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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### involve

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

*synonym* : implicate, include, engage

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

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

### industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

### ford

*n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

*synonym* : crossing, traversing, passing

(1) **ford** a river, (2) across a **ford**

The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a **ford** downstream where the water was shallower.

### motor

*n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

*synonym* : actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control  
Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

### triple

*adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

*synonym*: threefold

(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits

His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.

### quadruple

*v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

(1) **quadruple** the amount, (2) **quadruple** the price of gold

His stock earnings **quadrupled**.

### passion

*n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

*synonym*: fervor, zeal, ardor

(1) **passion** hobby, (2) **passion** drive

Her **passion** for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

### automobile

*n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods

*synonym*: car, vehicle, motorcar

(1) driverless **automobile**, (2) **automobile** insurance

The **automobile** industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.

### 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.

### driveway

*n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles

*synonym*:

entrance, access, approach

(1) long **driveway**, (2) snow-covered **driveway**

I accidentally backed into my wife's car while backing out of the **driveway** this morning.

## decide

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

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

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

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

## 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.

## sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

*synonym*: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

## blast

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

*synonym*: blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

## dough

n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

*synonym*: flour, mix

(1) work **dough**, (2) **dough** for pastry

She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make **dough** for the bread.

**fin** *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

*synonym*: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

**mustang** *n.* a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament

(1) a group of **mustangs**, (2) saddle up his trusty **mustang**

The wild **mustang** galloped across the open plains, its mane flowing in the wind.

**hideous** *adj.* very ugly or visually repulsive; extremely unpleasant or offensive to the senses

*synonym*: repulsive, abhorrent, horrifying

(1) **hideous** appearance, (2) **hideous** crime

The monster in the movie was depicted as a **hideous** creature with gnarled teeth and glowing eyes.

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

*synonym*: adhesive, glue

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

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

**affair** *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

*synonym*: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

**affordable** *adj.* not expensive and able to pay

*synonym*: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

## mobility

*n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

*synonym*: flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

## progression

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

*synonym*: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

## 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**.

## strike

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

*synonym*: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## negative

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

*synonym*: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative**

criticism.

## stream

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

*synonym*: flow, current, brook

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

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

## firefly

*n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

(1) the glow of a **firefly**, (2) sparkle like **firefly**

In that country, there is a culture of eating live **firefly** squid.

## strip

*v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

*synonym*: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

## mall

*n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

*synonym*: shopping center, shopping complex

(1) largest electronic **mall**, (2) **mall** crawler

Many people go to the shopping **mall** to socialize and spend time with friends.

## bunch

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

*synonym*: group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

## condo

*n.* a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed

*synonym*: apartment, unit, flat

(1) luxury **condo**, (2) **condo** segment

The young couple was searching for their first **condo** in the city.

## resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym*: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

## notion

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

*synonym*: idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

## preservation

n. the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged

*synonym*: conserving, protection, conservancy

(1) wildlife **preservation**, (2) the **preservation** of food

The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable **preservation**.

## sink

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

*synonym*: descend, drop, plummet

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

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

## abbey

n. a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns

*synonym*: monastery, convent

(1) ruined **abbey**, (2) **abbey** church

The venerable **abbey** was founded in the 12th century.

## develop

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

*synonym*: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

## appreciation

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

*synonym*: recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity

The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

## conflict

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

*synonym*: clash, discord, competition

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

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

## profess

v. to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm

*synonym*: declare, claim, confess

(1) **profess** innocence, (2) **profess** law

He **professes** his love for her every day, showering her with gifts and affection.

## profit

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



*synonym* : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

## smog

*n.* a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas

*synonym* : smog, haze, pollution

(1) **smog** alert, (2) toxic **smog**

The heavy **smog** in the city was causing health issues for the residents.

## frank

*adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

*synonym* : candid, direct, freehearted

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

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

## naive

*adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

*synonym* : innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

## discovery

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

*synonym* : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

## lean

*adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

*synonym* : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

**Lean** operational improvements often lead to better

environmental performance.

## embrace

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

*synonym*: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**  
The woods **embrace** the house.

## 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.

## ecology

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

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

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

## nonsense

*n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

*synonym*: ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

(1) talk **nonsense**, (2) sheer **nonsense**

The parents spoke to their children in no- **nonsense** tones.

## 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.

## radical

*adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

*synonym*: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

## associate

*v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

*synonym*: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

## suspect

*v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

*synonym*: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

## environmentalist

*n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

*synonym*: conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

## 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.

## topic

*n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

*synonym*: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

## sustainable

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

*synonym* : continuable, endurable, tolerable

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

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

## controversial

*adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

*synonym* : contentious, disputed, questionable

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

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

## consensus

*n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

*synonym* : agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists

The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

## tackle

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

*synonym* : deal with, dive into, work on

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

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

## 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

## efficiency

*n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

*synonym* : effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

## eliminate

*v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something  
*synonym* : wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers  
We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

## emission

*n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.  
*synonym* : emanation, radiation, discharge

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

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

## alternative

*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice  
*synonym* : choice, option

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

## powertrain

*n.* the components of a vehicle that generate and transfer power to the wheels, including the engine, transmission, and drive shafts

*synonym* : engine, propulsion system, drive train

(1) hybrid **powertrain**, (2) e- **powertrain**

The company invested significant funds in developing a more fuel-efficient **powertrain** for its commercial vehicles.

## economical

*adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

*synonym* : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal  
It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

## harmony

*n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

*synonym* : balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**  
We worked in perfect **harmony**.

### unfortunately

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym*: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

### monstrous

*adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

*synonym*: grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior

The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

### process

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

*synonym*: procedure, method, system

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

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

### loom

*v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

*synonym*: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

### threaten

*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

*synonym*: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

security

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

## mathematics

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

*synonym*: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

## approximately

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

*synonym*: about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same

This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

## lifetime

*n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

*synonym*: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

## population

*n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location

*synonym*: people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

## planet

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

*synonym*: earth, world, globe

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

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

## severe

*adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

*synonym* : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

## practical

*adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

*synonym* : applicable, functional, realistic

(1) **practical** English, (2) gain **practical** experience

Her concept is highly **practical** and helpful.

## transport

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

*synonym* : shipment, transit, conveyance

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

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

## prosperity

*n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune

*synonym* : affluence, accomplishment, capital

(1) economic **prosperity**, (2) **prosperity** of humankind

This war shattered dreams of peace and **prosperity**.

