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Session 1: Word List

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

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

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

tsunami

n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance

synonym: tidal wave, seismic sea wave

(1) **tsunami** warning, (2) **tsunami** relief

The earthquake- **tsunami** caused widespread destruction along the coast.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym: climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

grim

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

synonym : fierce, harsh, gloomy

(1) **grim** reality, (2) a **grim-featured** man

The result presented a **grim** picture of inefficiency and corruption.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym : relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

- fuel** *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
synonym : energy, power, gas
(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**
The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- carbon** *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission
Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.
- coal** *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
synonym : ember
(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants
We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.
- fancy** *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
synonym : imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy
(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**
I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.
- 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.

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**.

humidity

n. the amount of water vapor in the air, typically as a percentage of the maximum that the air could hold at that temperature

synonym : moisture, dampness, wetness

(1) uncomfortable **humidity**, (2) **humidity** sensor

The **humidity** in the tropical forest was so high that it was hard to breathe.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

vast

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

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym : ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

hectare

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

soaked

adj. completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid

synonym: drenched, saturated, wet

(1) **soaked** clothes, (2) **soaked** sponge

The hiker's boots were **soaked** from walking through the stream.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

evaporate

v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

synonym: vaporize, disappear, vanish

(1) **evaporate** the water, (2) **evaporate** almost overnight

The sun will **evaporate** the mist.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

organic

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

synonym : biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food

The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym : harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

arid

adj. lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality

synonym : dry, parched, barren

(1) **arid** terrain, (2) semi- **arid** zone

The desert is known for its **arid** climate and lack of rainfall.

grassland

n. a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

synonym : meadow, plain, savanna

(1) endangered **grassland**, (2) vast **grassland**
Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale **grasslands** in many parts of the world.

rainfall

n. the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment

synonym: downpour, drizzle, rain

(1) the mean annual **rainfall**, (2) heavy **rainfall**

These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant **rainfall**.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

crust

n. a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture

synonym: layer, coating, shell

(1) **crust** formation, (2) the earth's **crust**

The bread's **crust** was golden brown and crispy.

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

runoff

n. the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome

synonym: drainage, overspill, overflow

(1) agricultural **runoff**, (2) primary **runoff** election

Industrial **runoff** and wind-blown debris are prime examples

of pollution.

evaporation

n. the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources

synonym: vaporization, dehydration, desiccation

(1) **evaporation** cooling, (2) slow **evaporation**

The formation of clouds is facilitated by the process of **evaporation** and condensation

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

terminal

n. a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

synonym: endpoint, final, concluding

(1) **terminal** disease, (2) a **terminal** syllable

The **terminal** at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

livestock

n. farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens

synonym: cattle, oxen, herd

(1) **livestock** agriculture, (2) **livestock** industry
Livestock feed is made from fodder crops.

cattle

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

synonym : cows, herd, oxen

(1) **cattle** barn, (2) **cattle** hide

The **cattle** are on the grassland and grazing.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

methane

n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

laureate

n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work

(1) Oscar **laureate**, (2) poet **laureate**

The Nobel **laureate** delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.

caddy

n. a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs

synonym : container, carrier, holder

(1) golf **caddy**, (2) **caddy** spoon

The tea **caddy** was a beautiful antique with intricate designs carved into the wood.

dusty

adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air

synonym : stale, filthy, grimy

(1) **dusty** road, (2) **dusty** bookshelf

The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of **dusty** debris.

wildlife

n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

(1) **wildlife** sanctuary, (2) bird and other **wildlife**

The conservation area has an abundance of **wildlife**.

ecologist

n. a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior

synonym : conservationist, naturalist

(1) behavioral **ecologist**, (2) forestry **ecologist**

The forestry **ecologist** studied the interactions between the different species in the forest's ecosystem.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

invite

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

synonym : ask, request, summon

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

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

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously

not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

biology

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

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

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

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

marvelous

adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent

synonym : wonderful, amazing, superb

(1) **marvelous** performance, (2) **marvelous** power

The view from the top of the mountain was **marvelous**.

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.

hunt

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

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge
Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

drumbeat

n. a regular, steady beat or rhythm, often used to accompany music or to mark the passage of time
synonym: rhythm, cadence, pulse

(1) steady **drumbeat**, (2) thundering **drumbeat**
The ceremonial **drumbeat** echoed through the temple during the ritual.

