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Session 1: Word List

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

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

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

impressive

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

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym : settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym : messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

superintendent

n. a person who is responsible for the management or supervision of a particular organization, institution, or system, especially in an educational or public service context

synonym: administrator, manager, overseer

(1) **superintendent** office, (2) school **superintendent**

The building's **superintendent** was quick to fix the plumbing issue.

county

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

synonym: district, region, territory

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

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

foothill

n. a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area

synonym: hillside, incline, slope

(1) **foothill** trail, (2) **foothill** region

The settlers built their homes in the **foothills** near the river.

ridge

n. a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation

synonym: crest, summit, peak

(1) top of the **ridge**, (2) the **ridge** of the nose

The mountain range was full of rocky **ridges** and deep valleys.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

tweet

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

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

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

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

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym: education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym: pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

rickety

adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse

synonym: unstable, wobbly, shaky

(1) **rickety** structure, (2) **rickety** chair

The old wooden bridge was **rickety** and swayed with every step.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

cutting-edge

adj. being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity

synonym: state-of-the-art, innovative, advanced

(1) **cutting-edge** molecular biology, (2) **cutting-edge** design

The **cutting-edge** technology was revolutionary in its field.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym : ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

synonym : agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym : plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

insight

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

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

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

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

wisdom

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

synonym : sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

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.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym : equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym : client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

intermittent

adj. occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic

synonym : sporadic, irregular, periodic

(1) **intermittent** fever, (2) **intermittent** Wi-Fi

The **intermittent** rain made it difficult to plan a picnic.

sojourn

v. to stay for a short time in a particular place; (noun) a temporary stay

synonym : visit, stay, reside

(1) a place of **sojourn**, (2) **sojourn** in the historical city
After graduating, he decided to **sojourn** in Europe for a few months before starting work.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym : occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

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

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

robe

n. a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire

synonym : gown, cloak, dress

(1) silk **robe**, (2) velvet **robe**

The wizard's **robe** was embroidered with golden stars and moons.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym : facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

spiritual

adj. relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things

synonym : otherworldly, ethereal, transcendental

(1) constant **spiritual** striving, (2) **spiritual** leader

The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more **spiritual** connection with the universe.

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym: civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity

He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

plead

v. to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy

synonym: beg, implore, supplicate

(1) **plead** for mercy, (2) **plead** a political cause

He **pleaded** with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.

degree

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

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

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

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

experimental

adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

synonym: empirical, exploratory, observed

(1) **experimental** data, (2) **experimental** design

The product is still in the **experimental** stage.

dentistry

n. the branch of medicine that is concerned with the study, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases, disorders, and conditions of the oral cavity and associated structures, including teeth, gums, and jaws; the profession or practice of a dentist

synonym: oral care, dental medicine, odontology

(1) cosmetic **dentistry**, (2) pediatric **dentistry**

I have an appointment at the **dentistry** clinic for a check-up and cleaning.

suit

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

synonym : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

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

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

concession

n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

synonym : agreement, compromise, deal

(1) an oil **concession**, (2) make a **concession**

The movie theater offered a special **concession** for seniors on Tuesdays.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym : meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

platform

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

synonym : stage, podium, forum

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

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

supervisor

n. a person who oversees or directs the work of others

synonym : manager, boss, overseer

(1) **supervisor** of elections, (2) immediate **supervisor**
I have to check with my **supervisor** before making any changes.

shock

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

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

template

n. a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch

synonym: pattern, model, blueprint

(1) **template** file, (2) **template** design

The **template** format provided a useful guide for creating the budget.

manual

adj. done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject

synonym: by hand, (noun) handbook, (noun) tutorial

(1) car with **manual** transmissions, (2) look at the **manual**

This machine cuts metal by **manual** control.

endeavor

v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

synonym: attempt, strive, undertake

(1) **endeavor** to succeed, (2) **endeavor** as much as

possible

We will **endeavor** to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

synonym : beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym : director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym : accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**
This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

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.

debt

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

synonym : liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**
He became in **debt** after losing his job.

sacrifice

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

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead
You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

testament

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

synonym : proof, testimony, testimonial

(1) give properties by **testament**, (2) **testament** to the superior quality

His wealth is a **testament** to his success.

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
synonym: bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs

The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

sensation

n. a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement

synonym: feeling, perception, mania

(1) cause a widespread **sensation**, (2) taste **sensation**

If you apply this ointment, you may feel a mild burning **sensation**.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

synonym: actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

geometry

n. the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces

(1) Euclidean **geometry**, (2) spherical **geometry**

The mathematician pioneered fractal **geometry**.

wry

adj. using or expressing dry or ironic humor, often with a twisted or distorted facial expression

synonym: sarcastic, ironic, dry

(1) **wry** observation, (2) **wry** smile

I couldn't help but grin at his **wry** sense of humor.

handlebar

n. a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle

synonym: handle, bar, grip

(1) **handlebar** mustache, (2) grip **handlebar**

My bike's **handlebar** is loose and needs to be tightened before I can ride it safely.

mustache

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

synonym: whisker

(1) a gray **mustache**, (2) big **mustache**

The actor's **mustache** has become an icon.

polo

n. a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets

(1) **polo** shirt, (2) **polo** championship

I watched a thrilling **polo** match at the club over the weekend.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym: sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

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

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym: bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

heel

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym: hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

elementary

adj. relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

synonym: fundamental, basic, primary

(1) **elementary** math, (2) **elementary** level

Elementary school students must learn basic math and reading skills.

stare

v. to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

synonym: gaze, look, gawk

(1) **stare** blankly, (2) give a menacing **stare**

He couldn't help but **stare** at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

repertoire

n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

synonym: collection, range, reservoir

(1) musical **repertoire**, (2) cooking **repertoire**

The chef's **repertoire** of dishes includes both classic and

innovative recipes.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

synonym: adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym: imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

spatial

adj. of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things

synonym: dimensional, geographical

(1) **spatial** ability, (2) **spatial** distribution

He carefully determined the **spatial** relations of every piece of the stage set.

segregate

v. to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic

synonym: isolate, separate, divide

(1) **segregate** by race, (2) **segregate** boys and girls

The school board decided to **segregate** students by the ability to meet their needs better.

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.

gesture

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

synonym : motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

continuation

n. the act of carrying something on over time without interruption

synonym : continuance

(1) **continuation** ceremony, (2) **continuation** of trial

The present economic policy is a **continuation** of the preceding one.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym : cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

lineage

n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species

synonym : ancestry, descent, heritage

(1) maternal **lineage**, (2) **lineage** tree

Scientists traced the **lineage** of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

plywood

n. a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

synonym : panel board, veneer panel, plyboard

(1) flexible **plywood**, (2) **plywood** furniture

Manufacturing companies use large sheets of **plywood** to make furniture and fixtures.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym : dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

interactive

adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive

synonym : reciprocal, responsive, mutual

(1) **interactive** experience, (2) an **interactive** device

The new video game has an **interactive** storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

layer

n. a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

synonym: stratum, sheet, coating

(1) **layer** cake, (2) **layer** of paint

The **layer** of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

plexiglas

n. a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums

synonym: acrylic, lucite, perspex

(1) **plexiglas** partition, (2) **plexiglas** window

The **plexiglass** shield protected the workers from flying debris.

satellite

n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

synonym: orbiter, asteroid, moon

(1) a GPS **satellite**, (2) a meteorological **satellite**

Launching an artificial **satellite** contributed to the technological development of our country.

