experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ after opening a new factory.
- n.* an instance of bringing something back to life, popularity, or prominence; a period of renewed interest or enthusiasm in something that was previously considered outdated or old-fashioned
114. The \_\_\_\_\_ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
115. He was \_\_\_\_\_ from his job for stealing company property.
- v.* to remove or dismiss someone from a position or place; (noun) a large bag made of strong, rough material, such as burlap, that is used for storing or carrying things

ANSWERS: 109. chairperson, 110. dissident, 111. corruption, 112. copycat, 113. revival, 114. revolution, 115. sacked

116. Please hang your towel on a \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

117. He wandered the \_\_\_\_\_ between life and death by gunfire.

- n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

118. We could hear the \_\_\_\_\_ of baby birds.

- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

119. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

120. By remaining neutral, this \_\_\_\_\_ continued to exist.

- n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

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

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

122. The \_\_\_\_\_ building was heavily guarded by security personnel.

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

123. The instructor will provide a glossary of commonly used \_\_\_\_\_ at the beginning of the course.

- n.* the special words or phrases that are used within a particular field or subject; the language or jargon of a particular group or profession

ANSWERS: 116. hook, 117. boundary, 118. tweet, 119. transparent, 120. kingdom, 121. statistics, 122. embassy, 123. terminology

124. 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.

125. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

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

126. Our subscription plan is \_\_\_\_\_ renewed.

*adv.* without needing a direct human control

127. I \_\_\_\_\_ for neglecting your email.

*v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

128. The \_\_\_\_\_ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

*adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

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

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

130. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the record indicated which song would play when it was spun on the turntable.

*n.* a symbol or character representing a sound, word, or phrase, particularly in the context of a writing system or musical notation

131. He is like an exact \_\_\_\_\_ of his brother.

*n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation

ANSWERS: 124. defend, 125. separate, 126. automatically, 127. apologize, 128. firm, 129. destroyed, 130. phonogram, 131. clone

132. The cook \_\_\_\_\_ the leftover oxtail to make soup.

*v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

133. The statue was old and unstable, so it easily \_\_\_\_\_ over.

*v.* to cause to lose balance and fall over, especially by pushing

134. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church

135. The \_\_\_\_ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

*n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

136. 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

137. He did \_\_\_\_\_ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

138. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

139. The speaker mounted the \_\_\_\_\_ and started to speak.

*n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 132. utilized, 133. toppled, 134. hamlet, 135. mud, 136. debate, 137. complicated, 138. nation, 139. platform

140. The president prepared several possible \_\_\_\_\_ for an enemy attack.

*n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

141. The \_\_\_\_\_ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing the law.

*adj.* of or relating to a court, a judge, or legal judgment

ANSWERS: 140. scenarios, 141. judicial