## gridlock

*n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making

*synonym* : traffic jam, standstill, impasse

(1) **gridlock** situation, (2) political **gridlock**

The rush hour traffic in the city often leads to **gridlock** on the highways.

## stick

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

*synonym* : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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



out.

## traffic

*n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

*synonym* : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

## jam

*n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

*synonym* : difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

## 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.

## commute

*v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

*synonym* : travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

## probable

*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

*synonym* : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

## symptom

*n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

*synonym* : sign, manifestation, syndrome

(1) **symptoms** of low testosterone, (2) neurotic **symptoms**

The patient displays a **symptom** of a side effect.

## inconvenient

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

*synonym* : troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

## stifle

*v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

*synonym* : smother, suppress, suffocate

(1) **stifle** a laugh, (2) **stifle** creativity

The oppressive regime tried to **stifle** free speech and dissent.

## 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.

## severely

*adv.* very badly or seriously

*synonym* : harshly, hardly, oppressively

(1) **severely** burned arm, (2) criticize him **severely**

Her company was **severely** affected by the bank's failure.

## compromise

*v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

*synonym* : agree, settle, negotiate

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

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

## invention

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

*synonym* : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## moving

*adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

*synonym* : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

## wagon

*n.* a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley

*synonym* : cart, buggy, chariot

(1) **wagon** wheel, (2) station **wagon**

The circus **wagon** was brightly painted with pictures of the animals inside.

## railroad

*n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

*synonym* : railway, track, railway system

(1) coast-to-coast **railroad**, (2) **railroad** industry

The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the **railroad**, and it grew rapidly as a result.

- lane** *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver  
*synonym* : roadway, street, artery  
(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**  
We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.
- highway** *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities  
*synonym* : road, expressway, freeway  
(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**  
I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.
- interstate** *adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)  
*synonym* : cross-state, between states  
(1) **interstate** disputes, (2) **interstate** travel  
The **interstate** highway connects the major cities of the state.
- leap** *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward  
*synonym* : jump, bound, hop  
(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith  
The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.
- viable** *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed  
*synonym* : feasible, possible, attainable  
(1) achieve a **viable** relationship, (2) develop a **viable** therapy  
Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more **viable**.
- toll** *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly  
*synonym* : fee, cost, expense  
(1) a **toll** road, (2) **toll** a bell at his death  
There is no **toll** car park nearby.

## spot

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

*synonym* : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

## integrate

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

*synonym* : mix, merge, combine

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

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

## optimize

*v.* to make the best or most effective use of something

*synonym* : advance, amend, improve

(1) **optimize** a process, (2) **optimize** control for cooling

The essence of economics is to **optimize** the allocation of limited resources.

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym* : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

## hassle

*n.* something inconvenient, annoying, or troublesome; a difficult or irritating experience or situation

*synonym* : inconvenience, annoyance, nuisance

(1) travel **hassle**, (2) **hassle** about money

Buying a new car involves a lot of **hassle**, negotiating prices, and trying to get a good deal.

## communicate

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

*synonym* : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,  
(2) **communicate** well with my advisor  
Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

## underneath

*adv.* under or below something else  
*synonym*: below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

## pedestrian

*n.* a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go

*synonym*: walker, footer

(1) **pedestrian** accident, (2) **pedestrian** safety

A **pedestrian** is an uncommon sight in this area.

## walkway

*n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

*synonym*: pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

## replace

*v.* to take the place of something

*synonym*: substitute, supersede, displace

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

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

## specific

*adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

*synonym*: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

## corridor

*n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

*synonym* : hallway, passageway, aisle

(1) walk along a **corridor**, (2) air **corridor**

The long **corridor** was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

## zone

*n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

*synonym* : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

## dedicate

*v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

*synonym* : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

## octopus

*n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

*synonym* : devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

## 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.

## garage

*n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

*synonym* : carport, shed, barn

(1) electrical **garage** door, (2) **garage** repair  
He parked his car in the private **garage**.

## 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.

## relieve

v. to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe

*synonym*: alleviate, ease, assuage

(1) **relieve** his thirst, (2) **relieve** stress

The medicine **relieved** his headache, and he felt much better.

## congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

*synonym*: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

## inspire

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

*synonym*: boost, encourage, enlighten

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

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

## entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

*synonym*: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.



## arbor

*n.* a shady place or a shelter formed by trees, vines, or climbing plants; a lattice framework or trellis that supports climbing plants; a seating area or shelter made of woven branches or vines; (of medicine, also "arbor vitae") the white matter of the cerebellum in the brain

*synonym* : mandrel, pergola, bower

(1) grape **arbor**, (2) **arbor** vitae

The wooden bench beneath the **arbor** was a peaceful place to read a book.

## crapshoot

*n.* a risky undertaking, situation, or venture that has unpredictable or haphazard outcomes; something relying mostly on luck rather than skill or strategy

*synonym* : gamble, chance, toss-up

(1) financial **crapshoot**, (2) **crapshoot** outcome

Without reading reviews first, selecting a good book to read can be a **crapshoot** choice.

## freeway

*n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

*synonym* : highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

## 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.

## immediately

*adv.* now or without delay

*synonym* : directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

## alert

v. to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action

*synonym* : warn, inform, (adjective) vigilant

(1) **alert** consumers to the dangers, (2) **alert** system

The company's cybersecurity team **alerted** the CEO to potential threats.

## reroute

v. to redirect or change the course or direction of something

*synonym* : redirect, divert, detour

(1) **reroute** traffic, (2) **reroute** path

Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to **reroute** to avoid the congested roads.

## 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.

## limitless

*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite

*synonym* : boundless, infinite, unrestricted

(1) for a **limitless** time, (2) **limitless** potential

The possibilities for scientific discovery are **limitless**.

## downtown

*adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city

*synonym* : central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

## 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.

## 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.

## intelligent

*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

*synonym* : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

**Intelligent** robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

## cab

*n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

*synonym* : taxi, hack, cabriolet

(1) taxi **cab**, (2) yellow **cab**

I hailed a **cab** to take me to the airport.

## hail

*v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky

*synonym* : greet, salute, welcome

(1) **hail** the victorious team with cheers, (2) **hail** forecast

People in the area were forced to **hail** a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.