asteroid

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

synonym: minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

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

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

puffy

adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;

synonym : swollen, distended, inflated

(1) **puffy** off-shore winds, (2) **puffy** eyes

His cheeks looked **puffy** after he overate junk food.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

territorial

adj. related to a specific country's ownership of land or water

synonym : provincial

(1) **territorial** integrity, (2) **territorial** aggression

The ship will not enter Chinese **territorial** seas.

undersea

adj. located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea

synonym : underwater, subaquatic, marine

(1) **undersea** earthquake, (2) **undersea** habitat

The **undersea** environment is very different from the surface, with unique flora and fauna.

submarine

n. a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea

synonym : sub, underwater vessel, sea-craft

(1) a **submarine** volcano, (2) **submarine** cable

The military **submarine** disappeared without a trace.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

military

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

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

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

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

cabinet

n. a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister

synonym : cupboard, ministry, authority

(1) member of the **cabinet**, (2) the **cabinet** above the sink

The prime minister decided to reshuffle his **cabinet** to regain support.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

synonym : excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

secretary

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

synonym : assistant, clerk, administrator

(1) a confidential **secretary**, (2) **secretary** general

The chief **secretary** was responsible for organizing the meeting.

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.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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.

goddess

n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

synonym : deity, divinity, idol

(1) a **goddess** of beauty, (2) winged **goddess** of victory

The festival was held in honor of the harvest **goddess**.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

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.

interlocking

adj. fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

synonym : connected, linked, joined

(1) **interlocking** braid, (2) **interlocking** mechanism

The **interlocking** puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

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.

matrix

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym : grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

minority

n. the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age

synonym : adolescence, nonage, juvenility

(1) a **minority** position, (2) number of **minority** students

Some ethnic **minority** groups experienced discrimination in society.

tension

n. a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight

synonym : stress, strain, anxiety

(1) **tension** headache, (2) a high- **tension** wire

The **tension** in the room was palpable as the team waited for their leader to speak.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

spill

v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

synonym : slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart
He was determined to **spill** everything.

proliferation

n. a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
synonym: spread, expansion, increase

(1) nuclear **proliferation**, (2) the **proliferation** of social media

The **proliferation** of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.

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**.

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.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
synonym: argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

breakaway

n. a sudden separation or detachment from a larger group or body, often associated with swift movement or action to gain independence or escape; a type of goal or score in sports where a player breaks away from defenders to

have a clear shot at the opposing team's goal

synonym : escape, getaway, rupture

(1) the **breakaway** faction of the political party, (2) the **breakaway** goal

The leader of the **breakaway** group was a former high-ranking member of the original organization.

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym : democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art

The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

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.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

saboteur

n. a person who engages in sabotage, which involves damaging, disrupting, or undermining a process, system, organization, or cause, often for political or ideological reasons

synonym: wrecker, infiltrator, troublemaker

(1) **saboteur** activities, (2) social **saboteur**

As an industrial **saboteur**, his job was infiltrating rival companies and disrupting their operations.

troublemaker

n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

synonym: troublemonger, instigator, agitator

(1) **troublemaker** kid, (2) accused **troublemaker**

The teacher had to reprimand the **troublemaker** in class constantly.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym: damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

ambiguity

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym:

uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing
The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

irrelevant

adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important

synonym: unrelated, immaterial, extrinsic

(1) an **irrelevant** thought, (2) do something **irrelevant**
They removed **irrelevant** content from the slides.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident
We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**
The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact
We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

short-sighted

adj. lacking foresight or consideration for future consequences; not planning or preparing adequately for something that will happen in the future

synonym: short-term, myopic, nearsighted

(1) **short-sighted** decision, (2) **short-sighted** politician
His **short-sighted** approach to the situation cost him more in the long run.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude;
(in chemistry) a process in which one or more
substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the
groundwater.

impulsive

adj. acting suddenly without any planning and without
considering the effects they may have

synonym : abrupt, hasty, capricious

(1) an **impulsive** force, (2) do **impulsive** buying

He regrets the **impulsive** behavior he took in his drunken
state.

consequent

adj. resulting or following as a result of something else;
(noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from
something else

synonym : resulting, following, logical

(1) **consequent** increase, (2) the fallacy of affirming the
consequent

The increase in demand for the product led to a **consequent**
rise in its price.

brand

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

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym : elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

quarterly

adj. happening every three months

synonym : every three months, three-monthly

(1) **quarterly** publication, (2) **quarterly** review

The company released its **quarterly** earnings report.

clarify

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

synonym : explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

synonym : aid, assist, help

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

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

policy

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

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

whatsoever

adv. not at all; no matter what

synonym : in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**

He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

hunt

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

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

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

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

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

apologize

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

synonym: excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

sincere

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

synonym: earnest, fervent, candid

(1) a **sincere** man, (2) express **sincere** regret

Please accept my **sincere** condolences on your friend's death.

apology

n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

synonym: regret, excuse, plea

(1) genuine **apology**, (2) accept his **apology**

She wrote a letter of **apology** to the renter.

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym: bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

cede

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

synonym : surrender, relinquish, yield

(1) **cede** power, (2) **cede** custody of the kids

The landowner agreed to **cede** part of his property to the government for the public good.

dedication

n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

synonym : devotion, faithfulness, loyalty

(1) **dedication** to public service, (2) **dedication** ceremony

We are very impressed with your strong **dedication** to quality.

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

synonym : composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership

Product development is a **collective** effort.

openly

adv. without hiding any of your feelings, opinions, or facts; frankly and trustfully

synonym : honestly, blatantly, candidly

(1) **openly** break the law, (2) **openly** discuss disagreement

He **openly** apologized for his mistake.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

poorest

adj. having the least wealth or resources

synonym : impecunious, penniless, least

(1) **poorest** of the poor, (2) **poorest** area

The **poorest** countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.

corps

n. a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe

synonym : body, group, organization

(1) airborne **corps**, (2) **corps** artillery

The **corps** arrived at the front lines just in time to reinforce the exhausted soldiers.

forth

adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand

I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

provocation

n. action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired

synonym : agitation, incitement, stimulus

(1) **provocation** tactics, (2) verbal **provocation**

The politician's speech was seen as a **provocation** to the opposition party.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**
Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

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.

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.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym : pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

secured

adj. fixed or fastened firmly in place; made safe or protected from harm or danger

synonym : safe, protected, guaranteed

(1) **secured** loans, (2) **secured** credit card

The **secured** room was only accessible with a special key card.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym: behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research
Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

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

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

breach

n. a break or opening, often in a wall or barrier, which enables passage or entry; a violation or infraction of a law, agreement, or duty, often resulting in legal action or punishment

synonym: violation, infraction, trespass

(1) security **breach**, (2) **breach** of privacy

The company's data **breach** compromised thousands of customers' personal information.

opponent

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

synonym: adversary, competitor, enemy

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

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

offensive

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

synonym: disrespectful, abusive, attacking

(1) assume the **offensive**, (2) an **offensive** smell

His **offensive** philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym: govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

vector

n. a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease

synonym: carrier, transporter, conveyor

(1) disease **vector**, (2) a **vector** operation

The mosquito is a common **vector** for many diseases, including malaria and Zika.

trend

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

synonym : direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television
The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym : purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

philosophy

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

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

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

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym : discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

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.

conditional

adj. depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions

synonym : contingent, dependent, provisional

(1) **conditional** offer, (2) **conditional** release

The **conditional** statement in the program tells the computer what to do next.