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
synonym: decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition
The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

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

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading
We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
synonym: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle
She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after

considering options

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

dynamite

n. a powerful explosive made from nitroglycerin, typically used in construction and mining; something that causes strong, sudden reactions or changes

synonym : explosives, blasting powder, TNT

(1) **dynamite-powered** engine, (2) **dynamite** fishing

The sound of the **dynamite** explosion could be heard for miles.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

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.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym : assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

blunder

n. mistake; the act of making a foolish error

synonym : mistake, error, goof

(1) a capital **blunder**, (2) make a **blunder** in my work

The CEO's **blunder** in the meeting cost the company

millions.

grave

n. a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature

synonym: tomb, crypt, sepulcher

(1) **grave** an image, (2) **grave** mistake

Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass **graves** outside the city during the war.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

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.

shock

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

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

plot

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

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

obtain

v. to get something, especially by making a great effort

synonym: accept, acquire, receive

(1) **obtain** a license, (2) **obtain** a bid

Where can I **obtain** the application form?

attribute

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

synonym: ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

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

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

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.

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.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

midday

n. noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day

synonym: noon, meridian, noontime

(1) **midday** meal, (2) **midday** glare of the sun

We usually have a lunch meeting at **midday**.

greatly

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

synonym: enormously, broadly, grandly

(1) **greatly** affect the situation, (2) **greatly** support that player

They **greatly** admired our actions.

percentage

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

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

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

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

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym: speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

vegetation

n. plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

synonym: flora, leafage, foliage

(1) tropical **vegetation**, (2) dense **vegetation**

The **vegetation** in the area is quite diverse.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

ferocious

adj. very fierce, savage, or cruel

synonym : savage, fierce, brutal

(1) **ferocious** beast, (2) **ferocious** predator

The lion's **ferocious** roar could be heard from miles away.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

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.

herd

n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

synonym : flock, brood, horde

(1) **herd** of cattle, (2) the common **herd**

He was riding **herd** on the sheep during the day.

individual

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

synonym : person, being, self

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

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

dung

n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

synonym : excrement, droppings, manure

(1) ball of **dung**, (2) **dung** the land

You can see the horse **dung** on the country road.

urine

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

synonym : excrement, dung, pee

(1) **urine** composition, (2) blood in the **urine**

They collected a **urine** specimen for urinalysis.

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.

periodic

adj. happening at regular intervals over a while

synonym : regular, frequent, recurring

(1) the **periodic** blooming of the cherry-blossom,

(2) **periodic** payments

Astronomers are examining whether the **periodic** signals emanating from this star are artificial.

trample

v. to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury

synonym : tread, stomp, crush

(1) **trample** down his feelings, (2) **trample** on the rights

The plants in this garden are precious, so you must not **trample** them.

typical

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

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

decay

n. the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi;
(verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes

synonym: corrosion, decomposition, deterioration

(1) radioactive **decay**, (2) prevent tooth **decay**

The dead body was in an advanced state of **decay**.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

oxide

n. a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element

(1) silver **oxide**, (2) combined **oxide**

The blood's red coloring comes from iron **oxide**.

smother

v. to cover or suffocate something or someone completely;
to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion

synonym: smother, suffocate, stifle

(1) **smother** flames, (2) **smother** a sneeze

She tried to **smother** her fears and doubts with positive affirmations.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

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

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

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym: conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

pollutant

n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

synonym : contaminant, toxic substance

(1) noxious **pollutant**, (2) water **pollutant**

The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant **pollutant** in the area.

climatology

n. the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects

synonym : climate science, meteorology

(1) **climatology** research, (2) marine **climatology**

Climatology data shows that the Arctic has been warming faster than other regions of the world.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym : impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

proxy

n. a person or entity that is authorized to act on behalf of another person or entity

synonym : surrogate, representative, agent

(1) healthcare **proxy**, (2) **proxy** server

She voted by **proxy** because she was unable to attend in person.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

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.

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

synonym: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

foreground

n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

(1) **foreground** segmentation, (2) **foreground** galaxy

A happy group of friends occupies the **foreground** of the picture.

mulch

n. a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation

synonym: compost, ground cover, bedding

(1) **mulch** from the vegetation, (2) organic **mulch**

The landscaper recommended a layer of rubber **mulch** for the children's playground as it provides cushioning and

minimizes injuries from falls.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

vilify

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

synonym: defame, slander, malign

(1) **vilify** the press, (2) publicly **vilify**

The media has been **vilifying** the politician for his controversial statements.

dilemma

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

synonym: difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**

The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common **dilemma**.

