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Session 1: Word List

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

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

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

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**.

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.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control
Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

intact

adj. undamaged and complete
synonym: flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

boreal

adj. relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga

synonym: arctic, northern, tundra

(1) **boreal** conifer, (2) **boreal** ecosystem

The **boreal** forest covers vast areas of Canada and Alaska.

stretch

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

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

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

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

caribou

n. a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions

synonym: reindeer, deer

(1) **caribou** herd, (2) reintroduce **caribou**

Caribou migrate long distances across the tundra in search of food.

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.

approximately

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

synonym : about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same
This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

antler

n. a branched, bony growth that protrudes from the forehead of male deer, elk, and moose and that is shed and regrown annually

synonym : horn, branch

(1) branches of an **antler**, (2) shedding **antlers**

The deer's **antlers** were an impressive sight to see in the forest.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym : testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym : sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym : plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

wetland

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

synonym : bog, marsh, swamp

(1) **wetland** conservation, (2) **wetland** ecosystem

The **wetland** area was home to many different species of birds.

endangered

adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

synonym : at risk, threatened, vulnerable

(1) **endangered** species, (2) **endangered** ecosystem

The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of **endangered** animals.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

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.

critic

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

synonym :

pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym: isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

greenhouse

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

synonym: conservatory

(1) exotic plants in a **greenhouse**, (2) emissions of **greenhouse** gases

The **greenhouse** effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

migrate

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

synonym: relocate, emigrate, roam

(1) **migrate** across borders, (2) **migrate** a service

Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym : parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym : coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

superior

adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others

synonym : better, greater, exceptional

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

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

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature
He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

aboriginal

adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

synonym: native, indigenous, autochthonous

(1) **aboriginal** art, (2) **aboriginal** land

Many **aboriginal** cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

paddle

n. a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

synonym : oar, oarlock, scull

(1) **paddle** strokes, (2) canoe **paddle**

The **paddle** boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

fur

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

synonym : hair, coat, pelt

(1) an artificial **fur**, (2) **fur** coat

The **fur** of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

tundra

n. a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

synonym : arctic plain, permafrost, polar desert

(1) the Siberian **tundra**, (2) **tundra** biome

The Arctic **tundra** is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

tomb

n. a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried

synonym : grave, burial site, mausoleum

(1) bury in **tomb**, (2) the ancient **tomb**

The **tomb** of the unknown soldier honored the bravery and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in battle.

porcupine

n. a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas

synonym: hedgehog, echidna, spiny mammal

(1) **porcupine** movement, (2) **porcupine** habitat

The quills on a **porcupine's** back are used for defense.

context

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

synonym: background, setting, environment

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

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

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

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.

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**.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

temperate

adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

synonym: moderate, mild, genial

(1) **temperate** grassland, (2) **temperate** behavior

The **temperate** climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

discuss

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

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

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

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

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym : domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

retain

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

synonym : possess, hold, keep on

(1) **retain** information, (2) **retain** a lawyer

Computers help people **retain** specific memories.

native

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

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

remotely

adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible

synonym : distantly, remotely, slightly

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

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

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

sustainable

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

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

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

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

antithesis

n. the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things

synonym: opposition, contrast, reverse

(1) make an **antithesis**, (2) the **antithesis** of evil

The **antithesis** of love is hate.

tar

n. a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood

synonym: asphalt, pitch, bitumen

(1) **tar** residue, (2) **tar** component

The road workers spread **tar** over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

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.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym: below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

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.

sticky

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

synonym : adhesive, gluey, clingy

(1) **sticky** weather, (2) **sticky** situation

A peculiar **sticky** material coated the foliage.

bitumen

n. a viscous, black, or dark-colored semi-solid or solid material derived from petroleum or natural deposits, commonly used in road construction and waterproofing

synonym : asphalt, tar, pitch

(1) **bitumen** pavement, (2) **bitumen** production

The **bitumen** road was smooth and durable, perfect for heavy traffic.

exploitation

n. the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful

synonym : victimization, development, using

(1) sexual **exploitation**, (2) the **exploitation** of fossil resources

Strategic **exploitation** of cutting-edge technology would be a sure formula for success.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym : destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym : communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

hub

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

synonym: center, junction, focal point

(1) a **hub** of commerce, (2) education **hub**

This airport has taken the first step to become an international **hub** airport.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

sect

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

synonym: group, faction, cult

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

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

pixel

n. the smallest unit of an image that can be displayed or manipulated electronically, typically a point of light on a computer screen or in a digital image

synonym : dot, point, picture element

(1) **pixel** density, (2) color **pixels**

The computer screen comprises thousands of tiny **pixels** that create the overall picture.

metropolitan

adj. of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

synonym : urban, city, municipal

(1) major **metropolitan** area, (2) **metropolitan** city

The city is a true **metropolitan**, with a diverse population and bustling streets.

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.

approval

n. the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable

synonym : acceptance, endorsement, permission

(1) a written **approval**, (2) express my **approval**

This project took a lot of time to get the president's **approval**.