## confer

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

*synonym* :

consult, meet, discuss

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

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

## destination

*n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

*synonym*: location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

## merge

*v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

*synonym*: combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

## individual

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

*synonym*: person, being, self

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

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

## enormous

*adj.* extremely large or great

*synonym*: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

## fossil

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

*synonym*: relic, remnant, antediluvian

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

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

## bullet

*n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

*synonym* : projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

## rail

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

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

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

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

## interconnect

*v.* to connect similar things

*synonym* : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

## infrastructure

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

*synonym* : foundation, framework

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

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

## opt

*v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities

*synonym* : choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

## entertaining

*adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing

*synonym* : amusing, diverting, engaging

(1) **entertaining** puppet show, (2) very **entertaining** book  
The magician's act was **entertaining** and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.

## entrepreneur

*n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

*synonym* : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**  
**Entrepreneurs** willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

## venture

*n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring

*synonym* : enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

## capitalism

*n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

*synonym* : commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

**Capitalism** also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

## opportune

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

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

## 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.

## brain

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

*synonym* : intellect, mind, encephalon

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

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

## policymaker

*n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

*synonym* : lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

**Policymakers** struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

## government

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

*synonym* : administration, regime, state

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

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

## 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.

## flexible

*adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

*synonym* : adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

## regress

v. to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

*synonym* : retrovert, deteriorate, decline

(1) **regress** to childhood, (2) **regress** in skills

The team's failure to win games has caused them to **regress** in confidence.

## ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

*synonym* : creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme concentration.

## determination

n. the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

*synonym* : resolve, willpower, conviction

(1) a steely **determination**, (2) **determination** of a DNA sequence

His **determination** to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

## preserve

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

*synonym* : conserve, care for, maintain

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

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

## grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

*synonym* : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.



## effortless

*adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish

*synonym*: easy, simple, uncomplicated

(1) **effortless** victory, (2) **effortless** beauty

The dancer made her performance look **effortless** and graceful.

## enhance

*v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

*synonym*: improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

## envision

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

*synonym*: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

## confront

*v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

*synonym*: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------|--|
| 1. re____e path              | <i>v.</i> to redirect or change the course or direction of something   |
| 2. a traffic j_m             | <i>n.</i> a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit |
| 3. travel ha____e            | <i>n.</i> something inconvenient, annoying, or troublesome; a difficult or irritating experience or situation                          |
| 4. better fuel eff____cy     | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money                                    |
| 5. a serious to__c           | <i>n.</i> a subject that is being discussed or written about   |
| 6. access to public tr____rt | <i>n.</i> a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on                      |
| 7. science of ec____y        | <i>n.</i> the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment                    |
| 8. re____e stress            | <i>v.</i> to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe   |
| 9. chaotic env____nt         | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live                                     |
| 10. t__l a bell at his death | <i>n.</i> money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly                                     |

ANSWERS: 1. reroute, 2. jam, 3. hassle, 4. efficiency, 5. topic, 6. transport, 7. ecology, 8. relieve, 9. environment, 10. toll



20. l\_\_n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
21. eco\_\_\_\_\_al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
22. an alt\_\_\_\_\_ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
23. global em\_\_\_\_\_ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
24. f\_\_d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
25. su\_\_\_\_\_t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
26. an interstate hi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
27. st\_\_p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
28. smokeless f\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
29. the longstanding co\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
30. toxic s\_\_g *n.* a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas

ANSWERS: 20. lean, 21. economical, 22. alternative, 23. emission, 24. ford, 25. suspect, 26. highway, 27. strip, 28. fuel, 29. conflict, 30. smog

31. even more unf\_\_\_\_\_ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
32. inc\_\_\_\_\_ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
33. a fo\_\_\_l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
34. sparkle like fi\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
35. o\_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
36. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
37. se\_\_\_e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
38. de\_\_\_\_\_te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
39. ped\_\_\_\_\_an safety *n.* a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
40. clear in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
41. mo\_\_\_g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
42. su\_\_\_\_\_t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

ANSWERS: 31. unfortunately, 32. inconvenient, 33. fossil, 34. firefly, 35. opt, 36. amazing, 37. severe, 38. dedicate, 39. pedestrian, 40. intention, 41. moving, 42. suspect

43. gross pr\_\_\_t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
44. op\_\_\_\_\_ze a process *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
45. re\_\_\_\_\_s to childhood *v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate
46. no\_\_\_n of success *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
47. a friendly con\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
48. electrical ga\_\_\_e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
49. op\_\_\_\_\_e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
50. h\_\_l forecast *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
51. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 43. profit, 44. optimize, 45. regress, 46. notion, 47. conversation, 48. garage, 49. operate, 50. hail, 51. amazing

52. achieve a vi\_\_\_e relationship *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
53. tr\_\_\_\_c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
54. for a li\_\_\_\_\_ss time *adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
55. a mo\_\_\_\_\_us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
56. a good grounding in mat\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
57. an eco\_\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
58. pr\_\_\_\_\_le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
59. o\_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
60. app\_\_\_\_\_ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
61. advance cap\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
62. saddle up his trusty mu\_\_\_\_g *n.* a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament

ANSWERS: 52. viable, 53. traffic, 54. limitless, 55. monstrous, 56. mathematics, 57. economical, 58. probable, 59. opt, 60. appreciation, 61. capitalism, 62. mustang

63. in\_\_\_\_\_e a high degree of risk      *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
64. beauty s\_\_t      *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
65. across a f\_\_d      *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
66. el\_\_\_\_\_te sexual barriers      *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
67. fr\_\_\_\_\_y exit      *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
68. a mo\_\_r mechanic      *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
69. pop\_\_\_\_\_on change      *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
70. translate li\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
71. co\_\_\_\_\_t a highway      *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
72. st\_\_\_e up a conversation      *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 63. involve, 64. spot, 65. ford, 66. eliminate, 67. freeway, 68. motor, 69. population, 70. literally, 71. congest, 72. strike



73. giant oc\_\_\_\_s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
74. largest electronic m\_\_l *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
75. grape ar\_\_r *n.* a shady place or a shelter formed by trees, vines, or climbing plants; a lattice framework or trellis that supports climbing plants; a seating area or shelter made of woven branches or vines; (of medicine, also "arbor vitae") the white matter of the cerebellum in the brain
76. tr\_\_\_\_rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
77. very ent\_\_\_\_ing book *adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
78. z\_\_e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
79. a s\_\_t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
80. current af\_\_\_\_rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
81. st\_\_\_\_e creativity *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

ANSWERS: 73. octopus, 74. mall, 75. arbor, 76. transport, 77. entertaining, 78. zone, 79. spot, 80. affair, 81. stifle