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.

spontaneously

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

synonym : impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

commander

n. a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force

synonym : leader, captain, officer

(1) **commander** in chief, (2) police **commander**

The military **commander** led their troops into battle with precision and strategic planning.

wage

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

synonym : payment, compensation, salary

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

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer
The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym : plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box
He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

fictional

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

synonym : imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text
The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

condolence

n. sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation

synonym : sympathy, compassion, consolation

(1) express **condolences**, (2) sincere **condolences**
Sending a **condolence** card is a small gesture that can bring comfort to someone who is grieving.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes
The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

combat

n. a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force

synonym : battle, fight, warfare

(1) **combat** zone, (2) hand-to-hand **combat**

The veteran was honored for his service in **combat**.

gamely

adv. in a spirited, brave, or determined manner; with enthusiasm or good sportsmanship

synonym : bravely, boldly, valiantly

(1) **gamely** accept, (2) **gamely** compete

Despite the injury, he **gamely** continued playing in the basketball game.

gloat

v. to express or feel great pleasure or satisfaction in one's success or good fortune, often at the expense of others; to rub in or show off in a boastful or taunting manner

synonym : boast, brag, crow

(1) **gloat** over my success, (2) **gloat** with satisfaction

After winning the championship, he couldn't help but **gloat** about his victory to his opponents.

occurrence

n. an event, incident, or happening; something that happens or takes place

synonym : event, incident, happening

(1) rare **occurrence**, (2) frequent **occurrence**

The doctor said that the **occurrence** of these symptoms may indicate a more serious condition.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym : coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym: betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

evident

adj. apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment

synonym: apparent, noticeable, obvious

(1) **evident** to all, (2) plainly **evident**

With **evident** joy, he signed his name.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym: genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously **authentic**

session

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

synonym: conference, gathering

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

Parliament is now in **session**.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

calculate

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

synonym: compute, figure, estimate

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

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

fiscal

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

synonym: financial, monetary, economic

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

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

approaching

adj. drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something

synonym: nearing, approaching, getting closer

(1) **approaching** deadline, (2) **approaching** retirement

The **approaching** storm clouds filled the sky with ominous darkness.

cutoff

n. a point or level beyond which something will not be tolerated or allowed; the act of stopping or interrupting the supply of something

synonym: limit, threshold, boundary

(1) **cutoff** frequency, (2) a **cutoff** point

The **cutoff** date for submitting applications was fast approaching.

despair

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**
His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town
I don't want to **settle** for second best.

dejected

adj. feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence;
disheartened; depressed

synonym: downcast, disheartened, depressed

(1) look **dejected**, (2) a **dejected** expression

After receiving a rejection letter from the job interview, she
felt **dejected** and hopeless.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a
hand, especially in a violent way

synonym: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

convene

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a
meeting or activity

synonym: assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council

The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

scream

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

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

dossier

n. a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes

synonym: file, record, folder

(1) confidential **dossier**, (2) compile a **dossier** on the suspect

The detective examined the **dossier** of evidence, trying to piece together the case details.

gesticulate

v. to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures

synonym: signal, indicate, gesture

(1) **gesticulate** to communicate with friends, (2) **gesticulate** with his hands

The speaker **gesticulated** wildly as they spoke, emphasizing their words.

principal

adj. most important, main, or chief

synonym: main, leading, chief

(1) **principal** actor, (2) **principal** responsible

The **principal** reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

donation

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

synonym: contribution, gift, subsidy

(1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**

He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

spontaneous

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

synonym: willing, impulsive, intuitive

(1) a **spontaneous** behavior, (2) **spontaneous** labor

The crowd broke out into **spontaneous** laughter.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym: pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

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

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

unpredictable

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

synonym: uncertain, variable, random

(1) dangerously **unpredictable** person, (2) **unpredictable** outcome

The weather in this region is often **unpredictable**, with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

economy

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

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

warfare

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

synonym : combat, fighting, conflict

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

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

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.

bloodless

adj. lacking any evidence of violence, injury, or blood; figuratively, lacking emotional or visceral impact or intensity

synonym : anemic, pallid, ashen

(1) **bloodless** medicine, (2) **bloodless** battlefield

The surgery was performed with such precision that it was a nearly **bloodless** procedure.

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**.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

synonym: benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. fa___e relief | <i>n.</i> a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons |
| 2. make a do____on | <i>n.</i> a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them |
| 3. ges_____te with his hands | <i>v.</i> to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures |
| 4. an au_____ic signature | <i>adj.</i> known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy |
| 5. a place of so____n | <i>v.</i> to stay for a short time in a particular place; (noun) a temporary stay |
| 6. increase in the minimum w__e | <i>n.</i> a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services |
| 7. a we__d dress | <i>adj.</i> extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain |
| 8. a ch____al compound | <i>adj.</i> relating to or connected with chemistry; |
| 9. sp____l ability | <i>adj.</i> of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things |
| 10. a go____s of beauty | <i>n.</i> a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored |
| 11. financial cr____s | <i>n.</i> a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken |

ANSWERS: 1. famine, 2. donation, 3. gesticulate, 4. authentic, 5. sojourn, 6. wage, 7. weird, 8. chemical, 9. spatial, 10. goddess, 11. crisis

12. big mu____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
13. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
14. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
15. se_____te by race *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
16. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
17. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
18. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
19. gl__t over my success *v.* to express or feel great pleasure or satisfaction in one's success or good fortune, often at the expense of others; to rub in or show off in a boastful or taunting manner
20. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
21. an of_____ve smell *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

ANSWERS: 12. mustache, 13. conversation, 14. intense, 15. segregate, 16. wealth, 17. generation, 18. intention, 19. gloat, 20. negotiation, 21. offensive

22. app_____ng retirement *adj.* drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something
23. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
24. have the in_____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
25. cl_____y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
26. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
27. pu__y off-shore winds *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
28. a cultured pe__l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
29. the sets were meticulously au_____ic *adj.* known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy
30. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
31. la__r of paint *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
32. social sa_____ur *n.* a person who engages in sabotage, which involves damaging, disrupting, or undermining a process, system, organization, or cause, often for political or ideological reasons

ANSWERS: 22. approaching, 23. despair, 24. inventive, 25. clarify, 26. despair, 27. puffy, 28. pearl, 29. authentic, 30. unexpected, 31. layer, 32. saboteur

33. member of the ca_____t *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
34. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
35. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
36. 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
37. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
38. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
39. cooking rep_____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
40. ded_____on to public service *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

ANSWERS: 33. cabinet, 34. peel, 35. decision, 36. reserve, 37. relation, 38. engagement, 39. repertoire, 40. dedication

41. fi_____al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
42. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
43. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
44. op____y discuss disagreement *adv.* without hiding any of your feelings, opinions, or facts; frankly and trustfully
45. do im_____ve buying *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
46. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
47. an irr_____nt thought *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
48. co____n cloth *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
49. c__e custody of the kids *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
50. op____y break the law *adv.* without hiding any of your feelings, opinions, or facts; frankly and trustfully
51. frequent occ_____ce *n.* an event, incident, or happening; something that happens or takes place
52. fi___l policy *adj.* relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters

ANSWERS: 41. fictional, 42. critic, 43. visionary, 44. openly, 45. impulsive, 46. environment, 47. irrelevant, 48. cotton, 49. cede, 50. openly, 51. occurrence, 52. fiscal

