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Session 1: Word List

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**.

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.

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.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

insecure

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

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.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

hesitation

n. the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous

synonym: unwillingness, indecision, uncertainty

(1) perform without **hesitation**, (2) after some **hesitation**

There was a **hesitation** in her speech.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym : knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym : successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation

The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

opposition

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

synonym : resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

contraception

n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

(1) hormonal **contraception**, (2) **contraception** pills
Condoms are a common method of **contraception** that both men and women can use.

abortion

n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage

synonym: miscarriage

(1) **abortion** doctor, (2) the highly charged issue of **abortion**

We strongly oppose the **abortion** ban.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym: comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

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.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

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.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym : program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

victim

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

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

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

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

paralysis

n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

synonym : immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

proportion

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

synonym : ratio, balance, consonance

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

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat

than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

statistics

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

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

populous

adj. having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people

synonym : crowded, populated, teeming

(1) **populous** metropolis, (2) **populous** country

The country's most **populous** cities all are located along the coastline.

contraceptive

adj. relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

synonym : preventive, prophylactic, antifertility

(1) **contraceptive** measures, (2) hormonal **contraceptive**

The **contraceptive** patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.

rarely

adv. not happening often; infrequently; seldom

synonym : seldom, infrequently, hardly ever

(1) **rarely** seen, (2) **rarely** used

I **rarely** eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym : choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe

(= small tube)

synonym : shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

injection

n. the act of introducing a liquid, especially a drug, into the body using a needle and a syringe

synonym : shot, infusion, dose

(1) fuel **injection**, (2) **injection** needle

He received an **injection** of antibiotics to treat his infection.

clinic

n. a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition

synonym : hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**

She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

continent

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

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

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

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

crisis

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

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

childbirth

n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby

synonym: delivery, labor, parturition

(1) natural **childbirth**, (2) assisted **childbirth**

He was present at the **childbirth** of his children.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

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.

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.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

diarrhea

n. a common digestive disorder with the frequent passage of loose, watery stools that can be caused by various factors such as infections, food poisoning, and certain medications

synonym: looseness, gastroenteritis, dysentery

(1) **diarrhea-related** dehydration, (2) **diarrhea** with abdominal pain

I had a terrible case of **diarrhea** and couldn't stop going to the bathroom.

pneumonia

n. an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms

synonym: lung infection, bronchitis

(1) bacterial **pneumonia**, (2) viral **pneumonia**

She was hospitalized with a severe case of **pneumonia**.

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.

plow

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

over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym: plough, cultivator, hoe

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

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

plot

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

synonym: scheme, plan, design

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

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

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

germ

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

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

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

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

movement

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

synonym: motion, progression, action

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

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

Catholic

adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader

(1) **catholic** in his tastes, (2) the **Catholic** Church

Sociologists are now interested in **catholic** world peace.

priest

n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

synonym: clergyman, minister, pastor

(1) **priest** in clerical garb, (2) faithful **priest**

He was ordained as a **priest** in the Catholic Church.

nun

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

synonym: sister, religious, monastic

(1) **nun** habit, (2) meditating **nun**

The cloistered **nun** devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

principal

adj. most important, main, or chief

synonym: main, leading, chief

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

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

childhood

n. the state or time of being a child

synonym: youth, infancy, adolescence

(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development

He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the park with his friends.

academy

n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

synonym: school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**

Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym: fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym: base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

tradition

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

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

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

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

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

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

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

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym: misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

discomfort

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

synonym: affliction, despair, ache

(1) endure **discomfort** and pain, (2) **discomfort** in the abdomen

He felt no **discomfort** as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

lingering

adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave

synonym: prolonged, persistent, enduring

(1) **lingering** illness, (2) **lingering** doubts

The **lingering** smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.

separate

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

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

reproduction

n. the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work

synonym: procreation, replication, duplication

(1) **reproduction** rate, (2) **reproduction** system

The **reproduction** of the plant depends on the pollinators.

promote

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

synonym: boost, raise, advertise

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

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

promiscuous

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

synonym: indiscriminate, loose, promiscuous

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

morality

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior

synonym: decency, rectitude, righteousness

(1) business **morality**, (2) sense of **morality**

She found fault with the **morality** of politicians.

studied

adj. deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

synonym: thoughtful, deliberate, calculated

(1) **studied** analysis, (2) well- **studied** decision

His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with **studied** confidence.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym : administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