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.

deny

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

synonym : refute, reject, repudiate

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

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

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym : excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

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.

superheat

v. to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point

synonym : overheat, heat up, scorch

(1) **superheat** the cheese, (2) **superheat** the solution

The metal must be **superheated** before being shaped into

the final product.

pump

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

synonym : drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

pipeline

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

synonym : channel, line

(1) a data **pipeline**, (2) **pipeline** facilities

Rebels sabotaged the main **pipeline** supplying oil.

seismic

adj. relating to or caused by an earthquake or earth vibration

synonym : seismic, tectonic, vibrational

(1) **seismic** activities, (2) a **seismic** center

Earthquakes produce two types of **seismic** waves.

drill

n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

synonym : exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym : condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

repugnant

adj. causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable

synonym : disgusting, offensive, revolting

(1) **repugnant** odor, (2) **repugnant** attitude

The dictator's **repugnant** actions have been condemned by leaders worldwide.

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.

fragment

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

synonym : piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym : diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

woodland

n. land covered with trees and underbrush; a forest

synonym : forest, grove, copse

(1) **woodland** creatures, (2) broad-leafed **woodland**

We walked through the **woodland** and saw many different types of plants and animals.

grizzly

n. a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair

synonym : bear, ursus, bruin

(1) **grizzly** size, (2) **grizzly** encounter

The hiker stumbled upon a **grizzly** bear in the woods and quickly retreated.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

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.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

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.

pond

n. a small, shallow lake

synonym: lake, pool, basin

(1) a garden **pond**, (2) **pond** water

The freshwater **pond** was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

impound

v. to seize or confiscate and place in legal custody; to secure or store something in a confined space, such as a pound or impoundment

synonym: confiscate, seize, sequester

(1) **impound** any property of the tenant, (2) **impound** evidence

The police **impounded** the stolen vehicle and returned it to its rightful owner.

promote

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

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior

The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

substance

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

synonym: essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

barrel

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

synonym : cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**
One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

synonym : contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area
The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym : permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**
Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym : poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production
Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (=

4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

stream

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

synonym: flow, current, brook

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

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

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym: accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

wasteland

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

synonym: desert, barren, wild

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

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

drain

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
synonym : draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid
Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

downstream

adv. in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current

synonym : lower, below, later

(1) go **downstream** in a boat, (2) **downstream** processing
The boat drifted **downstream** and was carried away by the current.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

fort

n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack

synonym : stronghold, bastion, fortress

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

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

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

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.

spite

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

synonym : malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care

He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym : idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

necessity

n. the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

synonym : need, essentiality, prerequisite

(1) in great **necessity**, (2) the **necessity** of the concrete measure

He emphasized the **necessity** of immediate action.

survival

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

synonym :

endurance, continuity

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

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

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

carcinogenic

adj. capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing

synonym: cancer-causing, cancerous, malignant

(1) **carcinogenic** chemicals, (2) **carcinogenic** air pollution

Long-term exposure to **carcinogenic** materials can result in serious health problems.

porch

n. a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards

synonym: veranda, balcony, deck

(1) **porch** light, (2) a glass **porch**

The old rocking chair on the **porch** creaked as he sat down to read his book.

cabin

n. a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

synonym: hut, cottage, shack

(1) **cabin** crew, (2) log **cabin**

The quaint **cabin** in the woods was the perfect retreat for a weekend getaway.

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.

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.

terrestrial

adj. of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air

synonym: earthy, earthborn, telluric

(1) **terrestrial** planets, (2) **terrestrial** heat

Terrestrial longitude is measured in degrees east or west of the Prime Meridian.

concentration

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

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

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

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

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

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.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym: missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

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.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

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.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym: act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

import

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

synonym : bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet

The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

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

confer

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

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym : reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

award

n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

(1) **award** ceremony, (2) participation **award**

He won the **award** for best actor at the film festival.

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym : hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance
The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

freshwater

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

(1) **freshwater** area, (2) **freshwater** aquatic bird
This microbe is a parasite of **freshwater** fish.

delta

n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

synonym : floodplain, estuary

(1) river **deltas**, (2) **delta** cone

The Nile **Delta** is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

junction

n. a critical point or moment in time, often indicating a key decision or turning point; a place or point of connection, such as a joint or seam

synonym : turning point, crossroads, crisis

(1) the **junction** of Eastern and Western cultures,
(2) decisive **junction**

At this **junction** in the project, we must reassess our plans and make some changes.

migratory

adj. relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons

synonym : nomadic, wandering, roving

(1) **migratory** species, (2) **migratory** route

The **migratory** birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

synonym : buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

leach

v. to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock

synonym : drain, filter, strain

(1) **leach** into the brewed coffee, (2) **leach** calcium from the bones

The chemicals from the landfill have begun to **leach** into the groundwater.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

keystone

n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place

synonym : linchpin, mainstay, cornerstone

(1) **keystone** for success, (2) the **keystone** of campaign reform

The **keystone** of the arch held the structure together.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

punch

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

synonym: hit, strike, slap

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

He **punched** the wall in anger.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

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.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym: agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym: usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard

They have no **incentive** to win the game.

watershed

n. an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins

synonym: divide, separator, boundary

(1) the hydrology of a **watershed**, (2) **watershed** conservation

Watershed management strategies aim to reduce pollution and protect water resources.