knowledgeable

adj. having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field

synonym: well-educated, informed, well-informed

(1) **knowledgeable** staff, (2) **knowledgeable** advice

She is quite **knowledgeable** about the latest trends in technology.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst

human-made disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym: affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

tackle

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

synonym: deal with, dive into, work on

(1) **tackle** the issue, (2) help **tackle** climate change

The government is determined to **tackle** sharp inflation.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

profession

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

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

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

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

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.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

holistic

adj. relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts

synonym : comprehensive, all-encompassing, total

(1) **holistic** education, (2) develop a **holistic** vision

The **holistic** approach to healthcare considers the person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

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.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym : output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced;
(verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym : proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond

The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

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

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

aid

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

synonym : helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

shrub

n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym : bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym : almost, basically, nearly

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

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

integrate

v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

synonym : mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

buffalo

n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America

synonym : bison, ox, beefalo

(1) **buffalo** horn, (2) **buffalo** steak

The **buffalo** roam freely in the plains of North America.

giraffe

n. a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

synonym : gazelle, okapi, camelopard

(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit

The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

erode

v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time

synonym : wear away, deteriorate, corrode

(1) **erode** coast, (2) **erode** trust

The ongoing budget cuts have **eroded** the quality of education in many schools.

regardless

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

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

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

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

centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

gully

n. deep water-cut trench, especially after a prolonged downpour

synonym :

gorge, canyon, valley

(1) street **gully**, (2) **gully** erosion

In the mist, the vast **gully** was awe-inspiring.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

steady

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

synonym: stable, solid, secure

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

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

decline

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

synonym: descend, drop, deny

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

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

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym: herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym: cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

breakdown

n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization

synonym: collapse, failure, malfunction

(1) a nervous **breakdown**, (2) **breakdown** maintenance

The **breakdown** of the machinery caused a delay in production.

suffer

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

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym: doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

reverse

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

synonym : overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

continent

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

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

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

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

calculate

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

synonym : compute, figure, estimate

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

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

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym : demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym : manufacturing, mechanical

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

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

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

savory

adj. pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

synonym : delicious, tasty, appetizing

(1) **savory** dish, (2) a **savory** omelet

The **savory** aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.

reclamation

n. the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away

synonym : recovery, reutilization, restoration

(1) **reclamation** district, (2) coastal **reclamation**

The **reclamation** of the wetlands allowed for the restoration of the natural ecosystem.

treble

n. the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold

synonym : soprano, triple, triad

(1) **treble** clef, (2) **treble** booster

The soprano singer hit a piercing **treble** note during the performance.

sigmoid

adj. relating to or shaped like the letter "S"

synonym : curved, bent, twisted

(1) **sigmoid** curve, (2) **sigmoid** artery

The doctor examined the **sigmoid** colon to check for any abnormalities.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

principle

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

synonym : rule, creed, code

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

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

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

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

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

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym : comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

Session 2: Spelling

1. h__t after knowledge v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
2. de____p a skill v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
3. pre-mo___n agricultural society adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
4. poet la____te n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
5. v__t desert adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
6. a convivial atm_____re n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
7. sm_____r a sneeze v. to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
8. re_____ce good behavior v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

ANSWERS: 1. hunt, 2. develop, 3. modern, 4. laureate, 5. vast, 6. atmosphere, 7. smother, 8. reinforce

9. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
10. silver ox__e *n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element
11. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
12. br_____wn maintenance *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
13. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
14. gr__e mistake *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
15. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
16. an unt_____le coincidence *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
17. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

ANSWERS: 9. crop, 10. oxide, 11. vast, 12. breakdown, 13. overnight, 14. grave, 15. accelerate, 16. unthinkable, 17. confirm

18. dy_____te fishing *n.* a powerful explosive made from nitroglycerin, typically used in construction and mining; something that causes strong, sudden reactions or changes
19. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
20. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
21. fe_____us beast *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
22. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
23. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
24. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
25. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
26. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
27. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
28. vast gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

ANSWERS: 18. dynamite, 19. predator, 20. discovery, 21. ferocious, 22. integrate, 23. technique, 24. soil, 25. proportion, 26. flock, 27. profession, 28. grassland

29. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
30. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
31. s___ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
32. ch___r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
33. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
34. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
35. li_____ck industry *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
36. er___e coast *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
37. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 29. absolutely, 30. devote, 31. soil, 32. cheer, 33. carbon, 34. determinant, 35. livestock, 36. erode, 37. damage

38. ts____i warning *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
39. the pe____ic blooming of the cherry-blossom *adj.* happening at regular intervals over a while
40. the yi__d on the bond *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
41. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
42. hu____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
43. a capital bl____r *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
44. ca____te the distance *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
45. history of hu____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
46. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
47. make ast____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
48. be in a di____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

ANSWERS: 38. tsunami, 39. periodic, 40. yield, 41. suffer, 42. humankind, 43. blunder, 44. calculate, 45. humankind, 46. curve, 47. astonishing, 48. dilemma

49. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
50. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
51. det_____te condition *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
52. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
53. su_____n a good relationship with him *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
54. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
55. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
56. tr___e clef *n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold
57. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
58. behavioral ec_____st *n.* a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior

ANSWERS: 49. involve, 50. flood, 51. deteriorate, 52. poverty, 53. sustain, 54. industrial, 55. increasingly, 56. treble, 57. suffer, 58. ecologist

59. po____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
60. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
61. tropical veg_____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
62. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
63. housing per he_____e *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
64. develop a ho_____ic vision *adj.* relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts
65. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
66. pr__y server *n.* a person or entity that is authorized to act on behalf of another person or entity
67. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
68. cli_____gy research *n.* the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects
69. wi_____fe sanctuary *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
70. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
71. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 59. poverty, 60. amazing, 61. vegetation, 62. cheer, 63. hectare, 64. holistic, 65. increasingly, 66. proxy, 67. technique, 68. climatology, 69. wildlife, 70. release, 71. bunch

72. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
73. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
74. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
75. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
76. ca____r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
77. ca____e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
78. de____d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
79. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
80. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
81. small sh__b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
82. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen

ANSWERS: 72. climate, 73. biology, 74. threaten, 75. statistics, 76. cancer, 77. cattle, 78. defend, 79. determinant, 80. replace, 81. shrub, 82. unlikely

83. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
84. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
85. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
86. ur__e composition *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
87. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
88. coastal rec_____on *n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away
89. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
90. for_____nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
91. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
92. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 83. unthinkable, 84. government, 85. aid, 86. urine, 87. profound, 88. reclamation, 89. planet, 90. foreground, 91. virtually, 92. flood

93. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
94. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
95. ev_____te the water *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
96. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
97. a te_____al syllable *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
98. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
99. tr___e booster *n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold
100. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
101. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
102. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
103. uncomfortable hu_____ty *n.* the amount of water vapor in the air, typically as a percentage of the maximum that the air could hold at that temperature

ANSWERS: 93. grandchild, 94. bunch, 95. evaporate, 96. absolutely, 97. terminal, 98. astonishing, 99. treble, 100. accelerate, 101. heal, 102. coal, 103. humidity

104. d__g the land *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
105. healthcare pr__y *n.* a person or entity that is authorized to act on behalf of another person or entity
106. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
107. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
108. organic mu__h *n.* a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation
109. er__e trust *v.* to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
110. ev_____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
111. du__y road *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
112. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 104. dung, 105. proxy, 106. algae, 107. carbon, 108. mulch, 109. erode, 110. evaluate, 111. dusty, 112. reinvent

113. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
114. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
115. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
116. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
117. gi_____e pattern *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
118. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
119. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
120. he_____e land *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
121. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
122. li_____ck agriculture *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
123. atmospheric me_____e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

ANSWERS: 113. destroy, 114. mimic, 115. heal, 116. consequence, 117. giraffe, 118. dam, 119. invite, 120. hectare, 121. biology, 122. livestock, 123. methane

124. gr____y support that player *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
125. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
126. agricultural ru____f *n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
127. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
128. pe____ic payments *adj.* happening at regular intervals over a while
129. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
130. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
131. mi____y meal *n.* noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day
132. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
133. bird and other wi_____fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
134. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 124. greatly, 125. integrate, 126. runoff, 127. shift, 128. periodic, 129. decision, 130. opposition, 131. midday, 132. predator, 133. wildlife, 134. consequence

135. chicken-and-egg di____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
136. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
137. take a st____y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
138. mu__h from the vegetation *n.* a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation
139. ma_____us performance *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
140. ca____r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
141. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
142. st____y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
143. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 135. dilemma, 136. planet, 137. steady, 138. mulch, 139. marvelous, 140. cancer, 141. shift, 142. steady, 143. uncover

144. co_____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
145. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
146. ob_____n a bid *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
147. mo__t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
148. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
149. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
150. corn yi__d *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
151. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
152. tr_____e down his feelings *v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
153. for_____nd segmentation *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

ANSWERS: 144. confirm, 145. eliminate, 146. obtain, 147. mount, 148. recognize, 149. involve, 150. yield, 151. human-made, 152. trample, 153. foreground

154. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
155. marine cli_____gy *n.* the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects
156. tr_____e on the rights *v.* to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
157. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
158. cr__t formation *n.* a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture
159. ob___n a license *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
160. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
161. ho_____ic education *adj.* relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts
162. ev_____te almost overnight *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
163. kno_____ble advice *adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field
164. sa___y dish *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