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.

sacrifice

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

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

porch

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

synonym: veranda, balcony, deck

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

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

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.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

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.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the

emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

standing

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

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

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

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

openly

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

synonym : honestly, blatantly, candidly

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

He **openly** apologized for his mistake.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym : close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin,
especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym : perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when
used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

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

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

suffer

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

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym: endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

broach

v. to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage

synonym: raise, introduce, bring up

(1) **broach** a cask, (2) **broach** the subject

I need to **broach** the topic of restructuring with my boss.

trend

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

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

steady

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

synonym : stable, solid, secure

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

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

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

cult

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

synonym : sect, faith, religion

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

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

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

glaring

adj. extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

synonym : blatant, flagrant, obvious

(1) **glaring** example, (2) **glaring** omission

The **glaring** sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

exception

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

synonym: anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**

She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

socioeconomic

adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

synonym: social, economic, financial

(1) **socioeconomic** status, (2) **socioeconomic** issues

The **socioeconomic** conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

synonym: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym: halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

contentious

adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

synonym: antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym: vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

incentive

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

synonym: encouragement, inducement, enticement

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

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

coercive

adj. using force, threats, or intimidation to compel someone to do something against their will or desire; related to coercion

synonym: force, compel, pressure

(1) **coercive** behavior, (2) use **coercive** measures

The politician used **coercive** tactics to convince the public to support their policies.

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.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

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.

numerical

adj. relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number

synonym : quantitative, numeral, mathematical

(1) 3D **numerical** simulation, (2) the **numerical** keypad

The **numerical** value of Pi is approximately 3.14.

insert

v. to put something inside something else

synonym : introduce, add, embed

(1) **insert** coin, (2) **insert** a graphic

She **inserted** a new chapter into her manuscript.

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym : supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

sterilize

v. to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation

synonym : disinfect, sanitize, cleanse

(1) **sterilize** chemically, (2) **sterilize** surfaces

The nurse **sterilized** the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.

consent

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

synonym : approval, authorization, concession

(1) **consent** for surgery, (2) give silent **consent**
She gave her **consent** to the company's proposal.

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym: action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**
The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

appendectomy

n. a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix

synonym: removal, excision, surgery

(1) **appendectomy** surgery, (2) **appendectomy** scar
After several hours of abdominal pain, the patient was diagnosed with acute appendicitis and underwent an **appendectomy**.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym: section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party
The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

anesthesia

n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

(1) **anesthesia** for surgery, (2) local **anesthesia**

He is in general **anesthesia** under the surgeon.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

innate

adj. existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience

synonym : natural, inherent, inborn

(1) **innate** ability, (2) **innate** quality

The belief in **innate** human goodness is a common philosophical concept.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym : criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice

The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

coition

n. sexual intercourse between two people or animals

synonym: intercourse, mating, copulation

(1) **coition** frequency, (2) interrupted **coition**

The topic of **coition** was considered taboo in many cultures for centuries.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym: disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

justification

n. the act or process of showing or proving something to be right, reasonable, or valid; an explanation or reason that serves to justify or support a decision, action, or belief

synonym: excuse, validation, reason

(1) moral **justification**, (2) seek **justification**

He provided a strong **justification** for his decision to invest in the new project.

propel

v. to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force

synonym: drive, push, move

(1) **propel** growth, (2) **propel** the ship

An increase in employment helps **propel** economic growth.

businessperson

n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

synonym: entrepreneur, executive

(1) a young **businessperson**, (2) **businessperson** network

He was a successful **businessperson** and had much experience in the field.

backpack

n. a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies

synonym: knapsack, rucksack, pack

(1) **backpacker's** hostel, (2) **backpacking** trip

I packed my **backpack** with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

scrap

n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

synonym: fragment, piece, remnant

(1) **scrap** metal, (2) a broken piece of **scrap**

She made a collage from **scraps** of paper and fabric from the art supply store.

denim

n. a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing

synonym: jeans, dungarees, chambray

(1) **denim** shorts, (2) **denim** jacket

She loved the feel of her new **denim** jeans against her skin.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

calculus

n. a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones

synonym: mathematics, math, analysis

(1) **calculus** equations, (2) **calculus** disease

I needed help understanding the advanced **calculus** course material.