basin

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

synonym: watershed, bowl

(1) inland **basin**, (2) the **basin** of the Great Salt Lake

Many of the lakes and marshes in the **basin** are mildly salty.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym: road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

rarity

n. the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual

synonym: rareness, infrequency, uncommonness

(1) the **rarity** of the event, (2) book of great **rarity**

Due to their **rarity**, diamonds are expensive.

drench

v. to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet

synonym: soak, saturate, immerse

(1) **drench** with sweat, (2) **drench** the soil with fertilizer

The storm last night **drenched** everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym: tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

ferry

n. a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule

synonym : ferryboat, water taxi, barge

(1) **ferry** service, (2) **ferry** terminal

The **ferry** across the river offers a convenient transportation option for commuters.

aground

adj. describing a ship or boat that is resting on the bottom of a body of water, usually due to running aground or intentionally grounding; (adverb) on or onto the ground, especially the bottom of a body of water

synonym : stranded, stuck, marooned

(1) **aground** sailboat, (2) run **aground** during the storm

The **aground** vessel became a temporary tourist attraction for beachgoers.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

disaster

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

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

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

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

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym : suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry
synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

addiction

n. the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: dependence

(1) alcohol **addiction**, (2) **addiction** to foreign oil

He is now fighting his **addiction** to drugs.

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.

multiply

v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

synonym: boost, amplify, reproduce

(1) **multiply** 5 and 6, (2) **multiply** about hundredfold

Multiply a number by itself twice.

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.

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**.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

underprivileged

adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success

synonym : poor, disadvantaged, destitute

(1) poor and **underprivileged** elderly, (2) **underprivileged** communities

The **underprivileged** children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

heartland

n. a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

synonym : central area

(1) industrial **heartland**, (2) American **heartland**

I grew up surrounded by cornfields and farms in the country's **heartland**.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym : persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a

belief

synonym : victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

villain

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

synonym : scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

Session 2: Spelling

1. log ca__n *n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

2. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

3. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

4. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

5. American he_____nd *n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

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

ANSWERS: 1. cabin, 2. concentration, 3. survive, 4. incentive, 5. heartland, 6. wasteland

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| 7. co____ce an opponent | <i>v.</i> | to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true |
| 8. f__t gate | <i>n.</i> | a military structure designed to be defended from attack |
| 9. poor and und_____ged elderly | <i>adj.</i> | lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success |
| 10. sexual exp_____ion | <i>n.</i> | the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful |
| 11. de___d against a threat | <i>v.</i> | to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc. |
| 12. assignment for the une_____ed youth | <i>adj.</i> | not having a job, although able to work |
| 13. cir_____nce of injury | <i>n.</i> | the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence |
| 14. a craft un__n | <i>n.</i> | a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together |
| 15. we_____d ecosystem | <i>adj.</i> | land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs |
| 16. aw__d ceremony | <i>n.</i> | a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement |
| 17. p__p blood throughout the body | <i>v.</i> | to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities |

ANSWERS: 7. convince, 8. fort, 9. underprivileged, 10. exploitation, 11. defend, 12. unemployed, 13. circumstance, 14. union, 15. wetland, 16. award, 17. pump

18. ag____d sailboat *adj.* describing a ship or boat that is resting on the bottom of a body of water, usually due to running aground or intentionally grounding; (adverb) on or onto the ground, especially the bottom of a body of water
19. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
20. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
21. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
22. go dow_____am in a boat *adv.* in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
23. American bi__n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
24. bear sp__e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
25. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
26. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 18. aground, 19. sequester, 20. inspire, 21. sustainable, 22. downstream, 23. bison, 24. spite, 25. devastation, 26. possibility

27. 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
28. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
29. mu____ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
30. bury in t__b *n.* a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
31. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
32. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
33. na___e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
34. 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

ANSWERS: 27. process, 28. union, 29. multiply, 30. tomb, 31. eventually, 32. environment, 33. native, 34. atmosphere

35. re_____nt attitude *adj.* causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable
36. pi_____ne facilities *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
37. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
38. reintroduce ca_____u *n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions
39. re_____ly operate *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
40. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
41. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
42. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
43. die in sp__e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
44. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
45. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 35. repugnant, 36. pipeline, 37. span, 38. caribou, 39. remotely, 40. exploit, 41. fuel, 42. march, 43. spite, 44. vulnerable, 45. eventually

46. fire dr__l *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
47. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
48. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
49. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
50. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
51. gr_____y size *n.* a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
52. bo___l conifer *adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
53. ar___c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
54. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 46. drill, 47. proof, 48. license, 49. massive, 50. shore, 51. grizzly, 52. boreal, 53. arctic, 54. inspire

55. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
56. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
57. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
58. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
59. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
60. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
61. ca_____u herd *n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions
62. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
63. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
64. an explosive su_____ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
65. the ke_____ne of campaign reform *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
66. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 55. dimension, 56. canoe, 57. climate, 58. approve, 59. climate, 60. bomb, 61. caribou, 62. underneath, 63. highway, 64. substance, 65. keystone, 66. infrastructure

67. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
68. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
69. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
70. the em___on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
71. im___d any property of the tenant *v.* to seize or confiscate and place in legal custody; to secure or store something in a confined space, such as a pound or impoundment
72. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
73. supply ch___n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
74. co___y goods by truck *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
75. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
76. in___t forestland *adj.* undamaged and complete
77. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