53. po____t area *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
54. nuclear pro_____ion *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
55. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
56. dangerously unp_____ble person *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
57. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
58. recover spo_____sly after five days *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
59. express con_____ces *n.* sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation
60. sa_____ur activities *n.* a person who engages in sabotage, which involves damaging, disrupting, or undermining a process, system, organization, or cause, often for political or ideological reasons
61. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
62. a de_____ed expression *adj.* feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence; disheartened; depressed

ANSWERS: 53. poorest, 54. proliferation, 55. par, 56. unpredictable, 57. degree, 58. spontaneously, 59. condolence, 60. saboteur, 61. troop, 62. dejected

63. vi_____ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
64. sincere con_____ces *n.* sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation
65. immediate sup_____or *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
66. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
67. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
68. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
69. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
70. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
71. silk r__e *n.* a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire
72. ga___y accept *adv.* in a spirited, brave, or determined manner; with enthusiasm or good sportsmanship
73. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 63. visionary, 64. condolence, 65. supervisor, 66. trend, 67. disappear, 68. defend, 69. overlook, 70. reaction, 71. robe, 72. gamely, 73. immerse

74. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
75. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
76. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
77. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
78. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
79. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
80. pu__y eyes *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
81. school sup_____ent *n.* a person who is responsible for the management or supervision of a particular organization, institution, or system, especially in an educational or public service context
82. rare occ_____ce *n.* an event, incident, or happening; something that happens or takes place
83. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
84. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 74. literally, 75. commit, 76. flash, 77. forth, 78. coal, 79. misinformation,

80. puffy, 81. superintendent, 82. occurrence, 83. passe, 84. policy

85. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
86. grip ha_____ar *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
87. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
88. int_____ent Wi-Fi *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic
89. so___n in the historical city *v.* to stay for a short time in a particular place; (noun) a temporary stay
90. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
91. express si___e regret *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
92. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
93. the ca___t above the sink *n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
94. pediatric de_____ry *n.* the branch of medicine that is concerned with the study, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases, disorders, and conditions of the oral cavity and associated structures, including teeth, gums, and jaws; the profession or practice of a dentist

ANSWERS: 85. critic, 86. handlebar, 87. misinformation, 88. intermittent, 89. sojourn, 90. toy, 91. sincere, 92. pearl, 93. cabinet, 94. dentistry

95. the ch__l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
96. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
97. top of the ri__e *n.* a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation
98. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
99. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
100. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
101. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
102. ma_____l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
103. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
104. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
105. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
106. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 95. chill, 96. minister, 97. ridge, 98. upset, 99. decision, 100. disaster, 101. trillion, 102. magical, 103. mess, 104. grade, 105. march, 106. dominate

107. int_____ing mechanism *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
108. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
109. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
110. spiritual enl_____ent *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
111. po_____t of the poor *adj.* having the least wealth or resources
112. a si_____e man *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
113. pr_____al responsible *adj.* most important, main, or chief
114. musical rep_____re *n.* the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something
115. boys in the twelfth gr___e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
116. number of mi_____ty students *n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age
117. et___c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

ANSWERS: 107. interlocking, 108. degree, 109. filmmaker, 110. enlightenment, 111. poorest, 112. sincere, 113. principal, 114. repertoire, 115. grade, 116. minority, 117. ethnic

118. a GPS sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.
119. c__e power *v.* to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority
120. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
121. p__o championship *n.* a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
122. pl_____as partition *n.* a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums
123. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
124. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
125. cut_____dge molecular biology *adj.* being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity
126. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

ANSWERS: 118. satellite, 119. cede, 120. upset, 121. polo, 122. plexiglas, 123. disappear, 124. propose, 125. cutting-edge, 126. deny

127. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
128. di_____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
129. ri_____y chair *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
130. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
131. security br___h *n.* a break or opening, often in a wall or barrier, which enables passage or entry; a violation or infraction of a law, agreement, or duty, often resulting in legal action or punishment
132. h__l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
133. the re_____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
134. unp_____ble outcome *adj.* not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain
135. an im_____ve force *adj.* acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have

ANSWERS: 127. asset, 128. dispute, 129. rickety, 130. collective, 131. breach, 132. heel, 133. republic, 134. unpredictable, 135. impulsive

136. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
137. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
138. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
139. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
140. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
141. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
142. app_____ng deadline *adj.* drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something
143. car with ma___l transmissions *adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject
144. im_____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

ANSWERS: 136. fortunate, 137. convention, 138. essentially, 139. beard, 140. conversation, 141. economy, 142. approaching, 143. manual, 144. immerse

145. ov____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
146. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
147. ele____ry level *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
148. an imp____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
149. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
150. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
151. la__r cake *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
152. plainly ev____t *adj.* apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
153. 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

ANSWERS: 145. overlook, 146. troop, 147. elementary, 148. impressive, 149. quest, 150. wage, 151. layer, 152. evident, 153. reserve

154. a high-te_____n wire *n.* a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight
155. the ee__e whistle of dropping bombs *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
156. fashion me____r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
157. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
158. a gray mu_____he *n.* an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip
159. end_____ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
160. exp_____tal data *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
161. fo_____ll trail *n.* a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area
162. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
163. the br_____ay goal *n.* a sudden separation or detachment from a larger group or body, often associated with swift movement or action to gain independence or escape; a type of goal or score in sports where a player breaks away from defenders to have a clear shot at the opposing team's goal

ANSWERS: 154. tension, 155. eerie, 156. mentor, 157. platform, 158. mustache, 159.

endangered, 160. experimental, 161. foothill, 162. avert, 163. breakaway

164. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
165. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
166. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
167. Euclidean ge_____ry *n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
168. compile a do_____r on the suspect *n.* a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes
169. plastic d___l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
170. ur___n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
171. co_____e the council *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
172. w_y observation *adj.* using or expressing dry or ironic humor, often with a twisted or distorted facial expression

ANSWERS: 164. undermine, 165. scream, 166. nation, 167. geometry, 168. dossier, 169. doll, 170. urban, 171. convene, 172. wry

173. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
174. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
175. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
176. political do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
177. ele_____ry math *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
178. co___t zone *n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force
179. fac_____te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
180. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
181. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 173. crisis, 174. instruction, 175. prime, 176. donation, 177. elementary, 178. combat, 179. facilitate, 180. compassion, 181. structure

182. an oil con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
183. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
184. hand-to-hand co____t *n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force
185. se____e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
186. wa_____e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
187. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
188. cosmetic de_____ry *n.* the branch of medicine that is concerned with the study, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases, disorders, and conditions of the oral cavity and associated structures, including teeth, gums, and jaws; the profession or practice of a dentist
189. a fountain of wi____m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
190. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession

ANSWERS: 182. concession, 183. standing, 184. combat, 185. settle, 186. warfare, 187. conduct, 188. dentistry, 189. wisdom, 190. filmmaker

191. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
192. ma_____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
193. verbal pro_____on *n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired
194. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
195. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
196. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
197. look de_____ed *adj.* feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence; disheartened; depressed
198. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
199. a ve___r operation *n.* a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease

ANSWERS: 191. grab, 192. magical, 193. provocation, 194. rural, 195. propose, 196. president, 197. dejected, 198. president, 199. vector

200. tr____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
201. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
202. h__l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
203. co_____e a press conference *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
204. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
205. have com_____on toward the accident *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
206. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
207. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
208. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
209. a meteorological sa_____te *n.* an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

ANSWERS: 200. trillion, 201. evolve, 202. heel, 203. convene, 204. convention, 205. compassion, 206. suit, 207. conduct, 208. literally, 209. satellite

210. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
211. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
212. un_____ea habitat *adj.* located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea
213. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
214. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
215. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
216. qu_____ly review *adj.* happening every three months
217. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
218. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
219. free from am_____ty *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
220. fac_____te the process *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen

ANSWERS: 210. complexity, 211. introduction, 212. undersea, 213. flash, 214. undermine, 215. deny, 216. quarterly, 217. famine, 218. generation, 219. ambiguity, 220. facilitate

221. a su_____ne volcano *n.* a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea
222. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
223. fo_____ll region *n.* a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area
224. police co_____er *n.* a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force
225. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
226. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
227. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

ANSWERS: 221. submarine, 222. prime, 223. foothill, 224. commander, 225. fir, 226. military, 227. lever

228. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
229. a co___y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
230. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
231. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
232. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
233. con_____nt increase *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
234. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
235. as_____id explorer *n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

ANSWERS: 228. doll, 229. colony, 230. stud, 231. structure, 232. shock, 233. consequent, 234. urban, 235. asteroid

236. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
237. spiritual wa_____e *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
238. do something irr_____nt *adj.* not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
239. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
240. look at the ma____l *adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject
241. flexible pl_____d *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
242. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
243. the ri__e of the nose *n.* a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation
244. ca_____te his credit score *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
245. ter_____al integrity *adj.* related to a specific country's ownership of land or water

ANSWERS: 236. forth, 237. warfare, 238. irrelevant, 239. coal, 240. manual, 241. plywood, 242. toy, 243. ridge, 244. calculate, 245. territorial

246. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
247. cl_____y a goal *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
248. my_____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
249. bl_____ss battlefield *adj.* lacking any evidence of violence, injury, or blood; figuratively, lacking emotional or visceral impact or intensity
250. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
251. on his own be____f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
252. computer op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
253. te_____te file *n.* a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
254. the pro_____ion of social media *n.* a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
255. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
256. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

ANSWERS: 246. grab, 247. clarify, 248. mystical, 249. bloodless, 250. fuel, 251. behalf, 252. opponent, 253. template, 254. proliferation, 255. modern, 256. gore

257. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
258. te_____te design *n.* a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
259. an___l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
260. sup_____or of elections *n.* a person who oversees or directs the work of others
261. the br___d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
262. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
263. neg_____on skills *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
264. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
265. a spo_____us behavior *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

ANSWERS: 257. random, 258. template, 259. angel, 260. supervisor, 261. brand, 262. insight, 263. negotiation, 264. sacrifice, 265. spontaneous

266. su_____ne cable *n.* a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea
267. con_____ion of trial *n.* the act of carrying something on over time without interruption
268. sho_____ted decision *adj.* lacking foresight or consideration for future consequences; not planning or preparing adequately for something that will happen in the future
269. con_____ion ceremony *n.* the act of carrying something on over time without interruption
270. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
271. ee__e silence *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
272. w_y smile *adj.* using or expressing dry or ironic humor, often with a twisted or distorted facial expression
273. without impact wha_____er *adv.* not at all; no matter what
274. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
275. confidential do_____r *n.* a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes

ANSWERS: 266. submarine, 267. continuation, 268. short-sighted, 269. continuation, 270. lever, 271. eerie, 272. wry, 273. whatsoever, 274. plow, 275. dossier

276. ges_____te to communicate with friends
v. to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures
277. sup_____ent office
n. a person who is responsible for the management or supervision of a particular organization, institution, or system, especially in an educational or public service context
278. cyclonic des_____on
n. the act of causing so much damage to something
279. as___s a tax of 10 pounds
v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
280. a ra___m choice
adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
281. ev_____t to all
adj. apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
282. col_____ve ownership
adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people
283. pr_____al actor
adj. most important, main, or chief
284. shave my be__d
n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
285. create a br__d logo
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 276. gesticulate, 277. superintendent, 278. destruction, 279. assess, 280. random, 281. evident, 282. collective, 283. principal, 284. beard, 285. brand

286. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
287. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
288. a mi_____ty position *n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age
289. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
290. se_____ry general *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
291. feel a slight ch__l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
292. death-penalty op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
293. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
294. on be___f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
295. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 286. tweet, 287. yell, 288. minority, 289. philosophy, 290. secretary, 291. chill, 292. opponent, 293. inspiration, 294. behalf, 295. amazing

296. p__o shirt *n.* a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
297. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
298. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
299. re_____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
300. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
301. the br_____ay faction of the political party *n.* a sudden separation or detachment from a larger group or body, often associated with swift movement or action to gain independence or escape; a type of goal or score in sports where a player breaks away from defenders to have a clear shot at the opposing team's goal
302. the ma___x of Western civilization *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
303. a legal di_____e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

ANSWERS: 296. polo, 297. scream, 298. fortunate, 299. republic, 300. weird, 301. breakaway, 302. matrix, 303. dispute

304. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
305. te_____n headache *n.* a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight
306. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
307. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
308. a cu___f point *n.* a point or level beyond which something will not be tolerated or allowed; the act of stopping or interrupting the supply of something
309. con_____al release *adj.* depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions
310. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
311. fertile fa_____nd *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
312. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
313. airborne co__s *n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe

ANSWERS: 304. fir, 305. tension, 306. quest, 307. creative, 308. cutoff, 309. conditional, 310. technological, 311. farmland, 312. complexity, 313. corps

314. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
315. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
316. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
317. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
318. give properties by te_____nt *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
319. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
320. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
321. hand ge_____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
322. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
323. se_____d loans *adj.* fixed or fastened firmly in place; made safe or protected from harm or danger
324. en_____or to succeed *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
325. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

ANSWERS: 314. asset, 315. engagement, 316. rural, 317. trend, 318. testament, 319. disaster, 320. unexpected, 321. gesture, 322. operate, 323. secured, 324. endeavor, 325. stun

326. con_____al offer *adj.* depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions
327. int_____ing braid *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
328. spo_____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
329. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
330. wha_____er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
331. plant a co____y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
332. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
333. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
334. pl_____as window *n.* a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums
335. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
336. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 326. conditional, 327. interlocking, 328. spontaneous, 329. march, 330. whatsoever, 331. colony, 332. debt, 333. situ, 334. plexiglas, 335. county, 336. environment

337. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
338. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
339. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
340. genuine ap____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
341. co__s artillery *n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
342. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
343. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
344. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
345. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
346. non-fi_____al text *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

ANSWERS: 337. stud, 338. commit, 339. mess, 340. apology, 341. corps, 342. surround, 343. peel, 344. technological, 345. evolution, 346. fictional

347. exp_____tal design *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
348. av__t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
349. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
350. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
351. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
352. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
353. sp__l a bit of wine *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
354. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
355. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
356. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 347. experimental, 348. avert, 349. impressive, 350. suit, 351. platform, 352. commerce, 353. spill, 354. chemical, 355. destruction, 356. economy

357. fa____nd acreage *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
358. gl__t with satisfaction *v.* to express or feel great pleasure or satisfaction in one's success or good fortune, often at the expense of others; to rub in or show off in a boastful or taunting manner
359. me____r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
360. the morning se____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
361. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
362. se____d credit card *adj.* fixed or fastened firmly in place; made safe or protected from harm or danger
363. ded____on ceremony *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
364. ha____e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
365. te____nt to the superior quality *n.* a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else
366. tro____ker kid *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

ANSWERS: 357. farmland, 358. gloat, 359. mentor, 360. session, 361. nation, 362. secured, 363. dedication, 364. handle, 365. testament, 366. troublemaker

367. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
368. br___h of privacy *n.* a break or opening, often in a wall or barrier, which enables passage or entry; a violation or infraction of a law, agreement, or duty, often resulting in legal action or punishment
369. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
370. int_____ve experience *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
371. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
372. ter_____al aggression *adj.* related to a specific country's ownership of land or water
373. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
374. st__e blankly *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
375. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
376. sp__l my heart *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

ANSWERS: 367. gore, 368. breach, 369. passe, 370. interactive, 371. wealth, 372. territorial, 373. suddenly, 374. stare, 375. inspiration, 376. spill

377. maternal li____e *n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
378. ri____y structure *adj.* wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse
379. ge____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
380. sp____l distribution *adj.* of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things
381. st____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
382. sp____al leader *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
383. pa____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
384. a profound in____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
385. chemical re____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
386. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 377. lineage, 378. rickety, 379. gesture, 380. spatial, 381. standing, 382. spiritual, 383. patient, 384. insight, 385. reaction, 386. shock

387. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
388. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
389. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
390. un_____ea earthquake *adj.* located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea
391. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
392. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
393. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
394. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
395. single et___c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
396. pro_____on tactics *n.* action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired
397. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
398. winged go_____s of victory *n.* a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

ANSWERS: 387. hunt, 388. debt, 389. relation, 390. undersea, 391. amazing, 392. defend, 393. dominate, 394. endangered, 395. ethnic, 396. provocation, 397. creative, 398. goddess

399. qu_____ly publication *adj.* happening every three months
400. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
401. se_____te boys and girls *v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
402. student ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
403. make a con_____on *n.* something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park
404. co_____er in chief *n.* a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force
405. this shift occurs spo_____sly *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
406. the fallacy of affirming the
con_____nt *adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else

ANSWERS: 399. quarterly, 400. evolve, 401. segregate, 402. achievement, 403. concession, 404. commander, 405. spontaneously, 406. consequent

407. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
408. the court se____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
409. pl__d a political cause *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
410. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
411. a remarkable ach____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
412. spherical ge____ry *n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
413. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
414. accused tro____ker *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
415. en____or as much as possible *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 407. yell, 408. session, 409. plead, 410. policy, 411. achievement, 412. geometry, 413. military, 414. troublemaker, 415. endeavor

416. fi___l year *adj.* relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters
417. cu___f frequency *n.* a point or level beyond which something will not be tolerated or allowed; the act of stopping or interrupting the supply of something
418. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
419. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
420. deputy prime mi____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
421. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
422. disease ve___r *n.* a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease
423. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
424. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 416. fiscal, 417. cutoff, 418. supple, 419. wisdom, 420. minister, 421. situ, 422. vector, 423. suddenly, 424. supple

425. a confidential se_____ry *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
426. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
427. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
428. culture of co____n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
429. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
430. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
431. taste se_____on *n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement
432. ga___y compete *adv.* in a spirited, brave, or determined manner; with enthusiasm or good sportsmanship
433. assume the of_____ve *adj.* rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

ANSWERS: 425. secretary, 426. nuclear, 427. operate, 428. cotton, 429. surround, 430. fuel, 431. sensation, 432. gamely, 433. offensive

434. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
435. pl_____d furniture *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
436. avoid am_____ty in writing *n.* the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning
437. an int_____ve device *adj.* acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
438. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
439. as____s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
440. accept his ap_____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
441. velvet r__e *n.* a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire
442. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
443. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 434. philosophy, 435. plywood, 436. ambiguity, 437. interactive, 438. commerce, 439. assess, 440. apology, 441. robe, 442. essentially, 443. sacrifice

444. ma___x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
445. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
446. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
447. 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
448. bl_____ss medicine *adj.* lacking any evidence of violence, injury, or blood; figuratively, lacking emotional or visceral impact or intensity
449. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
450. fallen an__l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
451. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
452. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
453. constant sp_____al striving *adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
454. int_____ent fever *adj.* occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic

ANSWERS: 444. matrix, 445. apologize, 446. intention, 447. discuss, 448. bloodless, 449. hunt, 450. angel, 451. evolution, 452. apologize, 453. spiritual, 454. intermittent

455. sho_____ted politician *adj.* lacking foresight or consideration for future consequences; not planning or preparing adequately for something that will happen in the future
456. cut_____dge design *adj.* being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity
457. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
458. give a menacing st___e *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
459. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
460. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
461. deeply p___w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
462. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
463. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 455. short-sighted, 456. cutting-edge, 457. mystical, 458. stare, 459. par, 460. modern, 461. plow, 462. settle, 463. patient

464. ca_____te the distance *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
465. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
466. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
467. li_____e tree *n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
468. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
469. ha_____ar mustache *n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
470. pl__d for mercy *v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
471. nu_____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
472. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
473. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
474. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 464. calculate, 465. stun, 466. intense, 467. lineage, 468. enlightenment, 469. handlebar, 470. plead, 471. nuclear, 472. handle, 473. inventive, 474. tweet

475. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
476. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
477. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
478. cause a widespread se_____on *n.* a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement
479. as_____id mining *n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
480. 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

ANSWERS: 475. introduction, 476. instruction, 477. county, 478. sensation, 479. asteroid, 480. discuss

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

2. The politician's speech was seen as a _____ to the opposition party.
n. action or speech that intentionally causes someone to become angry, irritated, or frustrated; a reason or motive for something, often negative or undesired

3. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

4. The chef's _____ of dishes includes both classic and innovative recipes.
n. the range or variety of skills, abilities, performances, or works that a person or group is capable of producing or performing; the entire body of works that is available to an individual or group to choose from when performing or producing something

5. The movie theater offered a special _____ for seniors on Tuesdays.
n. something that is granted or given up, often in a negotiation or argument; a place or stand where goods or services are sold or provided, often in a public setting such as a stadium or amusement park

6. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

7. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.
n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services

ANSWERS: 1. operate, 2. provocation, 3. reaction, 4. repertoire, 5. concession, 6. shock, 7. wages

8. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
9. Ethics is a branch of _____.
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
10. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
11. The surgery was performed with such precision that it was a nearly _____ procedure.
adj. lacking any evidence of violence, injury, or blood; figuratively, lacking emotional or visceral impact or intensity
12. He regrets the _____ behavior he took in his drunken state.
adj. acting suddenly without any planning and without considering the effects they may have
13. The company's data _____ compromised thousands of customers' personal information.
n. a break or opening, often in a wall or barrier, which enables passage or entry; a violation or infraction of a law, agreement, or duty, often resulting in legal action or punishment
14. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.
v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

ANSWERS: 8. trillion, 9. philosophy, 10. military, 11. bloodless, 12. impulsive, 13. breach, 14. undermine

15. Manufacturing companies use large sheets of _____ to make furniture and fixtures.
- n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
16. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.
- v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
17. The ship will not enter Chinese _____ seas.
- adj.* related to a specific country's ownership of land or water
18. The _____ statement in the program tells the computer what to do next.
- adj.* depending on a specific condition or circumstance; imposed or subject to certain conditions or restrictions
19. Product development is a _____ effort.
- adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
20. The street was entirely silent and a bit _____.
- adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
21. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
22. This _____ has never been formally accepted.
- n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
23. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the _____.
- n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

ANSWERS: 15. plywood, 16. peeled, 17. territorial, 18. conditional, 19. collective, 20. eerie, 21. grade, 22. achievement, 23. plow

24. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.