82. air co\_\_\_\_or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
83. a ne\_\_\_\_ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
84. en\_\_\_\_us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
85. a successful ent\_\_\_\_eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
86. political gr\_\_\_\_ck *n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making
87. co\_\_\_\_t in a vein *v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
88. DC mo\_\_r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
89. write him an answer imm\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* now or without delay
90. co\_\_\_\_nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
91. IT inf\_\_\_\_ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
92. gr\_\_t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

ANSWERS: 82. corridor, 83. negative, 84. enormous, 85. entrepreneur, 86. gridlock, 87. congest, 88. motor, 89. immediately, 90. confront, 91. infrastructure, 92. grant

93. ess\_\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
94. a f\_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
95. qu\_\_\_\_\_le the price of gold *v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
96. romantic des\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
97. a t\_\_l road *n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly
98. gain pr\_\_\_\_\_al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
99. heavy tr\_\_\_\_\_c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
100. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
101. und\_\_\_\_\_th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
102. li\_\_\_\_\_me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
103. sp\_\_\_\_\_ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

ANSWERS: 93. essentially, 94. fin, 95. quadruple, 96. destination, 97. toll, 98. practical, 99. traffic, 100. government, 101. underneath, 102. lifetime, 103. specific

104. snow-covered dr\_\_\_\_\_ay *n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
105. co\_\_\_\_\_nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
106. a fl\_\_\_\_\_le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
107. develop a vi\_\_\_\_e therapy *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
108. 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
109. em\_\_\_\_\_e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
110. a ha\_\_\_\_\_y of colors *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
111. en\_\_\_\_\_on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
112. pr\_\_\_\_\_s innocence *v.* to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm

ANSWERS: 104. driveway, 105. confront, 106. flexible, 107. viable, 108. policy, 109. embrace, 110. harmony, 111. envision, 112. profess



121. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
122. li\_\_\_\_\_me ban from the sport      *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
123. und\_\_\_\_\_th the laughter      *adv.* under or below something else
124. the ec\_\_\_\_\_y of the island      *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
125. r\_\_l against his enemies      *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
126. st\_\_\_e a blow      *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
127. wa\_\_n wheel      *n.* a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley
128. app\_\_\_\_\_ely 3 feet long      *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
129. in\_\_\_\_\_te both businesses      *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

ANSWERS: 121. discovery, 122. lifetime, 123. underneath, 124. ecology, 125. rail, 126. strike, 127. wagon, 128. approximately, 129. integrate

130. ent\_\_\_\_\_ing puppet show      *adj.* providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
131. improve social mo\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
132. ra\_\_\_\_\_ad industry      *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
133. bu\_\_\_\_t wound      *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
134. taxi c\_b      *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
135. luxury co\_\_o      *n.* a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed
136. sy\_\_\_\_\_ms of low testosterone      *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
137. s\_\_g alert      *n.* a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas
138. a bu\_\_h of trees      *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
139. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al      *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 130. entertaining, 131. mobility, 132. railroad, 133. bullet, 134. cab, 135. condo, 136. symptom, 137. smog, 138. bunch, 139. individual

140. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century     *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
141. ma\_\_\_\_\_e stars     *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
142. criticize him se\_\_\_\_\_ly     *adv.* very badly or seriously
143. 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
144. pr\_\_\_\_\_ve my strength     *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
145. hi\_\_\_\_\_y system     *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
146. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency     *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
147. a public co\_\_\_\_\_us     *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
148. m\_\_l crawler     *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
149. di\_\_\_\_\_ar after a week     *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
150. financial cr\_\_\_\_\_ot     *n.* a risky undertaking, situation, or venture that has unpredictable or haphazard outcomes; something relying mostly on luck rather than skill or strategy

ANSWERS: 140. discovery, 141. massive, 142. severely, 143. economy, 144. preserve, 145. highway, 146. resonate, 147. consensus, 148. mall, 149. disappear, 150. crapshoot



151. I\_\_m over the global economy      *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
152. st\_\_\_e a laugh      *v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation
153. I\_\_m on the horizon      *v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
154. yellow c\_b      *n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven
155. do\_\_\_\_\_wn traffic      *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
156. 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
157. hour of ent\_\_\_\_\_ent      *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
158. co\_\_\_r honor      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
159. ce\_\_\_t a close relationship      *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

ANSWERS: 151. loom, 152. stifle, 153. loom, 154. cab, 155. downtown, 156. policy, 157. entertainment, 158. confer, 159. cement

160. ma_____e amounts	<i>adj.</i> enormous amount; very heavy and solid
161. de_____te a chapter to the subject	<i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
162. express my app_____ion	<i>n.</i> the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
163. walk along a co_____or	<i>n.</i> a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
164. manually op_____e a machine	<i>v.</i> to work in a particular way; to supervise something
165. billionaire ent_____eur	<i>n.</i> an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
166. dedicated env_____ist	<i>n.</i> a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
167. an energy eff_____cy	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
168. there is no other alt_____ve	<i>n.</i> one of two or more available possibilities or choice
169. de_____e on a course of action	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
170. com_____se the matter	<i>v.</i> to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

ANSWERS: 160. massive, 161. dedicate, 162. appreciation, 163. corridor, 164. operate, 165. entrepreneur, 166. environmentalist, 167. efficiency, 168. alternative, 169. decide, 170. compromise

171. help ta\_\_\_e climate change      *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
172. daily co\_\_\_\_\_e      *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
173. ruined ab\_\_y      *n.* a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns
174. ha\_\_\_e about money      *n.* something inconvenient, annoying, or troublesome; a difficult or irritating experience or situation
175. ur\_\_n property owners      *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
176. make a pr\_\_\_t      *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
177. a se\_\_\_e case of pneumonia      *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
178. 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)
179. the glow of a fi\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
180. first l\_\_e      *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

ANSWERS: 171. tackle, 172. commute, 173. abbey, 174. hassle, 175. urban, 176. profit, 177. severe, 178. prime, 179. firefly, 180. lane

181. 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
182. domestic af\_\_\_\_rs      *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
183. al\_\_t system      *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
184. the em\_\_\_\_\_on of light      *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
185. h\_\_l the victorious team with cheers      *v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
186. a bl\_\_t of wind      *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
187. driverless aut\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
188. education pol\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
189. burning of fo\_\_\_\_l fuels      *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

ANSWERS: 181. reserve, 182. affair, 183. alert, 184. emission, 185. hail, 186. blast, 187. automobile, 188. policymaker, 189. fossil