ANSWERS: 154. statistics, 155. climatology, 156. trample, 157. fuel, 158. crust, 159. obtain, 160. coal, 161. holistic, 162. evaporate, 163. knowledgeable, 164. savory

165. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
166. gi____e exhibit *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
167. ca_____te his credit score *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
168. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
169. semi-a__d zone *adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
170. at_____te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
171. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
172. combined ox__e *n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element
173. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

ANSWERS: 165. plot, 166. giraffe, 167. calculate, 168. threaten, 169. arid, 170. attribute, 171. environment, 172. oxide, 173. fancy

174. su____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
175. 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
176. ma____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
177. at____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
178. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
179. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
180. cognitive com____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
181. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
182. re____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
183. mi____y glare of the sun *n.* noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day
184. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 174. suspect, 175. movement, 176. massive, 177. attract, 178. flock, 179. modern, 180. complexity, 181. intent, 182. reverse, 183. midday, 184. nation

185. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
186. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
187. su_____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
188. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
189. 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
190. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
191. ca__y spoon *n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs
192. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 185. damage, 186. climate, 187. sustain, 188. mimic, 189. economy, 190. uncover, 191. caddy, 192. frank

193. det_____te at a slow pace *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
194. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
195. sm_____r flames *v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
196. so____d sponge *adj.* completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid
197. the mean annual ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
198. gu__y erosion *n.* deep water-cut trench, especially after a prolonged downpour
199. vi____y the press *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
200. gr_____y affect the situation *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
201. de____e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
202. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
203. tree and sh__bs *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

ANSWERS: 193. deteriorate, 194. individual, 195. smother, 196. soaked, 197. rainfall, 198. gully, 199. vilify, 200. greatly, 201. devote, 202. continent, 203. shrub

204. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
205. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
206. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
207. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
208. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
209. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
210. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
211. bu_____o horn *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
212. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
213. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
214. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 204. recommend, 205. fortunate, 206. develop, 207. dawn, 208. graze, 209. frank, 210. fancy, 211. buffalo, 212. defend, 213. human-made, 214. discovery

215. a g__m-featured man *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy
216. su____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
217. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
218. 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
219. 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
220. blood in the ur__e *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
221. healthcare pro____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
222. ill____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
223. pr____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 215. grim, 216. suspect, 217. desert, 218. process, 219. movement, 220. urine, 221. profession, 222. illustrate, 223. principle

224. a nervous br_____wn
n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization
225. death from sh__k
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
226. ma_____e amounts
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
227. sh__k-resistant
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
228. dense veg_____on
n. plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
229. ca___e barn
n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
230. eat or_____c food
adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
231. ab___b a shock
v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
232. a handle of h__n
n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
233. 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

ANSWERS: 224. breakdown, 225. shock, 226. massive, 227. shock, 228. vegetation, 229. cattle, 230. organic, 231. absorb, 232. horn, 233. economy

234. at_____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
235. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
236. noxious po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
237. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
238. gr__e an image *n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
239. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
240. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
241. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
242. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 234. attribute, 235. government, 236. pollutant, 237. grandchild, 238. grave, 239. crop, 240. nation, 241. typical, 242. horn

243. Oscar la____te *n.* a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
244. du__y bookshelf *adj.* covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
245. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
246. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
247. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
248. street gu__y *n.* deep water-cut trench, especially after a prolonged downpour
249. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
250. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
251. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
252. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

ANSWERS: 243. laureate, 244. dusty, 245. illustrate, 246. release, 247. proportion, 248. gully, 249. percentage, 250. replace, 251. fortunate, 252. atmosphere

253. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
254. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
255. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
256. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
257. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
258. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
259. mo___t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
260. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
261. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
262. rec_____on district *n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away

ANSWERS: 253. adapt, 254. regardless, 255. attract, 256. reinforce, 257. desert, 258. tackle, 259. mount, 260. principle, 261. environment, 262. reclamation

263. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
264. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
265. a__d terrain *adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
266. si_____d curve *adj.* relating to or shaped like the letter "S"
267. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
268. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
269. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
270. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
271. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
272. heavy ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
273. a fo___l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
274. eva_____on cooling *n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources

ANSWERS: 263. amazing, 264. typical, 265. arid, 266. sigmoid, 267. regardless, 268. guarantee, 269. recommend, 270. permanent, 271. adapt, 272. rainfall, 273. fossil, 274. evaporation

275. cen_____er measurement *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
276. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
277. make a bl_____r in my work *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
278. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
279. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
280. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
281. kno_____ble staff *adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field
282. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
283. golf ca___y *n.* a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs
284. a sa___y omelet *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
285. ma_____us power *adj.* causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
286. ball of d___g *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