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.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community;
a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym : resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym : feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

wealth

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

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

wage

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

synonym : payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

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.

livestock

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

synonym: cattle, oxen, herd

(1) **livestock** agriculture, (2) **livestock** industry

Livestock feed is made from fodder crops.

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.

multiply

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

synonym: boost, amplify, reproduce

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

Multiply a number by itself twice.

large-scale

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

synonym: big, massive, grand

(1) **large-scale** project, (2) **large-scale** agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

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.

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.

miracle

n. an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

synonym: wonder, marvel, phenomenon

(1) **miracle** person, (2) economic **miracle**

The doctors said that her recovery was a **miracle**.

sweeping

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

synonym: broad, extensive, vast

(1) **sweeping** changes, (2) **sweeping** landscapes

The **sweeping** views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

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.

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.

spark

v. to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity

synonym: start, inspire, provoke

(1) **spark** his interest, (2) **spark** a chain reaction

The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate **sparked** turmoil in the stock market.

virtue

n. high moral standards in behavior or attitudes

synonym: integrity, probity, goodness

(1) **virtue** of frugality, (2) acquire a **virtue**

She had many good **virtues** and few faults.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

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.

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

synonym: similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done them.

glob

n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

synonym: ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

discuss

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

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

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

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

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym: disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym : glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle

The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

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.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym: holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

propose

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

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

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

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

likelihood

n. the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

synonym: probability, chance, possibility

(1) **likelihood** of the success, (2) improve the **likelihood** of a cure

The **likelihood** of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

girl

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

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym : expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym : engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

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.

healthcare

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

(1) **healthcare** agency, (2) rising **healthcare** cost

In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality **healthcare**.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

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

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

horrify

v. to shock or disgust greatly

synonym: shock, dismay, terrify

(1) **horrify** audience, (2) **horrify** victims

The series of terrorist attacks **horrify** the entire nation.

cheer

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

synonym: comfort, encourage, hearten

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

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

progressive

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

synonym: advanced, forward-thinking, modern

(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development

The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

passionate

adj. showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief

synonym: ardent, fervent, intense

(1) **passionate** speech, (2) **passionate** kiss

Their **passionate** argument lasted for hours, neither willing to back down.

voiceless

adj. without a voice or the ability to speak

synonym: mute, silent, speechless

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

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

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

platform

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

synonym : stage, podium, forum

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

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

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

inviting

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

synonym : attractive, tempting, alluring

(1) **inviting** scent, (2) **inviting** atmosphere

The **inviting** aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ge____te \$100 a month
v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
2. in___t a personal opinion into a debate
v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
3. un_____al life
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
4. sp_____ic instructions
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
5. cost of solar pa__ls
n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
6. m__h attracted to the light
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
7. sta_____cs for cancer
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
8. industry-sp_____ic regulations
adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
9. pa__e a moment
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

ANSWERS: 1. generate, 2. inject, 3. universal, 4. specific, 5. panel, 6. moth, 7. statistics, 8. specific, 9. pause

10. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
11. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
12. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
13. bus_____son network *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
14. st_____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
15. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
16. co_____n frequency *n.* sexual intercourse between two people or animals
17. n_n habit *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
18. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
19. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
20. moral jus_____ion *n.* the act or process of showing or proving something to be right, reasonable, or valid; an explanation or reason that serves to justify or support a decision, action, or belief

ANSWERS: 10. swell, 11. numb, 12. separate, 13. businessperson, 14. stabilize, 15. attach, 16. coition, 17. nun, 18. slum, 19. par, 20. justification

21. in_____on needle *n.* the act of introducing a liquid, especially a drug, into the body using a needle and a syringe
22. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
23. ca_____us disease *n.* a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones
24. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
25. sp__k a chain reaction *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
26. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
27. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
28. pa_____is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
29. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

ANSWERS: 21. injection, 22. communal, 23. calculus, 24. platform, 25. spark, 26. quarter, 27. priority, 28. paralysis, 29. asset

30. po____us metropolis *adj.* having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people
31. ed____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
32. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
33. g__b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
34. po____us country *adj.* having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people
35. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
36. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
37. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
38. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
39. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
40. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

ANSWERS: 30. populous, 31. educated, 32. transform, 33. glob, 34. populous, 35. core, 36. conservative, 37. quarter, 38. struggle, 39. tradition, 40. interrupt

41. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
42. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
43. he is opt____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
44. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
45. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
46. enforce rev____ary justice *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
47. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
48. st____d analysis *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
49. tr____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
50. improve the lik____od of a cure *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
51. make an ex____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
52. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

ANSWERS: 41. confuse, 42. amazing, 43. optimistic, 44. glob, 45. topic, 46. revolutionary, 47. develop, 48. studied, 49. translate, 50. likelihood, 51. exception, 52. cycle

53. lar_____le project *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
54. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
55. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
56. 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
57. natural chi_____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
58. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
59. pro_____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
60. standard pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
61. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
62. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
63. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
64. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

ANSWERS: 53. large-scale, 54. sweat, 55. modern, 56. planet, 57. childbirth, 58. conservative, 59. progressive, 60. procedure, 61. inhabitant, 62. individual, 63. empower, 64. controversial

65. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
66. criminal ju_____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
67. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
68. without ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
69. a gr_____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
70. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
71. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
72. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
73. op___y break the law *adv.* without hiding any of your feelings, opinions, or facts; frankly and trustfully
74. pro_____us nation *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
75. since ch_____od *n.* the state or time of being a child

ANSWERS: 65. victim, 66. justice, 67. cheer, 68. exception, 69. grateful, 70. incredibly, 71. cult, 72. startling, 73. openly, 74. prosperous, 75. childhood

76. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
77. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
78. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
79. ambitious ag____a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
80. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
81. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
82. a dental cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
83. pas_____te speech *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
84. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
85. in____e ability *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience

ANSWERS: 76. procedure, 77. violent, 78. government, 79. agenda, 80. promote, 81. crisis, 82. clinic, 83. passionate, 84. wage, 85. innate

86. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
87. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
88. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
89. the Ca_____ic Church *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
90. de__m jacket *n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
91. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
92. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
93. br___h the subject *v.* to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage
94. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
95. in___t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 86. quest, 87. desire, 88. asset, 89. Catholic, 90. denim, 91. commit, 92. swell, 93. broach, 94. afford, 95. inject

96. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
97. mi_____e person *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
98. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
99. ca_____ic in his tastes *adj.* universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
100. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
101. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
102. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
103. j__n denim *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
104. a member of the Ac_____y *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
105. moral pa_____is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
106. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 96. transform, 97. miracle, 98. opportune, 99. Catholic, 100. naturally, 101. sub-Saharan, 102. decide, 103. jean, 104. academy, 105. paralysis, 106. accident

107. op___y discuss disagreement *adv.* without hiding any of your feelings, opinions, or facts; frankly and trustfully
108. bacterial pn_____ia *n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
109. pr___t in clerical garb *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
110. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
111. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
112. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
113. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
114. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
115. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
116. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
117. 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

ANSWERS: 107. openly, 108. pneumonia, 109. priest, 110. inhabitant, 111. promote, 112. phrase, 113. panel, 114. disappear, 115. unfortunately, 116. numb, 117. fin

118. st_____ze surfaces *v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
119. in_____ng scent *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
120. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
121. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
122. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
123. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
124. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
125. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
126. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
127. needs of pr_____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
128. al__e in nature *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance

ANSWERS: 118. sterilize, 119. inviting, 120. justice, 121. proportion, 122. moth, 123. sin, 124. nation, 125. accident, 126. proportion, 127. pregnant, 128. alike

129. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
130. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
131. ra____y used *adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
132. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
133. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
134. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
135. soc_____mic status *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
136. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
137. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
138. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

ANSWERS: 129. decision, 130. disease, 131. rarely, 132. disease, 133. communal, 134. progressive, 135. socioeconomic, 136. progression, 137. sub-Saharan, 138. disagree

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| 139. sense of mo_____ty | <i>n.</i> principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior |
| 140. well-st_____d decision | <i>adj.</i> deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned |
| 141. st_____ze chemically | <i>v.</i> to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation |
| 142. on a qu__t for happiness | <i>n.</i> a long or challenging search for something |
| 143. st___e up a conversation | <i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon |
| 144. the c__e of an apple | <i>n.</i> the most essential or fundamental part of something |
| 145. save the pl___t | <i>n.</i> any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star |
| 146. p__r review | <i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability |
| 147. di_____s solutions | <i>v.</i> to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic |
| 148. na_____ly regenerated forest | <i>adv.</i> as might be expected; by natural manners |
| 149. em_____r my life | <i>v.</i> to give someone the power or authority to do something |
| 150. gr_____te degree program | <i>n.</i> a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree |

ANSWERS: 139. morality, 140. studied, 141. sterilize, 142. quest, 143. strike, 144. core, 145. planet, 146. peer, 147. discuss, 148. naturally, 149. empower, 150. graduate

151. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
152. young and old al__e *adv.* similar or identical in nature or appearance
153. rising hea_____re cost *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
154. a young bus_____son *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
155. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
156. dis_____rt in the abdomen *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
157. an ac_____y of music *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
158. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
159. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 151. adopt, 152. alike, 153. healthcare, 154. businessperson, 155. fin, 156. discomfort, 157. academy, 158. cycle, 159. insist

160. se____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
161. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
162. pr____l the ship *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
163. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
164. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
165. the highly charged issue of
ab_____on *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
166. sw_____ng landscapes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
167. soc_____mic issues *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
168. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

ANSWERS: 160. separate, 161. sacrifice, 162. propel, 163. transition, 164. phrase, 165. abortion, 166. sweeping, 167. socioeconomic, 168. scholar

169. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
170. perform without hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
171. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
172. a glass po__h *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
173. interrupted co_____n *n.* sexual intercourse between two people or animals
174. vi___e of frugality *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
175. fuel in_____on *n.* the act of introducing a liquid, especially a drug, into the body using a needle and a syringe
176. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
177. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
178. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
179. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
180. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

ANSWERS: 169. sweat, 170. hesitation, 171. condemn, 172. porch, 173. coition, 174. virtue, 175. injection, 176. universal, 177. suffer, 178. conscious, 179. geography, 180. literally

181. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
182. vi_____er community *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
183. a last re___t *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
184. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
185. lik_____od of the success *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
186. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
187. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
188. visit to the veterinary cl___c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
189. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
190. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
191. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 181. adopt, 182. villager, 183. resort, 184. absolutely, 185. likelihood, 186. commit, 187. individual, 188. clinic, 189. broad, 190. absolutely, 191. courage

192. a do____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
193. school di____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
194. pas_____te kiss *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
195. pro_____us weather *adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
196. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
197. in____t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
198. li_____ck agriculture *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
199. vo_____ss minority *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak
200. do____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
201. a circular mo____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
202. gl____g omission *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

ANSWERS: 192. domestic, 193. district, 194. passionate, 195. prosperous, 196. discuss, 197. insist, 198. livestock, 199. voiceless, 200. domestic, 201. movement, 202. glaring

203. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
204. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
205. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
206. an unf____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
207. di____ea with abdominal pain *n.* a common digestive disorder with the frequent passage of loose, watery stools that can be caused by various factors such as infections, food poisoning, and certain medications
208. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
209. 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
210. con____ive measures *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
211. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 203. wage, 204. opt, 205. instance, 206. unfortunate, 207. diarrhea, 208. government, 209. policy, 210. contraceptive, 211. decision

212. 3D nu_____al simulation *adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
213. ba_____cker's hostel *n.* a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
214. vi____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
215. hormonal con_____ion *n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures
216. st____y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
217. use co_____ve measures *adj.* using force, threats, or intimidation to compel someone to do something against their will or desire; related to coercion
218. after some hes_____on *n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
219. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
220. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 212. numerical, 213. backpack, 214. victim, 215. contraception, 216. steady, 217. coercive, 218. hesitation, 219. topic, 220. incentive

221. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
222. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
223. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
224. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
225. a broken piece of sc__p *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
226. deeply p__w the soil *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
227. re___t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
228. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

ANSWERS: 221. attach, 222. violent, 223. germ, 224. foundation, 225. scrap, 226. plow, 227. resort, 228. generate

229. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
230. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
231. put a gr_____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
232. hea_____re agency *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
233. sp__k his interest *v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
234. gl_____g example *adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright
235. business mo_____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
236. give silent co_____t *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
237. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
238. hormonal con_____ive *adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception

ANSWERS: 229. geography, 230. statistics, 231. grateful, 232. healthcare, 233. spark, 234. glaring, 235. morality, 236. consent, 237. invest, 238. contraceptive