190. principles of sus\_\_\_\_\_le development  
*adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
191. fr\_\_k and open discussion  
*adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
192. sn\_\_k a cigarette  
*v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
193. work do\_\_h  
*n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
194. a ra\_\_\_\_\_l flaw in the plan  
*adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
195. re\_\_\_\_\_e a phone  
*v.* to take the place of something
196. r\_\_l system  
*n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
197. become ess\_\_\_\_\_ly same  
*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
198. qu\_\_\_\_\_le the amount  
*v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many
199. el\_\_\_\_\_te contestants  
*v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
200. li\_\_\_\_\_ss potential  
*adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
201. tr\_\_\_e digits  
*adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

ANSWERS: 190. sustainable, 191. frank, 192. sneak, 193. dough, 194. radical, 195. replace, 196. rail, 197. essentially, 198. quadruple, 199. eliminate, 200. limitless, 201. triple

202. save the pl\_\_\_t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
203. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
204. re\_\_\_\_\_e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
205. inf\_\_\_\_\_ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
206. con\_\_\_\_\_ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
207. an icy bl\_\_t *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
208. expanded fr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
209. en\_\_\_\_\_on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
210. fl\_\_\_\_\_le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
211. coast-to-coast ra\_\_\_\_\_ad *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

ANSWERS: 202. planet, 203. opportune, 204. replace, 205. infrastructure, 206. controversial, 207. blast, 208. freeway, 209. envision, 210. flexible, 211. railroad

212. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
213. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
214. na\_\_\_n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
215. a seafaring na\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
216. mo\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
217. pl\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
218. en\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
219. in\_\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
220. talk no\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
221. pr\_\_\_\_\_ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
222. ta\_\_\_e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation

ANSWERS: 212. progression, 213. unfortunately, 214. nation, 215. nation, 216. monstrous, 217. planet, 218. enormous, 219. inspire, 220. nonsense, 221. preserve, 222. tackle

223. labor pop\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
224. a ra\_\_\_\_\_l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
225. co\_\_\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
226. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
227. pa\_\_\_\_\_n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
228. re\_\_\_\_\_e his thirst *v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
229. mo\_\_\_\_\_g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
230. eff\_\_\_\_\_ss beauty *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
231. st\_\_k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
232. industry-sp\_\_\_\_\_ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
233. wa\_\_\_\_\_y bridge *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

ANSWERS: 223. population, 224. radical, 225. confer, 226. invention, 227. passion, 228. relieve, 229. moving, 230. effortless, 231. stick, 232. specific, 233. walkway



234. co\_\_\_\_\_us among scientists *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
235. ped\_\_\_\_\_an accident *n.* a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
236. imm\_\_\_\_\_ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
237. th\_\_\_\_\_en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
238. deeply re\_\_\_\_\_te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
239. an int\_\_\_\_\_nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
240. a tr\_\_\_e mirror *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
241. regional pol\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
242. biomass f\_\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
243. human activities int\_\_\_\_\_ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
244. the co\_\_\_\_\_ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
245. con\_\_\_\_\_ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
246. l\_\_\_p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 234. consensus, 235. pedestrian, 236. immediately, 237. threaten, 238. resonate, 239. intelligent, 240. triple, 241. policymaker, 242. fuel, 243. interconnect, 244. conflict, 245. conversation, 246. leap

247. have a ne____ve effect	<i>adj.</i> having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
248. na__e mistake	<i>adj.</i> showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
249. the pre_____ion of food	<i>n.</i> the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
250. make a fr__k apology	<i>adj.</i> honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
251. time z__e	<i>n.</i> a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
252. break a ha_____y	<i>n.</i> the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
253. ur__n planning	<i>adj.</i> relating to or located in a town or city
254. aut_____le insurance	<i>n.</i> a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
255. gov_____nt bureaucracy	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
256. eff_____ss victory	<i>adj.</i> requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
257. di_____ar without a trace	<i>v.</i> to cease to exist or be visible
258. int_____te disputes	<i>adj.</i> between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)

ANSWERS: 247. negative, 248. naive, 249. preservation, 250. frank, 251. zone, 252. harmony, 253. urban, 254. automobile, 255. government, 256. effortless, 257. disappear, 258. interstate

259. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
260. in\_\_\_\_\_on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
261. l\_\_e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
262. co\_\_o segment *n.* a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed
263. s\_\_k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
264. wildlife pre\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
265. en\_\_\_\_\_e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
266. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
267. directly int\_\_\_\_\_ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
268. hybrid pow\_\_\_\_\_in *n.* the components of a vehicle that generate and transfer power to the wheels, including the engine, transmission, and drive shafts

ANSWERS: 259. industrious, 260. intention, 261. lane, 262. condo, 263. sink, 264. preservation, 265. enhance, 266. opportune, 267. interconnect, 268. powertrain

269. 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
270. venomous oc\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
271. det\_\_\_\_\_ion of a DNA sequence *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
272. ga\_\_\_e repair *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
273. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
274. hi\_\_\_\_\_s crime *adj.* very ugly or visually repulsive; extremely unpleasant or offensive to the senses
275. abound in in\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
276. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
277. long dr\_\_\_\_\_ay *n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
278. sn\_\_k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
279. frozen as\_\_ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 269. literally, 270. octopus, 271. determination, 272. garage, 273. industrious, 274. hideous, 275. ingenuity, 276. individual, 277. driveway, 278. sneak, 279. asset

280. a group of mu\_\_\_\_gs                    *n.* a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament
281. aff\_\_\_\_\_le solution                *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
282. do\_\_h for pastry                        *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
283. do\_\_\_\_\_wn building                *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
284. cr\_\_\_\_\_ot outcome                *n.* a risky undertaking, situation, or venture that has unpredictable or haphazard outcomes; something relying mostly on luck rather than skill or strategy
285. hi\_\_\_\_\_s appearance               *adj.* very ugly or visually repulsive; extremely unpleasant or offensive to the senses
286. pro\_\_\_\_\_ty of humankind           *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
287. in\_\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity    *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
288. face an inc\_\_\_\_\_ent truth           *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
289. na\_\_e belief                            *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
290. not up to p\_r                            *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

ANSWERS: 280. mustang, 281. affordable, 282. dough, 283. downtown, 284. crapshoot, 285. hideous, 286. prosperity, 287. inspire, 288. inconvenient, 289. naive, 290. par

291. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s                      *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
292. the infinite in\_\_\_\_\_ty of man                      *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
293. int\_\_\_\_\_nt assisting system                      *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
294. ve\_\_\_\_\_e capital                      *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
295. l\_\_p to a conclusion                      *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
296. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of civilization                      *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
297. common in\_\_\_\_\_on                      *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
298. coast st\_\_p                      *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
299. in\_\_\_\_\_e a lot of paperwork                      *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 291. process, 292. ingenuity, 293. intelligent, 294. venture, 295. leap, 296. progression, 297. invention, 298. strip, 299. involve

300. an elegant ent\_\_\_\_\_ent      *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
301. pa\_\_\_\_\_n hobby      *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
302. com\_\_\_\_\_te his anxieties to the psychiatrist      *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
303. above p\_r performance      *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
304. the st\_\_\_\_m of time      *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
305. int\_\_\_\_\_te travel      *adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
306. app\_\_\_\_\_ely same      *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
307. s\_\_k a lot of capital      *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
308. aff\_\_\_\_\_le housing      *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
309. sheer no\_\_\_\_\_se      *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

ANSWERS: 300. entertainment, 301. passion, 302. communicate, 303. par, 304. stream, 305. interstate, 306. approximately, 307. sink, 308. affordable, 309. nonsense

310. se\_\_\_\_ly burned arm *adv.* very badly or seriously
311. gr\_\_\_\_ck situation *n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making
312. a steely det\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something
313. de\_\_\_\_p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
314. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
315. op\_\_\_\_ze control for cooling *v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
316. gr\_\_t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
317. an endless st\_\_\_\_m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
318. al\_\_t consumers to the dangers *v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
319. me\_\_e into a new party *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

ANSWERS: 310. severely, 311. gridlock, 312. determination, 313. develop, 314. environment, 315. optimize, 316. grant, 317. stream, 318. alert, 319. merge



320. e-pow\_\_\_\_\_in *n.* the components of a vehicle that generate and transfer power to the wheels, including the engine, transmission, and drive shafts
321. mat\_\_\_\_\_cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
322. neurotic sy\_\_\_\_\_ms *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
323. re\_\_\_\_\_e traffic *v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something
324. fire st\_\_k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
325. the to\_\_c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
326. station wa\_\_n *n.* a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley
327. a l\_\_n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
328. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 320. powertrain, 321. mathematics, 322. symptom, 323. reroute, 324. stick, 325. topic, 326. wagon, 327. lean, 328. decide

329. co\_\_\_\_\_e to work      *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
330. economic pro\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune
331. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls      *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
332. 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
333. ce\_\_\_t blend      *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
334. me\_\_e those systems into a new one      *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
335. back f\_n      *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
336. ab\_\_y church      *n.* a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns
337. th\_\_\_\_\_en national security      *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 329. commute, 330. prosperity, 331. bunch, 332. economy, 333. cement, 334. merge, 335. fin, 336. abbey, 337. threaten

338. in\_\_\_\_\_te into the existing system      *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
339. pr\_\_\_\_\_al English      *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
340. 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)
341. lack in mo\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
342. pr\_\_\_\_\_s law      *v.* to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm
343. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor      *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
344. basic br\_\_n function      *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
345. as\_\_\_\_\_te with people widely      *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
346. permanent br\_\_n damage      *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 338. integrate, 339. practical, 340. prime, 341. mobility, 342. profess, 343. communicate, 344. brain, 345. associate, 346. brain

347. cannot com\_\_\_\_\_se anymore      *v.*    to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
348. under the umbrella of cap\_\_\_\_\_sm      *n.*    an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
349. a jar of j\_m      *n.*    a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
350. an env\_\_\_\_\_ist political party      *n.*    a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

ANSWERS: 347. compromise, 348. capitalism, 349. jam, 350. environmentalist

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Eventually, the new design will \_\_\_\_\_ all older models.  
*v.* to take the place of something
2. A sense of humor is an invaluable \_\_\_\_\_ in this job.  
*n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
3. The rush hour traffic in the city often leads to \_\_\_\_\_ on the highways.  
*n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making
4. This consulting firm decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the two companies into one.  
*v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
5. I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ for premature retirement.  
*v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
6. The government is determined to \_\_\_\_\_ sharp inflation.  
*v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
7. The medicine \_\_\_\_\_ his headache, and he felt much better.  
*v.* to make something burdensome, unpleasant, or painful less severe
8. I am excited to reach my \_\_\_\_\_ and explore the new city finally.  
*n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

ANSWERS: 1. replace, 2. asset, 3. gridlock, 4. merge, 5. opt, 6. tackle, 7. relieved, 8. destination

9. \_\_\_\_\_ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.  
*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
10. He was reluctant to leave his comfort \_\_\_\_\_ and try something new.  
*n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
11. The doctor advised him to \_\_\_\_\_ down for a check.  
*v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
12. I accidentally backed into my wife's car while backing out of the \_\_\_\_\_ this morning.  
*n.* a private road leading from a street or road to a house or garage, typically providing access for vehicles
13. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a \_\_\_\_\_ downstream where the water was shallower.  
*n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
14. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.  
*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
15. 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
16. Her \_\_\_\_\_ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.  
*n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

ANSWERS: 9. Intelligent, 10. zone, 11. strip, 12. driveway, 13. ford, 14. inspired, 15. nation, 16. passion

17. They are eager to \_\_\_\_\_ a positive reputation.
- v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
18. Our system can now \_\_\_\_\_ with other databases.
- v. to connect similar things
19. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
20. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
21. There are five distinct \_\_\_\_\_ at five unique wavelengths.
- n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
22. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the \_\_\_\_\_ for over an hour.
- n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
23. \_\_\_\_\_ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
- n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
24. He found that it is difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ socially.
- v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

ANSWERS: 17. cement, 18. interconnect, 19. strike, 20. brain, 21. emissions, 22. freeway, 23. Entrepreneurs, 24. integrate

25. He parked his car in the private \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

26. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.

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

27. This trail takes \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5 hours.

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

28. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ car park nearby.

*n.* money that you have to pay to use a particular road, bridge, etc.; (verb) to ring slowly

29. The con artist's lies quickly took in the \_\_\_\_\_ young man.

*adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

30. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.