ANSWERS: 275. centimeter, 276. alternative, 277. blunder, 278. absorb, 279. alternative, 280. violent, 281. knowledgeable, 282. industrial, 283. caddy, 284. savory, 285. marvelous, 286. dung

287. radioactive de__y *n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
288. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
289. gr__e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
290. a pr____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
291. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
292. literature of pe____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
293. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
294. re____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
295. dy____te-powered engine *n.* a powerful explosive made from nitroglycerin, typically used in construction and mining; something that causes strong, sudden reactions or changes

ANSWERS: 287. decay, 288. dawn, 289. graze, 290. profound, 291. violent, 292. permanent, 293. invite, 294. recognize, 295. dynamite

296. 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
297. the common h__d *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
298. the earth's cr__t *n.* a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture
299. h__d of cattle *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
300. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
301. ts_____i relief *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
302. endangered gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
303. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
304. te_____al disease *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

ANSWERS: 296. intent, 297. herd, 298. crust, 299. herd, 300. algae, 301. tsunami, 302. grassland, 303. destroy, 304. terminal

305. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
306. reduce me_____e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
307. hu_____ty sensor *n.* the amount of water vapor in the air, typically as a percentage of the maximum that the air could hold at that temperature
308. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
309. primary ru____f election *n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
310. forestry ec_____st *n.* a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior
311. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
312. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 305. guarantee, 306. methane, 307. humidity, 308. decline, 309. runoff, 310. ecologist, 311. decision, 312. plot

313. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
314. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
315. tra_____lly sung at a banquet *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
316. si_____d artery *adj.* relating to or shaped like the letter "S"
317. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
318. prevent tooth de__y *n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
319. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
320. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
321. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
322. fe_____us predator *adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
323. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
324. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

ANSWERS: 313. overnight, 314. fuel, 315. traditionally, 316. sigmoid, 317. dam, 318. decay, 319. hunt, 320. opposition, 321. aid, 322. ferocious, 323. decline, 324. eliminate

325. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
326. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
327. publicly vi____y *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
328. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
329. thundering dr_____at *n.* a regular, steady beat or rhythm, often used to accompany music or to mark the passage of time
330. thirty cen_____ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
331. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
332. burning of fo____l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
333. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
334. ev_____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

ANSWERS: 325. continent, 326. percentage, 327. vilify, 328. complexity, 329. drumbeat, 330. centimeter, 331. reinvent, 332. fossil, 333. curve, 334. evaluate

335. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
336. or_____c soils *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
337. bu_____o steak *n.* a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
338. slow eva_____on *n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources
339. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
340. so____d clothes *adj.* completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid
341. ta____e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
342. water po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
343. steady dr_____at *n.* a regular, steady beat or rhythm, often used to accompany music or to mark the passage of time
344. tra_____lly accepted concept *adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
345. g__m reality *adj.* looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

ANSWERS: 335. individual, 336. organic, 337. buffalo, 338. evaporation, 339. unlikely, 340. soaked, 341. tackle, 342. pollutant, 343. drumbeat, 344. traditionally, 345. grim

346. vi_____ly all countries

adv. almost completely

347. decision-making pr_____s

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

348. re_____e the trend

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

ANSWERS: 346. virtually, 347. process, 348. reverse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.
n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

2. Astronomers are examining whether the _____ signals emanating from this star are artificial.
adj. happening at regular intervals over a while

3. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

4. A happy group of friends occupies the _____ of the picture.
n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

5. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

6. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

7. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.
v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

8. The _____ aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.
adj. pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

ANSWERS: 1. coal, 2. periodic, 3. Climate, 4. foreground, 5. guarantee, 6. hunt, 7. heal, 8. savory

9. The ignition of _____ gas in the plant killed five employees.
- n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
10. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
11. The kidney is an _____ component of the body.
- adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
12. 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
13. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.
- v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
14. We _____ taking media training every six months.
- v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
15. Sow early for an early _____.
- n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
16. 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.