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

25. The wizard's _____ was embroidered with golden stars and moons.

n. a loose-fitting garment, typically a long flowing outer garment, often worn as a ceremonial or formal attire

26. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

27. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

28. The festival was held in honor of the harvest _____.

n. a female god, especially in ancient mythology; a woman who is worshipped or adored

29. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

30. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

31. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

ANSWERS: 24. endangered, 25. robe, 26. filmmaker, 27. cotton, 28. goddess, 29. nuclear, 30. chill, 31. farmland

32. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
33. The doctor said that the _____ of these symptoms may indicate a more serious condition.
- n.* an event, incident, or happening; something that happens or takes place
34. The veteran was honored for his service in _____.
- n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force
35. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
36. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
- adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
37. The _____ reason for the company's success is its innovative products.
- adj.* most important, main, or chief
38. The increase in demand for the product led to a _____ rise in its price.
- adj.* resulting or following as a result of something else; (noun) something that is logical or naturally follows from something else
39. She wore high _____ to the party.
- n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

ANSWERS: 32. wealth, 33. occurrence, 34. combat, 35. decision, 36. Technological, 37. principal, 38. consequent, 39. heels

40. The oil price continued their downward _____.
- n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
41. They met at biennial _____.
- n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
42. I couldn't help but grin at his ____ sense of humor.
- adj.* using or expressing dry or ironic humor, often with a twisted or distorted facial expression
43. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.
- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
44. After graduating, he decided to _____ in Europe for a few months before starting work.
- v.* to stay for a short time in a particular place; (noun) a temporary stay
45. My bike's _____ is loose and needs to be tightened before I can ride it safely.
- n.* a horizontal bar or rod attached to the front fork of a bicycle, motorcycle, or other vehicles, used as a handle for steering the vehicle
46. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.
- n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
47. I don't want to _____ for second best.
- v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

ANSWERS: 40. trend, 41. conventions, 42. wry, 43. coal, 44. sojourn, 45. handlebar, 46. negotiation, 47. settle

48. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.
- n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
49. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern _____ tactics.
- n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
50. 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
51. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
- adj.* having good luck or lucky
52. The school board decided to _____ students by the ability to meet their needs better.
- v.* to separate or set apart from others, often based on race, gender, or some other characteristic
53. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.
- n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
54. 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

ANSWERS: 48. secretary, 49. warfare, 50. environment, 51. fortunate, 52. segregate, 53. matrix, 54. situ

55. The company released its _____ earnings report.

adj. happening every three months

56. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

57. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

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

58. 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

59. He was attempting to confuse his _____.

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

60. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

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

61. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

62. Shares in the company finally fell below their _____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

ANSWERS: 55. quarterly, 56. random, 57. structure, 58. disaster, 59. opponent, 60. degree, 61. beard, 62. par

63. The electrical cord _____ combusted.

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

64. This sprinter _____ the world with his speed.

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

65. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

66. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

67. He carefully determined the _____ relations of every piece of the stage set.

adj. of or relating space and the position, area, and size of things

68. The present economic policy is a _____ of the preceding one.

n. the act of carrying something on over time without interruption

69. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

70. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

71. Please accept my _____ condolences on your friend's death.

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

ANSWERS: 63. spontaneously, 64. stunned, 65. urban, 66. unexpected, 67. spatial, 68. continuation, 69. asset, 70. visionary, 71. sincere

72. His wealth is a _____ to his success.

n. a thing that proves the existence or truth of something else

73. The detective examined the _____ of evidence, trying to piece together the case details.

n. a collection or file of documents, information, or records compiled about a particular person, subject, or event, often used for investigative or background purposes

74. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

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

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

76. The government is facing a _____ crisis due to high levels of debt.

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

77. 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

78. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

ANSWERS: 72. testament, 73. dossier, 74. colony, 75. brand, 76. fiscal, 77. crisis, 78. spontaneous

79. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
80. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
81. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
- n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
82. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
- v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
83. The _____ room was only accessible with a special key card.
- adj.* fixed or fastened firmly in place; made safe or protected from harm or danger
84. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
- n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
85. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
86. After winning the championship, he couldn't help but _____ about his victory to his opponents.
- v.* to express or feel great pleasure or satisfaction in one's success or good fortune, often at the expense of others; to rub in or show off in a boastful or taunting manner

ANSWERS: 79. economy, 80. passe, 81. famine, 82. handle, 83. secured, 84.

sacrifice, 85. president, 86. gloat

87. His cheeks looked _____ after he overate junk food.

adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;

88. The mosquito is a common _____ for many diseases, including malaria and Zika.

n. a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease

89. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

90. 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

91. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

92. The parliament will _____ at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

93. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

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

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

ANSWERS: 87. puffy, 88. vector, 89. angel, 90. discuss, 91. lever, 92. convene, 93. inventive, 94. asteroid

95. 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
96. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
97. I gave witness on her _____.
n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
98. 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.
99. He became in _____ after losing his job.
n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
100. He made a generous _____ to the charity.
n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
101. With _____ joy, he signed his name.
adj. apparent to the mind, senses, or judgment
102. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 95. nation, 96. evolved, 97. behalf, 98. defend, 99. debt, 100. donation, 101. evident, 102. magical

103. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
104. The meditation class was focused on finding inner peace and cultivating a more _____ connection with the universe.
- adj.* relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things
105. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.
- n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
106. The prime minister decided to reshuffle his _____ to regain support.
- n.* a piece of furniture with doors, shelves, and drawers used for storage or display; a small group of senior members of a government who act as official advisers for the President or Prime Minister
107. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
- n.* a long or challenging search for something
108. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
- n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
109. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
- v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
110. He couldn't help but _____ at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.
- v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

ANSWERS: 103. critics, 104. spiritual, 105. republic, 106. cabinet, 107. quest, 108. troop, 109. marched, 110. stare

111. The stages of the play were meticulously _____

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

112. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

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

113. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

114. The _____ rain made it difficult to plan a picnic.

adj. occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous or steady; stopping and starting periodically; sporadic

115. The _____ arrived at the front lines just in time to reinforce the exhausted soldiers.

n. a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe

116. The product is still in the _____ stage.

adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

117. The police tried to _____ the facts concerning her death.

v. to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

118. The _____ shield protected the workers from flying debris.

n. a transparent plastic material that is often used as a substitute for glass in various applications, such as airplane windows and aquariums

ANSWERS: 111. authentic, 112. screaming, 113. flash, 114. intermittent, 115. corps, 116. experimental, 117. clarify, 118. plexiglass

119. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

120. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

121. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

122. This machine cuts metal by _____ control.

adj. done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject

123. I have to check with my _____ before making any changes.

n. a person who oversees or directs the work of others

124. The actor's _____ has become an icon.

n. an unshaved growth of hair on the upper lip

125. 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

126. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 119. surround, 120. assess, 121. stud, 122. manual, 123. supervisor, 124. mustache, 125. inspiration, 126. suddenly

127. They study the _____ of the universe.

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

128. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

129. He was awfully _____ by the news.

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

130. The landowner agreed to _____ part of his property to the government for the public good.

v. to give up, surrender, or transfer possession or control of something, especially territory, power, or authority

131. We are very impressed with your strong _____ to quality.

n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

132. The military _____ led their troops into battle with precision and strategic planning.

n. a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force

133. He _____ apologized for his mistake.

adv. without hiding any of your feelings, opinions, or facts; frankly and trustfully

ANSWERS: 127. evolution, 128. overlook, 129. upset, 130. cede, 131. dedication, 132. commander, 133. openly

134. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.
n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
135. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
136. The _____ of fast-food restaurants has contributed to the obesity epidemic.
n. a rapid or uncontrolled increase in the number or amount of something; the process of growing, producing, or spreading rapidly and excessively
137. They removed _____ content from the slides.
adj. not connected with or related to something and therefore not important
138. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
139. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
140. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
141. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