239. sc__p metal *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
240. no____h hope *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
241. di____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
242. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
243. in____e quality *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
244. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
245. br____h a cask *v.* to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage
246. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
247. co____ve behavior *adj.* using force, threats, or intimidation to compel someone to do something against their will or desire; related to coercion

ANSWERS: 239. scrap, 240. nourish, 241. disagree, 242. struggle, 243. innate, 244. trend, 245. broach, 246. honor, 247. coercive

248. in_____ng atmosphere *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
249. assisted chi_____th *n.* the act or process of giving birth to a baby
250. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
251. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
252. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
253. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
254. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
255. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
256. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

ANSWERS: 248. inviting, 249. childbirth, 250. rural, 251. incentive, 252. educated, 253. executive, 254. decide, 255. tradition, 256. standing

257. pr____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
258. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
259. in___t a graphic *v.* to put something inside something else
260. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
261. pr_____al responsible *adj.* most important, main, or chief
262. look up___d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
263. 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
264. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
265. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
266. the inland of a co_____nt *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
267. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

ANSWERS: 257. priority, 258. prefer, 259. insert, 260. tragic, 261. principal, 262. upward, 263. literally, 264. opportune, 265. sin, 266. continent, 267. row

268. the pr_____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
269. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
270. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
271. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
272. mu_____ly about hundredfold *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
273. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
274. rep_____ion rate *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
275. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
276. ho_____y audience *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
277. ra____y seen *adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
278. economic mi_____e *n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God

ANSWERS: 268. provider, 269. conversation, 270. uncomfortable, 271. opposition, 272. multiply, 273. controversial, 274. reproduction, 275. wealth, 276. horrify, 277. rarely, 278. miracle

279. no____h damaged skin *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
280. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
281. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
282. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
283. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
284. sa____d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
285. pr____l growth *v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
286. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
287. demonstrate an up____d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

ANSWERS: 279. nourish, 280. plot, 281. movement, 282. propose, 283. rural, 284. sacred, 285. propel, 286. germ, 287. upward

288. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
289. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
290. app_____omy scar *n.* a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix
291. di_____ea-related dehydration *n.* a common digestive disorder with the frequent passage of loose, watery stools that can be caused by various factors such as infections, food poisoning, and certain medications
292. local ane_____ia *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
293. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
294. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
295. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
296. an information pr_____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

ANSWERS: 288. incredibly, 289. jean, 290. appendectomy, 291. diarrhea, 292. anesthesia, 293. millennium, 294. cult, 295. courage, 296. provider

297. pr___r a window seat
v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
298. pro_____us bathing
adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
299. ch_____od development
n. the state or time of being a child
300. li_____ng doubts
adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
301. opp_____on campaign
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
302. faithful pr___t
n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
303. the nu_____al keypad
adj. relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
304. ba_____cking trip
n. a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
305. co_____e fantasy with reality
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
306. con_____ion pills
n. the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

ANSWERS: 297. prefer, 298. promiscuous, 299. childhood, 300. lingering, 301. opposition, 302. priest, 303. numerical, 304. backpack, 305. confuse, 306. contraception

307. an unf_____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
308. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
309. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
310. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
311. po__h light *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
312. acquire a vi___e *n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
313. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
314. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
315. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
316. li_____ck industry *n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
317. co_____ve a child *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

ANSWERS: 307. unfortunate, 308. foundation, 309. nation, 310. unfortunately, 311. porch, 312. virtue, 313. crisis, 314. progression, 315. optimistic, 316. livestock, 317. conceive

318. ab____on doctor *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
319. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
320. seek jus_____ion *n.* the act or process of showing or proving something to be right, reasonable, or valid; an explanation or reason that serves to justify or support a decision, action, or belief
321. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
322. sw_____ng changes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
323. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
324. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
325. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
326. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
327. app_____omy surgery *n.* a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix

ANSWERS: 318. abortion, 319. peak, 320. justification, 321. peak, 322. sweeping, 323. strike, 324. intimate, 325. amazing, 326. district, 327. appendectomy

328. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
329. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
330. li_____ng illness *adj.* continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
331. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
332. ag____a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
333. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
334. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
335. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
336. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
337. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 328. condemn, 329. wealth, 330. lingering, 331. villager, 332. agenda, 333. honor, 334. interrupt, 335. broad, 336. continent, 337. peer

338. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
339. 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
340. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
341. di____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
342. his social st____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
343. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
344. pop____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
345. con____us subject *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
346. an introductory ch____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
347. tr____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 338. plot, 339. develop, 340. plow, 341. disappear, 342. standing, 343. instance, 344. population, 345. contentious, 346. chapter, 347. translate

348. rep_____ion system *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
349. con_____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
350. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
351. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
352. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
353. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
354. meditating n_n *n.* a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community
355. take a st___y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
356. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
357. ca_____us equations *n.* a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones

ANSWERS: 348. reproduction, 349. controversy, 350. afford, 351. uncomfortable, 352. invest, 353. row, 354. nun, 355. steady, 356. par, 357. calculus

358. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
359. in___t coin *v.* to put something inside something else
360. the tr__d away from television *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
361. mu_____ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
362. pro_____us lifestyle *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
363. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
364. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
365. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
366. con_____us debate *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
367. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

ANSWERS: 358. cheer, 359. insert, 360. trend, 361. multiply, 362. promiscuous, 363. propose, 364. stabilize, 365. lens, 366. contentious, 367. lens

368. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
369. arouse con____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
370. mil____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
371. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
372. rev____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
373. co____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
374. tra____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
375. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
376. endure dis____rt and pain *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
377. co____t for surgery *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
378. sc____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
379. labor pop____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location

ANSWERS: 368. graduate, 369. controversy, 370. millennium, 371. pause, 372. revolutionary, 373. conceive, 374. transition, 375. modern, 376. discomfort, 377. consent, 378. scholar, 379. population

380. the halo of a sa___d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
381. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
382. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
383. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
384. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
385. de__m shorts *n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
386. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
387. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
388. ho_____y victims *v.* to shock or disgust greatly
389. vo_____ss consonant *adj.* without a voice or the ability to speak

ANSWERS: 380. sacred, 381. executive, 382. startling, 383. chapter, 384. tragic, 385. denim, 386. opt, 387. slum, 388. horrify, 389. voiceless

390. 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
391. ane_____ia for surgery *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
392. lar_____le agriculture *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
393. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
394. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
395. viral pn_____ia *n.* an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
396. pr_____al actor *adj.* most important, main, or chief
397. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
398. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
399. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 390. economy, 391. anesthesia, 392. large-scale, 393. suffer, 394. conscious, 395. pneumonia, 396. principal, 397. desire, 398. platform, 399. conversation

400. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
401. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
402. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
403. 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
404. health po_____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 400. intimate, 401. pregnant, 402. sacrifice, 403. economy, 404. policy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
2. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.
n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
3. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something
4. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
5. _____ a number by itself twice.
v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
6. I decided to ____ for premature retirement.
v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities
7. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
8. The _____ aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.
adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

ANSWERS: 1. movement, 2. graduate, 3. par, 4. amazing, 5. Multiply, 6. opt, 7. transformed, 8. inviting

9. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
10. 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
11. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
12. I packed my _____ with all the necessary camping gear for our trip.
n. a bag or pack that is worn on the back, often used for carrying books, equipment, or supplies
13. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.
adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
14. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
15. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.
n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
16. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

ANSWERS: 9. swelling, 10. planet, 11. disagree, 12. backpack, 13. revolutionary, 14. victim, 15. chapter, 16. continent

17. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

18. 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

19. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

20. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

21. The _____ conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

22. 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

23. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

ANSWERS: 17. intimate, 18. specific, 19. foundation, 20. stabilizes, 21. socioeconomic, 22. decide, 23. condemned

24. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
- n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
25. She vacated the position when she got _____.
- adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
26. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
27. The man _____ before opening the door.
- v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
28. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
29. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
30. The series of terrorist attacks _____ the entire nation.
- v.* to shock or disgust greatly
31. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 24. executive, 25. pregnant, 26. germ, 27. paused, 28. violent, 29. instances, 30. horrify, 31. district

32. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
33. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v. to cease to exist or be visible
34. He received an _____ of antibiotics to treat his infection.
- n. the act of introducing a liquid, especially a drug, into the body using a needle and a syringe
35. He describes the story with _____ reality.
- adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
36. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
37. He was present at the _____ of his children.
- n. the act or process of giving birth to a baby
38. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.
- n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
39. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.
- v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

ANSWERS: 32. invest, 33. disappear, 34. injection, 35. startling, 36. suffers, 37. childbirth, 38. sweat, 39. nourish