ANSWERS: 67. devastating, 68. accord, 69. unfortunately, 70. emission, 71. impound, 72. compromise, 73. chain, 74. convey, 75. toxic, 76. intact, 77. toxin

78. f_r coat *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
79. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
80. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
81. su_____at the solution *v.* to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point
82. a se_____c center *adj.* relating to or caused by an earthquake or earth vibration
83. branches of an an____r *n.* a branched, bony growth that protrudes from the forehead of male deer, elk, and moose and that is shed and regrown annually
84. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
85. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
86. se_____c activities *adj.* relating to or caused by an earthquake or earth vibration
87. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
88. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 78. fur, 79. complexity, 80. refuge, 81. superheat, 82. seismic, 83. antler, 84. contract, 85. breed, 86. seismic, 87. origin, 88. promote

89. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
90. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
91. the common h__d *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
92. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
93. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
94. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
95. express my ap_____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
96. higher pixel de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
97. exotic plants in a gre_____se *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
98. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
99. endangered bi__n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

ANSWERS: 89. approve, 90. statistics, 91. herd, 92. fuel, 93. greenhouse, 94. dam, 95. approval, 96. density, 97. greenhouse, 98. vulnerable, 99. bison

100. car_____nic air pollution *adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing
101. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
102. pi__l density *n.* the smallest unit of an image that can be displayed or manipulated electronically, typically a point of light on a computer screen or in a digital image
103. wo_____nd creatures *n.* land covered with trees and underbrush; a forest
104. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
105. hulking di_____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
106. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
107. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
108. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
109. re____n a lawyer *v.* to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
110. wi_____fe sanctuary *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

ANSWERS: 100. carcinogenic, 101. survival, 102. pixel, 103. woodland, 104. disaster, 105. dinosaur, 106. abundance, 107. origin, 108. obstacle, 109. retain, 110. wildlife

111. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
112. historical co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
113. dr____h with sweat *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
114. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
115. alcohol ad____on *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
116. the dr__l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
117. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
118. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
119. re____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something

ANSWERS: 111. discuss, 112. context, 113. drench, 114. sink, 115. addiction, 116. drill, 117. discuss, 118. chain, 119. replace

120. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
121. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
122. provide su_____or customer service *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
123. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
124. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
125. decisive ju_____re *n.* a critical point or moment in time, often indicating a key decision or turning point; a place or point of connection, such as a joint or seam
126. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
127. fr_____nt of a text *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
128. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
129. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
130. met_____tan city *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

ANSWERS: 120. incredibly, 121. native, 122. superior, 123. obstacle, 124. agriculture, 125. juncture, 126. bomb, 127. fragment, 128. exploit, 129. tradition, 130. metropolitan

131. in___t brain *adj.* undamaged and complete
132. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
133. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
134. st___y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
135. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
136. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
137. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
138. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
139. mi_____ry route *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
140. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
141. unsung h___o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 131. intact, 132. heritage, 133. compromise, 134. sticky, 135. incentive, 136. communal, 137. release, 138. rainforest, 139. migratory, 140. compress, 141. hero

142. h__d of cattle *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
143. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
144. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
145. de__a cone *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
146. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
147. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
148. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
149. 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
150. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

ANSWERS: 142. herd, 143. essentially, 144. compress, 145. delta, 146. concentration, 147. approximately, 148. hero, 149. develop, 150. vast

151. science of ec____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
152. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
153. po_____ne movement *n.* a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas
154. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
155. half-a__e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
156. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
157. historical he____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
158. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
159. bo___l ecosystem *adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga

ANSWERS: 151. ecology, 152. sand, 153. porcupine, 154. canoe, 155. acre, 156. accord, 157. heritage, 158. sustainable, 159. boreal

160. a fo___l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
161. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
162. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
163. control re_____ly *adv.* at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
164. ad_____on to foreign oil *n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
165. fre_____er area *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
166. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
167. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
168. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
169. abo_____al land *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
170. le__h into the brewed coffee *v.* to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock

ANSWERS: 160. fossil, 161. stretch, 162. industrial, 163. remotely, 164. addiction, 165. freshwater, 166. progression, 167. dimension, 168. consumption, 169. aboriginal, 170. leach

171. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
172. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
173. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
174. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
175. bi_____n production *n.* a viscous, black, or dark-colored semi-solid or solid material derived from petroleum or natural deposits, commonly used in road construction and waterproofing
176. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
177. mu_____ly about hundredfold *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
178. t_r component *n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood
179. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 171. mathematics, 172. mathematics, 173. endangered, 174. emit, 175. bitumen, 176. preserve, 177. multiply, 178. tar, 179. survive

180. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
181. fe__y service *n.* a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule
182. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
183. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
184. color pi__ls *n.* the smallest unit of an image that can be displayed or manipulated electronically, typically a point of light on a computer screen or in a digital image
185. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
186. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
187. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
188. a glass po__h *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards

ANSWERS: 180. threaten, 181. ferry, 182. reserve, 183. sect, 184. pixel, 185. consume, 186. threaten, 187. reserve, 188. porch

189. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
190. 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
191. dow_____am processing *adv.* in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
192. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
193. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
194. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
195. a h_b of commerce *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes
196. fe__y terminal *n.* a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule
197. po_____ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
198. le__h calcium from the bones *v.* to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock

ANSWERS: 189. agriculture, 190. process, 191. downstream, 192. propose, 193. march, 194. decide, 195. hub, 196. ferry, 197. polluted, 198. leach

199. canoe pa___e *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
200. co___y a complex idea *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
201. su_____ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
202. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
203. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
204. ca__n crew *n.* a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep
205. bu___n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
206. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

ANSWERS: 199. paddle, 200. convey, 201. substance, 202. abundance, 203. consumption, 204. cabin, 205. burden, 206. preserve

207. a peaceful la_____pe
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
208. ab_____te loyalty
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
209. abo_____al art
adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
210. broad-leafed wo_____nd
n. land covered with trees and underbrush; a forest
211. re____n information
v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something
212. in-s__u control
adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
213. the ju_____re of Eastern and Western cultures
n. a critical point or moment in time, often indicating a key decision or turning point; a place or point of connection, such as a joint or seam
214. tu____a biome
n. a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
215. cr____s management
n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
216. the ec_____y of the island
n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

ANSWERS: 207. landscape, 208. absolute, 209. aboriginal, 210. woodland, 211. retain, 212. situ, 213. juncture, 214. tundra, 215. crisis, 216. ecology

217. im____d evidence *v.* to seize or confiscate and place in legal custody; to secure or store something in a confined space, such as a pound or impoundment
218. hi____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
219. 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
220. a written ap____al *n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
221. bird and other wi____fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
222. to__n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
223. chaotic env____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
224. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
225. industrial he____nd *n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

ANSWERS: 217. impound, 218. highway, 219. fossil, 220. approval, 221. wildlife, 222. toxin, 223. environment, 224. lobby, 225. heartland

226. na____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
227. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
228. a brief ex____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
229. na____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
230. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
231. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
232. software li____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
233. the hydrology of a wa_____ed *n.* an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins
234. su____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 226. navigate, 227. nation, 228. extract, 229. navigate, 230. devastating, 231. vast, 232. license, 233. watershed, 234. survival

235. 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
236. in great ne_____ty *n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
237. 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
238. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
239. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
240. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
241. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
242. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 235. planet, 236. necessity, 237. cancer, 238. approximately, 239. context, 240. infrastructure, 241. sand, 242. destroy

243. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
244. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
245. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
246. re_____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
247. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
248. river de__as *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
249. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
250. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
251. 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
252. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 243. valley, 244. lobby, 245. sticky, 246. reduction, 247. industrialize, 248. delta, 249. landscape, 250. replace, 251. carbon, 252. sect

253. 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
254. a garden p__d *n.* a small, shallow lake
255. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
256. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
257. ter_____al heat *adj.* of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air
258. shedding an___rs *n.* a branched, bony growth that protrudes from the forehead of male deer, elk, and moose and that is shed and regrown annually
259. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
260. und_____ged communities *adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
261. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

ANSWERS: 253. develop, 254. pond, 255. nation, 256. circumstance, 257. terrestrial, 258. antler, 259. opportune, 260. underprivileged, 261. icon

262. the ra___y of the event *n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
263. a sandy sh___e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
264. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
265. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
266. an isolated f__t *n.* a military structure designed to be defended from attack
267. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
268. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
269. we_____d conservation *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
270. carry a bu___n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
271. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

ANSWERS: 262. rarity, 263. shore, 264. rub, 265. situ, 266. fort, 267. inspiration, 268. dinosaur, 269. wetland, 270. burden, 271. breed

272. major met_____tan area *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
273. pu__h a ticket *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
274. \$30 a ba___l *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
275. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
276. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
277. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
278. an artificial f_r *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
279. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
280. pu__h out numbers *v.* to strike someone or something with one's fist; to make a hole in something
281. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

ANSWERS: 272. metropolitan, 273. punch, 274. barrel, 275. possibility, 276. diversity, 277. absolutely, 278. fur, 279. contract, 280. punch, 281. inspiration

282. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
283. co____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
284. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
285. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
286. an a__e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
287. dr__n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
288. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
289. car_____nic chemicals *adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing
290. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
291. 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
292. the ant_____is of evil *n.* the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
293. education h_b *n.* the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

ANSWERS: 282. deny, 283. convince, 284. essentially, 285. rainforest, 286. acre, 287. drain, 288. gulf, 289. carcinogenic, 290. consume, 291. cancer, 292. antithesis, 293. hub

294. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
295. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
296. gr____y encounter *n.* a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
297. make an ant_____is *n.* the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
298. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
299. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
300. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
301. pa___e strokes *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
302. ke_____ne for success *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
303. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 294. bless, 295. valley, 296. grizzly, 297. antithesis, 298. confer, 299. toxic, 300. icon, 301. paddle, 302. keystone, 303. crisis

304. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
305. a harbor of re___e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
306. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
307. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
308. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
309. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
310. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
311. im___t goods *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
312. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
313. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
314. post-apocalyptic wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

ANSWERS: 304. defend, 305. refuge, 306. destroy, 307. complexity, 308. absolutely, 309. confer, 310. champion, 311. import, 312. legislation, 313. rub, 314. wasteland

315. evil vi____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
316. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
317. mi_____e a service *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
318. su_____or performance *adj.* better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
319. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
320. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
321. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
322. a ba___l of beer *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
323. ter_____al planets *adj.* of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air
324. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