ANSWERS: 9. methane, 10. cancer, 11. organic, 12. environment, 13. graze, 14. recommend, 15. crop, 16. defend

17. She tried to _____ her fears and doubts with positive affirmations.
- v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
18. The forestry _____ studied the interactions between the different species in the forest's ecosystem.
- n.* a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior
19. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
- n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
20. Many innocent civilians were killed and buried in mass _____ outside the city during the war.
- n.* a place where a dead body is buried, typically marked by a headstone or other memorial; a very serious, solemn, or important matter; (verb) to carve, cut, or etch a design, inscription, or mark onto a hard surface, such as stone or metal; (adjective) serious, solemn, or weighty in nature
21. The media has been _____ the politician for his controversial statements.
- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
22. The bridge is a _____ structure and was built to span the river.
- adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
23. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.
- n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

ANSWERS: 17. smother, 18. ecologist, 19. carbon, 20. graves, 21. vilifying, 22. human-made, 23. dawn

24. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
25. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
26. The dead body was in an advanced state of _____.
n. the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
27. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
28. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.
adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
29. The landscaper recommended a layer of rubber _____ for the children's playground as it provides cushioning and minimizes injuries from falls.
n. a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation
30. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.
n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
31. She is quite _____ about the latest trends in technology.
adj. having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field

ANSWERS: 24. devoted, 25. astonishing, 26. decay, 27. destroyed, 28. Traditionally, 29. mulch, 30. dam, 31. knowledgeable

32. These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant _____.
- n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
33. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
34. The soprano singer hit a piercing _____ note during the performance.
- n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold
35. The company's stock gives a high _____.
- n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
36. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
- n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
37. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
38. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
39. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 32. rainfall, 33. decision, 34. treble, 35. yield, 36. Algae, 37. individual, 38. suspected, 39. principle

40. We should _____ the troops at the front line.
- v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
41. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
- n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
42. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
- v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
43. You can see the horse _____ on the country road.
- n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
44. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
45. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
- n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
46. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
- n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
47. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.
- n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

ANSWERS: 40. reinforce, 41. floods, 42. reinvent, 43. dung, 44. amazing, 45. alternative, 46. curve, 47. humankind

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

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

49. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

50. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

51. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

52. The _____ of the wetlands allowed for the restoration of the natural ecosystem.

n. the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away

53. He was riding _____ on the sheep during the day.

n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

54. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

ANSWERS: 48. regardless, 49. Soil, 50. damage, 51. fortunate, 52. reclamation, 53. herd, 54. illustrate

55. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

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

56. _____ data shows that the Arctic has been warming faster than other regions of the world.

n. the scientific study of climate and weather patterns and their causes and effects

57. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

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

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

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

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

60. The _____ in the tropical forest was so high that it was hard to breathe.

n. the amount of water vapor in the air, typically as a percentage of the maximum that the air could hold at that temperature

61. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 55. technique, 56. Climatology, 57. violent, 58. deteriorated, 59. absolutely, 60. humidity, 61. continent, 62. economy

63. 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
64. Industrial _____ and wind-blown debris are prime examples of pollution.
n. the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
65. The view from the top of the mountain was _____.
adj. causing wonder or astonishment; excellent
66. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
67. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
68. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
69. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
70. 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: 63. government, 64. runoff, 65. marvelous, 66. shift, 67. declines, 68. bunch, 69. biology, 70. process

71. These are _____ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.
- n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
72. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
- adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
73. The room was only one _____ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.
- n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
74. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
75. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
76. The sponge _____ water well.
- v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
77. The earthquake-_____ caused widespread destruction along the coast.
- n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
78. The _____ long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.
- n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

ANSWERS: 71. shrubs, 72. frank, 73. centimeter, 74. develop, 75. predator's, 76. absorbs, 77. tsunami, 78. giraffe's

79. They collected a _____ specimen for urinalysis.
- n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
80. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
81. 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
82. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
83. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
84. 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
85. The lion's _____ roar could be heard from miles away.
- adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
86. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor

ANSWERS: 79. urine, 80. discovery, 81. intent, 82. massive, 83. release, 84. movement, 85. ferocious, 86. poverty

87. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
88. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.
n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
89. We usually have a lunch meeting at _____.
n. noon; twelve o'clock in the middle of the day
90. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
91. Where can I _____ the application form?
v. to get something, especially by making a great effort
92. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.
adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
93. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
94. The CEO's _____ in the meeting cost the company millions.
n. mistake; the act of making a foolish error
95. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 87. threatening, 88. fossil, 89. midday, 90. suffers, 91. obtain, 92. steady, 93. invite, 94. blunder, 95. uncovered

96. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
97. The abandoned warehouse was covered in a thick layer of _____ debris.
adj. covered with or characterized by dust; having a dry, powdery texture or appearance; having a lot of dust or dirt in the air
98. _____ feed is made from fodder crops.
n. farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
99. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
100. The _____ of the machinery caused a delay in production.
n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization
101. The ongoing budget cuts have _____ the quality of education in many schools.
v. to gradually wear away or break down (rock, soil, or other material) through the action of wind, water, or other natural agents; to gradually weaken or undermine (something) over time
102. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
103. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 96. accelerate, 97. dusty, 98. Livestock, 99. complexity, 100. breakdown, 101. eroded, 102. profession, 103. nation

104. They _____ admired our actions.

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

105. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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

106. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

107. The formation of clouds is facilitated by the process of _____ and condensation

n. the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources

108. Pakistan's ___ budget was still being reviewed.

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

109. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

110. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

111. Please write to _____ your reservation.

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

ANSWERS: 104. greatly, 105. involves, 106. eliminate, 107. evaporation, 108. aid, 109. planet, 110. desert, 111. confirm

112. The blood's red coloring comes from iron _____.

- n.* a chemical compound that contains at least one oxygen atom and one other element

113. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.