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

31. I have limited \_\_\_\_\_ in my arms.

*n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

32. I'm going to take the \_\_\_\_\_ to get to my destination faster.

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

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

ANSWERS: 25. garage, 26. confer, 27. approximately, 28. toll, 29. naive, 30. planet, 31. mobility, 32. highway, 33. process



34. This business yields little \_\_\_\_\_.

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

35. The giant wave was \_\_\_\_\_ and destroyed the small boat.

*adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

36. The artist received a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ for his latest work.

*n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

37. He \_\_\_\_\_ his love for her every day, showering her with gifts and affection.

*v.* to declare openly, often publicly or formally, that one has a particular skill, belief, or feeling; to admit or affirm

38. The monster in the movie was depicted as a \_\_\_\_\_ creature with gnarled teeth and glowing eyes.

*adj.* very ugly or visually repulsive; extremely unpleasant or offensive to the senses

39. Our CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ are always transparent and straightforward.

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

40. A suspension order from the court is effective \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* now or without delay

41. He decided to take a walk \_\_\_\_\_ area to explore the city.

*adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city

42. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

*adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

ANSWERS: 34. profit, 35. monstrous, 36. appreciation, 37. professes, 38. hideous, 39. intentions, 40. immediately, 41. downtown, 42. inconvenient

43. Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
44. The dancer made her performance look \_\_\_\_\_ and graceful.  
*adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
45. The penny fell \_\_\_\_\_ the piano.  
*adv.* under or below something else
46. The wild \_\_\_\_\_ galloped across the open plains, its mane flowing in the wind.  
*n.* a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament
47. The shredder in the print room often has paper \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
48. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.  
*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
49. The majority of consumers \_\_\_\_\_ this brand with quality.  
*v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
50. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.  
*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
51. He has a flair for \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 43. viable, 44. effortless, 45. underneath, 46. mustang, 47. jams, 48. negative, 49. associate, 50. individual, 51. mathematics

52. 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)

53. 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

54. She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make \_\_\_\_\_ for the bread.

*n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

55. 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

56. In just four years, the \_\_\_\_\_ has doubled.

*n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location

57. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

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

58. The \_\_\_\_\_ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

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

ANSWERS: 52. prime, 53. economy, 54. dough, 55. policy, 56. population, 57. bunch, 58. fuel

59. People in the area were forced to \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi due to the lack of public transportation options.
- v.* to call out to someone to get their attention, often from a distance; to greet or welcome someone, especially with enthusiasm or admiration; (noun) precipitation in the form of small balls or lumps of ice that fall from the sky
60. Buying a new car involves a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ negotiating prices, and trying to get a good deal.
- n.* something inconvenient, annoying, or troublesome; a difficult or irritating experience or situation
61. He experienced nausea after eating live \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
62. The possibilities for scientific discovery are \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* without end, limit, or boundary; infinite
63. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
64. The new strategy will \_\_\_\_\_ the profitability of our company.
- v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
65. The \_\_\_\_\_ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.
- n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
66. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.
- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 59. hail, 60. hassle, 61. octopus, 62. limitless, 63. industrious, 64. enhance, 65. venture, 66. unfortunately,

67. Shares in the company finally fell below their \_\_\_\_ value.

*n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

68. The patient displays a \_\_\_\_\_ of a side effect.

*n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

69. The government should do more to support environmentally \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture.

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

70. The \_\_\_\_\_ highway connects the major cities of the state.

*adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)

71. He finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ problems directly.

*v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

72. The investigation \_\_\_\_\_ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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

73. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction \_\_\_\_\_ on the main road.

*n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

74. The \_\_\_\_\_ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

*n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

ANSWERS: 67. par, 68. symptom, 69. sustainable, 70. interstate, 71. confront, 72. involves, 73. traffic, 74. notion

75. The wooden bench beneath the \_\_\_\_\_ was a peaceful place to read a book.
- n.* a shady place or a shelter formed by trees, vines, or climbing plants; a lattice framework or trellis that supports climbing plants; a seating area or shelter made of woven branches or vines; (of medicine, also "arbor vitae") the white matter of the cerebellum in the brain
76. The long \_\_\_\_\_ was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.
- n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
77. The two parties have reached a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
78. He and I often had \_\_\_\_\_ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
79. The stray \_\_\_\_\_ went through the window and hit the wall.
- n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
80. 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
81. It was the \_\_\_\_\_ of a dinosaur tooth.
- n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

ANSWERS: 75. arbor, 76. corridor, 77. consensus, 78. conflicts, 79. bullet, 80. reserve, 81. fossil

82. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.

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

83. Your \_\_\_\_\_ reflects your thoughts.

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

84. \_\_\_\_\_ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

- n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

85. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.

- v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

86. The chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ him the right to speak.

- v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

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

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

88. Energy-efficient \_\_\_\_\_ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

- n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

89. Creativity and \_\_\_\_\_ are often brought about by extreme concentration.

- n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

ANSWERS: 82. embrace, 83. conversation, 84. Capitalism, 85. resonates, 86. granted, 87. government, 88. motors, 89. ingenuity

90. The company's cybersecurity team \_\_\_\_\_ the CEO to potential threats.  
*v.* to warn or arouse to a sense of danger; (adjective) paying close attention or being in a state of readiness for action
91. She had lived through two world wars in her \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
92. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
93. Various artificially induced causes are \_\_\_\_\_ our ecosystem.  
*v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
94. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
95. His coach is a \_\_\_\_\_ Olympic champion.  
*adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
96. 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
97. Full involvement means \_\_\_\_\_ and prompt responses.  
*adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
98. The automaker has been providing \_\_\_\_\_ car financing options since last year.  
*adj.* not expensive and able to pay

ANSWERS: 90. alerted, 91. lifetime, 92. invention, 93. threatening, 94. affair, 95. triple, 96. environment, 97. frank, 98. affordable



99. The abandoned ship slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_ into the murky waters of the harbor.
- v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
100. He \_\_\_\_\_ his life to helping others.
- v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
101. The cops \_\_\_\_\_ him of being the killer.
- v. to consider anything to be actual or probable
102. The magician's act was \_\_\_\_\_ and kept the audience on the edge of their seats.
- adj. providing enjoyment or amusement, especially through being lively or amusing
103. Jet \_\_\_\_\_ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
104. The government established by the coup was more \_\_\_\_\_ than before.
- adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
105. 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
106. Many people go to the shopping \_\_\_\_\_ to socialize and spend time with friends.
- n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

ANSWERS: 99. sink, 100. dedicated, 101. suspected, 102. entertaining, 103. streams, 104. radical, 105. literally, 106. mall

107. We walked along a muddy \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the farm.

- n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

108. We must \_\_\_\_\_ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

109. This war shattered dreams of peace and \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the state of being successful and having the good fortune

110. \_\_\_\_\_ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

- n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

111. The scientist conducted a study that provided \_\_\_\_\_ details about the species' behavior.

- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

112. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ two hours each way to get to work.