ANSWERS: 315. villain, 316. bless, 317. migrate, 318. superior, 319. massive, 320. tradition, 321. ecosystem, 322. barrel, 323. terrestrial, 324. disaster

325. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
326. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
327. population de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
328. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
329. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
330. po__h light *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
331. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
332. book of great ra___y *n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
333. end_____ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
334. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
335. ind_____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
336. fre_____er aquatic bird *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

ANSWERS: 325. span, 326. unemployed, 327. density, 328. absolute, 329. incredibly, 330. porch, 331. legislation, 332. rarity, 333. endangered, 334. stretch, 335. indigenous, 336. freshwater

337. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
338. the ne_____ty of the concrete measure *n.* the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable
339. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
340. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
341. mi_____ry species *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
342. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
343. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
344. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
345. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
346. the ancient t__b *n.* a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried
347. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

ANSWERS: 337. devastation, 338. necessity, 339. extract, 340. emission, 341. migratory, 342. proof, 343. dump, 344. ecosystem, 345. underneath, 346. tomb, 347. deny

348. an innovative pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
349. details of his pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
350. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
351. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
352. res____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
353. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
354. p__d water *n.* a small, shallow lake
355. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
356. a broken fr____nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
357. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
358. lingual di____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
359. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 348. proposal, 349. proposal, 350. critic, 351. opportune, 352. responsible, 353. relative, 354. pond, 355. emit, 356. fragment, 357. release, 358. diversity, 359. sink

360. cadmium-po_____ed area	<i>adj.</i> contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
361. res_____le action	<i>adj.</i> answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
362. the grand ch_____on	<i>n.</i> someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
363. v__y according to the age	<i>v.</i> to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
364. inc_____le amount	<i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous
365. pr_____e a better relationship	<i>v.</i> to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
366. even more unf_____ely	<i>adv.</i> by bad luck; unluckily
367. high ar____c	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
368. p__p a secret out of success	<i>v.</i> to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
369. art cr____c	<i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
370. run ag_____d during the storm	<i>adj.</i> describing a ship or boat that is resting on the bottom of a body of water, usually due to running aground or intentionally grounding; (adverb) on or onto the ground, especially the bottom of a body of water

ANSWERS: 360. polluted, 361. responsible, 362. champion, 363. vary, 364. incredible, 365. promote, 366. unfortunately, 367. arctic, 368. pump, 369. critic, 370. aground

371. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
372. t_r residue *n.* a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood
373. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
374. a data pi____ne *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
375. the ba__n of the Great Salt Lake *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
376. 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
377. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
378. 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
379. dr__n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

ANSWERS: 371. dump, 372. tar, 373. stream, 374. pipeline, 375. basin, 376. planet, 377. industrialize, 378. carbon, 379. drain

380. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
381. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
382. 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
383. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
384. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
385. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
386. re_____nt odor *adj.* causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable
387. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
388. po_____ne habitat *n.* a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas
389. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
390. im___t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

ANSWERS: 380. vary, 381. industrial, 382. atmosphere, 383. stream, 384. incredible, 385. dam, 386. repugnant, 387. historic, 388. porcupine, 389. historic, 390. import

391. su_____at the cheese *v.* to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point
392. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
393. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
394. participation aw__d *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
395. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
396. bi_____n pavement *n.* a viscous, black, or dark-colored semi-solid or solid material derived from petroleum or natural deposits, commonly used in road construction and waterproofing
397. the Siberian tu___a *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
398. inland ba__n *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
399. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
400. dr___h the soil with fertilizer *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet

ANSWERS: 391. superheat, 392. progression, 393. decide, 394. award, 395. relative, 396. bitumen, 397. tundra, 398. basin, 399. sequester, 400. drench

401. authoritarian vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
402. te_____te behavior *adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
403. the exp_____ion of fossil resources *n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
404. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
405. wa_____ed conservation *n.* an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins
406. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
407. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
408. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
409. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
410. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
411. mi_____e across borders *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

ANSWERS: 401. villain, 402. temperate, 403. exploitation, 404. communal, 405. watershed, 406. statistics, 407. gulf, 408. indigenous, 409. reduction, 410. propose, 411. migrate

412. te_____te grassland

adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

ANSWERS: 412. temperate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
2. The _____ children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.
adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
3. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
4. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
5. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
6. 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
7. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
8. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement

ANSWERS: 1. extracting, 2. underprivileged, 3. breeds, 4. circumstances, 5. legislation, 6. complexity, 7. reduction, 8. award

9. 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
10. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
11. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
12. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
13. The old rocking chair on the _____ creaked as he sat down to read his book.
n. a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
14. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
15. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
16. This microbe is a parasite of _____ fish.
adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
17. The chemicals from the landfill have begun to _____ into the groundwater.
v. to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock

ANSWERS: 9. cancer, 10. progression, 11. possibility, 12. survive, 13. porch, 14. Climate, 15. survival, 16. freshwater, 17. leach

18. The dictator's _____ actions have been condemned by leaders worldwide.
adj. causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable
19. _____ is better than argument.
n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
20. The _____ of the arch held the structure together.
n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
21. Several military _____ programs have become popular methods of exercise.
n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
22. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
23. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
24. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
25. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 18. repugnant, 19. Proof, 20. keystone, 21. drill, 22. sustainable, 23. disaster, 24. contract, 25. relatives

26. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
27. Long-term exposure to _____ materials can result in serious health problems.
- adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing
28. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
29. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.
- adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
30. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
31. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.
- n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
32. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?
- n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
33. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

ANSWERS: 26. tradition, 27. carcinogenic, 28. infrastructure, 29. sticky, 30. inspiration, 31. highway, 32. density, 33. Gulf

34. 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
35. The storm last night _____ everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.
- v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
36. The _____ forest covers vast areas of Canada and Alaska.
- adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
37. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.
- n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
38. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.
- adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
39. 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
40. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
- n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 34. carbon, 35. drenched, 36. boreal, 37. greenhouse, 38. indigenous, 39. nation, 40. ecosystem

41. Earthquakes produce two types of _____ waves.

adj. relating to or caused by an earthquake or earth vibration

42. Rebels sabotaged the main _____ supplying oil.

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

43. The quaint _____ in the woods was the perfect retreat for a weekend getaway.

n. a small, simple dwelling or shelter, typically made of wood and located in a remote or rural area; an enclosed compartment or area within a larger structure, such as an aircraft or ship, where passengers or crew members can sit or sleep

44. Many of the lakes and marshes in the _____ are mildly salty.

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

45. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

46. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

47. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 41. seismic, 42. pipeline, 43. cabin, 44. basin, 45. devastation, 46. union, 47. convince

48. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
49. The metal must be _____ before being shaped into the final product.
- v.* to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point
50. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
- v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
51. The _____ of love is hate.
- n.* the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
52. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
53. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
54. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.
- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
55. The deer's _____ were an impressive sight to see in the forest.
- n.* a branched, bony growth that protrudes from the forehead of male deer, elk, and moose and that is shed and regrown annually

ANSWERS: 48. discuss, 49. superheated, 50. sink, 51. antithesis, 52. massive, 53. landscape, 54. icons, 55. antlers

56. The police _____ the stolen vehicle and returned it to its rightful owner.
- v.* to seize or confiscate and place in legal custody; to secure or store something in a confined space, such as a pound or impoundment
57. _____ management strategies aim to reduce pollution and protect water resources.
- n.* an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins
58. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.
- n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
59. Push the button and let the water _____ away.
- v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
60. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.
- n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
61. The boat drifted _____ and was carried away by the current.
- adv.* in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
62. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
- n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
63. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.
- adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

ANSWERS: 56. impounded, 57. Watershed, 58. dimensions, 59. drain, 60. lobby, 61. downstream, 62. span, 63. approximately

64. My father was _____ for so long.

adj. not having a job, although able to work

65. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

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

66. This airport has taken the first step to become an international ____ airport.

n. the central or main part of a particular place, activity, network, etc.; the central part of a car wheel, fan, propeller, etc., through which the shaft or axle passes

67. 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

68. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

69. At this _____ in the project, we must reassess our plans and make some changes.

n. a critical point or moment in time, often indicating a key decision or turning point; a place or point of connection, such as a joint or seam

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

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

71. I grew up surrounded by cornfields and farms in the country's _____.

n. a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

ANSWERS: 64. unemployed, 65. native, 66. hub, 67. fossil, 68. Communal, 69. juncture, 70. context, 71. heartland

72. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
73. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.
- n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
74. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
75. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
- adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
76. We walked through the _____ and saw many different types of plants and animals.
- n.* land covered with trees and underbrush; a forest
77. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
78. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
79. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
80. _____ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 72. accord, 73. heritage, 74. critics, 75. absolute, 76. woodland, 77. consume, 78. unfortunately, 79. responsible, 80. Essentially,

81. The hiker stumbled upon a _____ bear in the woods and quickly retreated.
n. a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
82. The _____ climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.
adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
83. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.
v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
84. He was alert and could not _____ any critical information out of him.
v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
85. The new smartphone model is _____ to the previous version in terms of speed and features.
adj. better, higher in quality, or more advanced than others
86. 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
87. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

ANSWERS: 81. grizzly, 82. temperate, 83. rubbed, 84. pump, 85. superior, 86. process, 87. Agriculture

88. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
89. The company can _____ access its employees' computers for troubleshooting purposes.
adv. at a distance; not directly or easily accessible
90. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
91. He did it out of _____ to annoy me.
n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
92. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
93. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.
n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
94. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.
n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
95. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

ANSWERS: 88. polluted, 89. remotely, 90. rainforest, 91. spite, 92. eventually, 93. diversity, 94. consumption, 95. incredibly

96. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.
- n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
97. Due to their _____ diamonds are expensive.
- n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
98. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
99. The company _____ him after several years of service.
- v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
100. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.
- v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
101. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
102. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.
- n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
103. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
- adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

ANSWERS: 96. toxins, 97. rarity, 98. streams, 99. dumped, 100. conveys, 101. vast, 102. license, 103. Industrial

104. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
105. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
106. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
107. _____ longitude is measured in degrees east or west of the Prime Meridian.
adj. of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air
108. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
109. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.
n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
110. The Nile _____ is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.
n. a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
111. The quills on a _____ back are used for defense.
n. a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas

ANSWERS: 104. replace, 105. opportune, 106. release, 107. Terrestrial, 108. compromised, 109. champion, 110. Delta, 111. porcupine's

112. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.