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

114. The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common _____.

- n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

115. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

116. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?

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

117. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

118. She is searching for a _____ residence.

- adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change

119. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

- adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 112. oxide, 113. reversed, 114. dilemma, 115. typical, 116. percentage, 117. adapt, 118. permanent, 119. overnight

120. The plants in this garden are precious, so you must not _____ them.
v. to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury
121. The ceremonial _____ echoed through the temple during the ritual.
n. a regular, steady beat or rhythm, often used to accompany music or to mark the passage of time
122. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
123. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
124. Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale _____ in many parts of the world.
n. a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
125. The sun will _____ the mist.
v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
126. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
127. In the mist, the vast _____ was awe-inspiring.
n. deep water-cut trench, especially after a prolonged downpour

ANSWERS: 120. trample, 121. drumbeat, 122. opposition, 123. increasingly, 124. grasslands, 125. evaporate, 126. atmosphere, 127. gully

128. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
129. The _____ roam freely in the plains of North America.
n. a large wild ox with shaggy hair found in Asia and North America
130. The Nobel _____ delivered an inspiring speech to the graduating class.
n. a person who has been awarded an honor or a prize for achievement in a particular field, especially in literature or academia; a poet who is honored for achieving the highest level of excellence in a competition or for producing a lifetime body of work
131. The _____ approach to healthcare considers the person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.
adj. relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts
132. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.
n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
133. The _____ at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.
n. a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
134. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
135. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.
n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 128. cheered, 129. buffalo, 130. laureate, 131. holistic, 132. wildlife, 133. terminal, 134. flock, 135. horns

136. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
137. The desert is known for its _____ climate and lack of rainfall.
- adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
138. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.
- v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
139. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
140. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
- n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
141. The _____ in the area is quite diverse.
- n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
142. The _____ are on the grassland and grazing.
- n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
143. That accident was something _____ with my long experience.
- adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
144. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 136. mimic, 137. arid, 138. integrate, 139. vast, 140. proportion, 141. vegetation, 142. cattle, 143. unthinkable, 144. plot

145. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

146. The farm spans over 100 _____ of land.

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

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

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

148. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

v. to take the place of something

149. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

150. He couldn't _____ the actual value of the artwork.

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

151. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

152. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

ANSWERS: 145. profound, 146. hectares, 147. statistics, 148. replace, 149. fuel, 150. calculate, 151. Industrial, 152. sustain

153. She voted by _____ because she was unable to attend in person.

n. a person or entity that is authorized to act on behalf of another person or entity

154. _____ all the parties signed the contract.

adv. almost completely

155. The government is eager to _____ international investment.

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

156. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

157. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

158. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

159. The tea _____ was a beautiful antique with intricate designs carved into the wood.

n. a container or carrier for holding and transporting small items, such as tea or golf clubs

160. The bread's _____ was golden brown and crispy.

n. a hard outer layer that forms on the surface of a liquid as it cools or on a solid as a result of exposure to air or moisture

ANSWERS: 153. proxy, 154. Virtually, 155. attract, 156. determinant, 157. shock, 158. evaluate, 159. caddy, 160. crust

161. The hiker's boots were _____ from walking through the stream.

adj. completely wet; saturated or drenched with a liquid

162. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

163. The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant _____ in the area.

n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

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

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

165. The result presented a _____ picture of inefficiency and corruption.

adj. looking or sounding very serious or gloomy

166. The doctor examined the _____ colon to check for any abnormalities.

adj. relating to or shaped like the letter "S"

167. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

168. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

169. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 161. soaked, 162. modern, 163. pollutant, 164. attributes, 165. grim, 166. sigmoid, 167. fancy, 168. grandchild, 169. consequences

170. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.

v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

171. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

172. The sound of the _____ explosion could be heard for miles.

n. a powerful explosive made from nitroglycerin, typically used in construction and mining; something that causes strong, sudden reactions or changes

173. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

174. The passage of the bill is _____.

adj. not probable or likely to happen

ANSWERS: 170. tackle, 171. mounted, 172. dynamite, 173. recognize, 174. unlikely