- v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

113. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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

ANSWERS: 107. lane, 108. develop, 109. prosperity, 110. Policymakers, 111. specific, 112. commute, 113. stick

114. The heavy \_\_\_\_\_ in the city was causing health issues for the residents.  
*n.* a type of air pollution that forms a mixture of smoke and fog resulting from the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial activity, and motor vehicle emissions in urban areas
115. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.  
*n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
116. The museum had kept the paintings in remarkable \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the act of keeping something in its original state or of preventing it from being damaged
117. The \_\_\_\_\_ lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.  
*n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
118. The hotel is famous for its \_\_\_\_\_ including the casino.  
*n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
119. The parents spoke to their children in no-\_\_\_\_\_ tones.  
*n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
120. It is more \_\_\_\_\_ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.  
*adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
121. The issue of the death penalty is highly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

ANSWERS: 114. smog, 115. topic, 116. preservation, 117. environmentalist, 118. entertainment, 119. nonsense, 120. economical, 121. controversial

122. They watched the train \_\_\_\_\_ into the distance.

*v.* to cease to exist or be visible

123. This remote \_\_\_\_\_ is rarely visited.

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

124. The roads to the airport were heavily \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

125. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.

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

126. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

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

127. They worked hard to \_\_\_\_\_ the nature of their native lands.

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

128. The shark's powerful \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

129. I hailed a \_\_\_\_\_ to take me to the airport.

*n.* a taxi or other vehicle that can be hired for transportation; the compartment from which a vehicle, such as a train or truck, is driven

ANSWERS: 122. disappear, 123. spot, 124. congested, 125. alternative, 126. amazing, 127. preserve, 128. fins, 129. cab

130. His stock earnings \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to consist of four items or people; to become four times as great or many

131. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

132. In that country, there is a culture of eating live \_\_\_\_\_ squid.

*n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

133. You can be more \_\_\_\_\_ and creative in your approach.

*adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

134. His \_\_\_\_\_ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

*adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

135. Shakespeare's output of poetry was \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* extremely large or great

136. The oppressive regime tried to \_\_\_\_\_ free speech and dissent.

*v.* to suppress or restrain something, particularly a feeling, emotion, or action; to suffocate or prevent proper breathing or ventilation

137. We can \_\_\_\_\_ this possibility from those consumptions.

*v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

138. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her as President.

*v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

ANSWERS: 130. quadrupled, 131. Essentially, 132. firefly, 133. flexible, 134. moving, 135. enormous, 136. stifle, 137. eliminate, 138. envision

139. We worked in perfect \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

140. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for \_\_\_\_\_ maintenance.

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

141. \_\_\_\_\_ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

- adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

142. This machine is too difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

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

143. The venerable \_\_\_\_\_ was founded in the 12th century.

- n.* a monastery or convent, especially for monks or nuns

144. The issue of divorce \_\_\_\_\_ large in his mind.

- v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

145. Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid the congested roads.

- v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something

146. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

ANSWERS: 139. harmony, 140. infrastructure, 141. Lean, 142. operate, 143. abbey, 144. loomed, 145. reroute, 146. decide

147. The \_\_\_\_\_ through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

*n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

148. The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the \_\_\_\_\_ and it grew rapidly as a result.

*n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

149. Her concept is highly \_\_\_\_\_ and helpful.

*adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

150. Enhanced rail \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for our business.

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

151. They never \_\_\_\_\_ on development despite the lack of funds.

*v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

152. The \_\_\_\_\_ shattered the laboratory equipment.

*n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

153. His \_\_\_\_\_ to succeed was unwavering, even in the face of adversity.

*n.* the quality of being persistent and purposeful; the act of finding out the exact nature or essence of something

154. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.

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

ANSWERS: 147. walkway, 148. railroad, 149. practical, 150. transportation, 151. compromised, 152. blast, 153. determination, 154. discovery

155. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ for sustainable development.
- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
156. The company invested significant funds in developing a more fuel-efficient \_\_\_\_\_ for its commercial vehicles.
- n.* the components of a vehicle that generate and transfer power to the wheels, including the engine, transmission, and drive shafts
157. The company has made great strides in its \_\_\_\_\_ toward sustainability.
- n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
158. The young couple was searching for their first \_\_\_\_\_ in the city.
- n.* a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed
159. Her company was \_\_\_\_\_ affected by the bank's failure.
- adv.* very badly or seriously
160. The senator received \_\_\_\_\_ criticism from his opponent.
- adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
161. The \_\_\_\_\_ industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.
- n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
162. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

ANSWERS: 155. ecology, 156. powertrain, 157. progression, 158. condo, 159. severely, 160. severe, 161. automobile, 162. massive



163. The essence of economics is to \_\_\_\_\_ the allocation of limited resources.  
*v.* to make the best or most effective use of something
164. The children tried to \_\_\_\_\_ out and eat the candy.  
*v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
165. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.  
*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
166. The athlete was able to \_\_\_\_\_ over the hurdle with ease.  
*v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
167. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an uncommon sight in this area.  
*n.* a person who is in the street, especially in an area where vehicles go
168. The circus \_\_\_\_\_ was brightly painted with pictures of the animals inside.  
*n.* a four-wheeled vehicle used for transporting goods or people, often pulled by horses, oxen, or other animals; a compartment or container used for storage or transportation, such as a shopping cart or trolley
169. Without reading reviews first, selecting a good book to read can be a \_\_\_\_\_ choice.  
*n.* a risky undertaking, situation, or venture that has unpredictable or haphazard outcomes; something relying mostly on luck rather than skill or strategy
170. The team's failure to win games has caused them to \_\_\_\_\_ in confidence.  
*v.* to move or develop backward; to return to an earlier or less advanced state or condition; to decline or deteriorate

ANSWERS: 163. optimize, 164. sneak, 165. probable, 166. leap, 167. pedestrian, 168. wagon, 169. crapshoot, 170. regress

171. Only a small number of \_\_\_\_\_ utilities offer sanitation services.

*adj.* relating to or located in a town or city

172. Our company must continue to strive for greater \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

173. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

174. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

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

175. The children leaned over the bridge \_\_\_\_\_ to watch the fish swimming below.

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

ANSWERS: 171. urban, 172. efficiency, 173. opportune, 174. communicate, 175. rail