- v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

113. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

- adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

114. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.

- v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

115. The _____ vessel became a temporary tourist attraction for beachgoers.

- adj. describing a ship or boat that is resting on the bottom of a body of water, usually due to running aground or intentionally grounding; (adverb) on or onto the ground, especially the bottom of a body of water

116. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

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

117. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

- v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

118. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.

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

119. The Arctic _____ is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

- n. a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

ANSWERS: 112. approve, 113. situ, 114. emits, 115. aground, 116. confer, 117. propose, 118. stretch, 119. tundra

120. The freshwater _____ was home to many different types of fish and was a popular spot for fishing.

n. a small, shallow lake

121. _____ a number by itself twice.

v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

122. One rotten apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

123. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

124. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

125. The _____ across the river offers a convenient transportation option for commuters.

n. a boat or ship used to transport people, vehicles, or goods across a body of water, especially on a regular schedule

126. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

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

127. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

ANSWERS: 120. pond, 121. Multiply, 122. barrel, 123. reserve, 124. arctic, 125. ferry, 126. sect, 127. migrated

128. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

129. Strategic _____ of cutting-edge technology would be a sure formula for success.

n. the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful

130. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

131. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

132. The computer screen comprises thousands of tiny _____ that create the overall picture.

n. the smallest unit of an image that can be displayed or manipulated electronically, typically a point of light on a computer screen or in a digital image

133. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

134. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny _____ of pottery found at the dig site.

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

ANSWERS: 128. incredible, 129. exploitation, 130. threatening, 131. ecology, 132. pixels, 133. refuge, 134. fragments

135. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

136. Many _____ cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

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

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

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

n. a military structure designed to be defended from attack

139. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

140. He has a flair for _____.

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

141. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 135. abundance, 136. aboriginal, 137. statistics, 138. fort, 139. navigate, 140. mathematics, 141. wildlife

142. The penny fell _____ the piano.
adv. under or below something else
143. The company _____ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.
v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
144. 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
145. The waves are beating against the _____.
n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
146. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.
adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
147. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
148. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
149. The road workers spread ____ over the cracks in the pavement to prevent water and ice from causing further damage.
n. a thick, sticky substance that is dark in color and is commonly used for road surfacing or as a material for roofing; a common byproduct of burning coal or wood

ANSWERS: 142. underneath, 143. imports, 144. dam, 145. shore, 146. endangered, 147. concentration, 148. defend, 149. tar

150. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

151. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

152. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

153. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

154. The _____ course was challenging but fun.

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

155. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

156. Computers help people _____ specific memories.

v. to keep or continue to possess or maintain something

157. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 150. vulnerable, 151. vary, 152. sand, 153. dinosaur, 154. obstacle, 155. industrialize, 156. retain, 157. bombs

158. 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
159. The city is a true _____ with a diverse population and bustling streets.
- adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
160. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
161. The ____ of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.
- n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
162. He is now fighting his _____ to drugs.
- n.* the inability to stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
163. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
164. _____ migrate long distances across the tundra in search of food.
- n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions
165. The abandoned industrial site is now a _____ of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.
- n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

ANSWERS: 158. environment, 159. metropolitan, 160. absolutely, 161. fur, 162. addiction, 163. inspired, 164. Caribou, 165. wasteland

166. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.

- n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

167. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

168. 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

169. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

- n.* the first existence or beginning of something

170. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

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

171. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

172. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

173. 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

ANSWERS: 166. bison, 167. preserve, 168. planet, 169. origin, 170. denying, 171. crisis, 172. decide, 173. herd

174. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

175. The _____ road was smooth and durable, perfect for heavy traffic.

n. a viscous, black, or dark-colored semi-solid or solid material derived from petroleum or natural deposits, commonly used in road construction and waterproofing

176. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

177. That car has a low environmental _____.

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

178. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

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

179. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

180. He emphasized the _____ of immediate action.

n. the state or fact of being needed; anything indispensable

181. 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

ANSWERS: 174. marched, 175. bitumen, 176. canoe, 177. burden, 178. fuel, 179. hero, 180. necessity, 181. develop

182. They have no _____ to win the game.

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

183. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

184. The _____ boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

n. a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

185. 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

186. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

187. The _____ birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.

adj. relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons

188. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

189. The _____ area was home to many different species of birds.

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

ANSWERS: 182. incentive, 183. substance, 184. paddle, 185. atmosphere, 186. valley, 187. migratory, 188. toxic, 189. wetland

190. This project took a lot of time to get the president's _____.
- n.* the belief that someone or something is good or acceptable
191. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
- v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
192. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
- v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
193. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.
- adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
194. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained _____.
- adj.* undamaged and complete
195. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
- n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
196. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
- n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
197. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
198. The _____ of the unknown soldier honored the bravery and sacrifice of those who lost their lives in battle.
- n.* a large stone structure or underground chamber in which the dead are buried

ANSWERS: 190. approval, 191. compressed, 192. promote, 193. devastating, 194. intact, 195. proposal, 196. acres, 197. destroyed, 198. tomb

199. He _____ the wall in anger.

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

200. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

201. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

202. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

203. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

204. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

205. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

206. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

ANSWERS: 199. punched, 200. historic, 201. blessed, 202. sequester, 203. exploit, 204. emissions, 205. chain, 206. villain