ANSWERS: 134. pearl, 135. conversation, 136. proliferation, 137. irrelevant, 138. yelled, 139. generation, 140. Essentially, 141. impressive

142. Scientists traced the _____ of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.

n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species

143. He was determined to _____ everything.

v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

144. Parliament is now in _____.

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

145. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

146. Some ethnic _____ groups experienced discrimination in society.

n. the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age

147. I watched a thrilling _____ match at the club over the weekend.

n. a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets

148. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

149. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

ANSWERS: 142. lineage, 143. spill, 144. session, 145. standing, 146. minority, 147. polo, 148. engagement, 149. gored

150. As an industrial _____ his job was infiltrating rival companies and disrupting their operations.

n. a person who engages in sabotage, which involves damaging, disrupting, or undermining a process, system, organization, or cause, often for political or ideological reasons

151. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

152. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

153. Sending a _____ card is a small gesture that can bring comfort to someone who is grieving.

n. sympathy or expression of sympathy offered to someone who has experienced a loss or tragedy; an expression of comfort or consolation

154. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

155. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

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

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

ANSWERS: 150. saboteur, 151. introduction, 152. prime, 153. condolence, 154. ethnic, 155. doll, 156. calculate

157. I _____ for neglecting your email.
v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
158. 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
159. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.
n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
160. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.
n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
161. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
162. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.
n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
163. The _____ in the room was palpable as the team waited for their leader to speak.
n. a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight
164. The _____ date for submitting applications was fast approaching.
n. a point or level beyond which something will not be tolerated or allowed; the act of stopping or interrupting the supply of something

ANSWERS: 157. apologize, 158. complexity, 159. enlightenment, 160. dispute, 161. creative, 162. mentor, 163. tension, 164. cutoff

165. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

166. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.

adv. not at all; no matter what

167. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

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

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

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

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

170. The old wooden bridge was _____ and swayed with every step.

adj. wobbly, unsteady, and likely to collapse

171. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

172. The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to _____ flooding during the rainy season

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

173. The leader of the _____ group was a former high-ranking member of the original organization.

n. a sudden separation or detachment from a larger group or body, often associated with swift movement or action to gain independence or escape; a type of goal or score in sports where a player breaks away from defenders to have a clear shot at the opposing team's goal

ANSWERS: 165. conduct, 166. whatsoever, 167. grab, 168. propose, 169. wisdom, 170. rickety, 171. minister, 172. avert, 173. breakaway

174. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

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

175. His _____ philosophy in business led to many hostile takeovers.

adj. rude in a way that causes someone to feel anger, annoyance, or resentment; for the purpose of attack rather than defense

176. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

177. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

178. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen

179. We will _____ to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

180. The military _____ disappeared without a trace.

n. a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea

181. The _____ in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

n. the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

ANSWERS: 174. hunt, 175. offensive, 176. gesture, 177. patient's, 178. facilitate, 179. endeavor, 180. submarine, 181. ambiguity

182. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
- n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
183. The building's _____ was quick to fix the plumbing issue.
- n.* a person who is responsible for the management or supervision of a particular organization, institution, or system, especially in an educational or public service context
184. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
185. The _____ technology was revolutionary in its field.
- adj.* being at the forefront of a particular field or development; (noun) the latest or most advanced stage in the development of a specific type of work or activity
186. 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
187. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
- adj.* of or relating to the countryside
188. The _____ storm clouds filled the sky with ominous darkness.
- adj.* drawing nearer in time or space; coming close to someone or something
189. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 182. fir, 183. superintendent, 184. tweet, 185. cutting-edge, 186. reserve, 187. rural, 188. approaching, 189. policy

190. The mathematician pioneered fractal _____.
- n.* the area of pure mathematics that deals with the points, lines, curves, and surfaces
191. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
- v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
192. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
- n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
193. The _____ format provided a useful guide for creating the budget.
- n.* a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
194. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.
- adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
195. He _____ with the authorities to release his son, who had been wrongly accused.
- v.* to make a serious and urgent request or appeal, especially for help or mercy
196. After receiving a rejection letter from the job interview, she felt _____ and hopeless.
- adj.* feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence; disheartened; depressed
197. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
- v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 190. geometry, 191. denying, 192. fuel, 193. template, 194. chemical, 195. pleaded, 196. dejected, 197. dominates

198. The _____ of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

n. a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

199. Launching an artificial _____ contributed to the technological development of our country.

n. an electronic device that is sent up into space and moves around the Earth or another planet, used for gathering information or communicating by radio, television, etc.

200. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

201. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.

n. something you want to do and are going to do

202. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

203. If you apply this ointment, you may feel a mild burning _____.

n. a feeling associated with stimulation of a sense organ or with a specific body condition; a general feeling of interest and excitement

204. I have an appointment at the _____ clinic for a check-up and cleaning.

n. the branch of medicine that is concerned with the study, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases, disorders, and conditions of the oral cavity and associated structures, including teeth, gums, and jaws; the profession or practice of a dentist

205. The names of the company are entirely _____.

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction

ANSWERS: 198. layer, 199. satellite, 200. amazing, 201. intentions, 202. intense, 203. sensation, 204. dentistry, 205. fictional

206. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
207. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
v. to do something illegal or wrong
208. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.
n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
209. The _____ countries in the world often have the highest rates of malnutrition.
adj. having the least wealth or resources
210. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
211. The speaker _____ wildly as they spoke, emphasizing their words.
v. to make gestures, especially with one's hands or arms, while speaking or expressing oneself; to convey emotions or thoughts using dramatic or vigorous gestures
212. The teacher had to reprimand the _____ in class constantly.
n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
213. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
n. the act of causing so much damage to something

ANSWERS: 206. modern, 207. committed, 208. toy, 209. poorest, 210. disappear, 211. gesticulated, 212. troublemaker, 213. destruction

214. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.

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

215. Despite the injury, he _____ continued playing in the basketball game.

adv. in a spirited, brave, or determined manner; with enthusiasm or good sportsmanship

216. The _____ puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

adj. fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

217. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

218. _____ school students must learn basic math and reading skills.

adj. relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

219. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

220. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

221. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

ANSWERS: 214. suits, 215. gamely, 216. interlocking, 217. supple, 218. Elementary, 219. mystical, 220. weird, 221. commerce

222. The new video game has an _____ storyline that allows players to make choices that affect the game's outcome.
adj. acting reciprocally; mutually responsive
223. She wrote a letter of _____ to the renter.
n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
224. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.
adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
225. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
226. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
227. He _____ himself in his research.
v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
228. His _____ approach to the situation cost him more in the long run.
adj. lacking foresight or consideration for future consequences; not planning or preparing adequately for something that will happen in the future
229. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

ANSWERS: 222. interactive, 223. apology, 224. literally, 225. insights, 226. relations, 227. immersed, 228. short-sighted, 229. instruction

230. The weather in this region is often _____ with sudden rainstorms and strong winds.

adj. not capable of being foreseen or calculated; not regular or certain

231. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

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

232. The mountain range was full of rocky _____ and deep valleys.

n. a long, narrow, raised landform or rock formation

233. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

234. His friend's death drove him to _____.

n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation

235. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

236. The _____ environment is very different from the surface, with unique flora and fauna.

adj. located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea

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

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

ANSWERS: 230. unpredictable, 231. platform, 232. ridges, 233. mess, 234. despair, 235. misinformation, 236. undersea, 237. county's

238. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

239. The settlers built their homes in the _____ near the river.

n. a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area

240. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

ANSWERS: 238. compassion, 239. foothills, 240. forth