40. Our world is in the third _____.
- n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
41. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
42. The food chain causes a material _____.
- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
43. She found fault with the _____ of politicians.
- n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
44. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.
- n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
45. There was a _____ in her speech.
- n.* the act of pausing or being slow before saying or doing something, especially because you feel uncertain or nervous
46. There are many _____ issues in claiming a patent.
- adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
47. Massive demonstrations lead to total _____ of transportation.
- n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

ANSWERS: 40. millennium, 41. desire, 42. cycle, 43. morality, 44. providers, 45. hesitation, 46. contentious, 47. paralysis

48. He provided a strong _____ for his decision to invest in the new project.

- n.* the act or process of showing or proving something to be right, reasonable, or valid; an explanation or reason that serves to justify or support a decision, action, or belief

49. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

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

50. He was ordained as a _____ in the Catholic Church.

- n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

51. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

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

52. I need to _____ the topic of restructuring with my boss.

- v.* to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage

53. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

- n.* a long or challenging search for something

54. 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

ANSWERS: 48. justification, 49. controversial, 50. priest, 51. platform, 52. broach, 53. quest, 54. strike

55. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
56. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
57. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
- v.* to do something illegal or wrong
58. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
59. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
- n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
60. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
- v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
61. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
- adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
62. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 55. crisis, 56. adopted, 57. committed, 58. numb, 59. inhabitant, 60. propose, 61. tragic, 62. cult

63. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

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

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

65. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

66. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

67. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

68. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

69. She was _____ for the help he provided.

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

70. We strongly oppose the _____ ban.

n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage

71. The politician used _____ tactics to convince the public to support their policies.

adj. using force, threats, or intimidation to compel someone to do something against their will or desire; related to coercion

ANSWERS: 63. progressive, 64. absolutely, 65. accident, 66. conservative, 67. optimistic, 68. uncomfortable, 69. grateful, 70. abortion, 71. coercive

72. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
73. 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
74. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
75. 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
76. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
77. She squeezed a _____ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.
n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
78. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
79. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 72. Communal, 73. nation, 74. honor, 75. develop, 76. population, 77. glob, 78. domestic, 79. tradition

80. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
- n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
81. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.
- v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
82. The _____ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.
- n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
83. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
84. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
85. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
- n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
86. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.
- n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
87. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 80. peak, 81. cheered, 82. likelihood, 83. struggle, 84. discuss, 85. agenda, 86. procedure, 87. decision

88. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

89. The cloistered ____ devoted her life to serving the poor and marginalized.

n. a woman who has taken religious vows and is a member of a monastic community

90. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

91. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.

n. the state or time of being a child

92. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

adj. having received a high standard of education

93. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

94. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

95. The two paintings looked _____ as if the same artist had done them.

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance

ANSWERS: 88. scholar, 89. nun, 90. broad, 91. childhood, 92. educated, 93. row, 94. wealth, 95. alike

96. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
- n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
97. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
- n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
98. This space is a private office _____ to the President
- adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
99. An increase in employment helps _____ economic growth.
- v.* to move, drive or push something forward or in a particular direction, often with a lot of force
100. He was _____ gifted.
- adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
101. The bankruptcy of the giant conglomerate _____ turmoil in the stock market.
- v.* to start something or make it grow, especially suddenly; to emit a tiny piece of fire or electricity
102. The _____ patch offers a convenient and effective method of birth control.
- adj.* relating to a method or object used to prevent pregnancy; serving to prevent or reduce the likelihood of conception
103. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 96. opposition, 97. slums, 98. sacred, 99. propel, 100. naturally, 101. sparked, 102. contraceptive, 103. confused

104. Their _____ argument lasted for hours, neither willing to back down.
adj. showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
105. The _____ smell of smoke clung to his clothes even after he left the campfire.
adj. continuing for a long time; persistent; remaining in a place or situation for longer than is usual or necessary; unwilling to leave
106. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
107. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
108. They have no _____ to win the game.
n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
109. The _____ concert was packed with fans.
adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
110. Sociologists are now interested in _____ world peace.
adj. universal and including many different types of things; related to or associated with the part of the Christian Church that has the Pope as its leader
111. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language

ANSWERS: 104. passionate, 105. lingering, 106. unfortunately, 107. empowered, 108. incentive, 109. standing, 110. catholic, 111. Translate

112. She made a collage from _____ of paper and fabric from the art supply store.
n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
113. The belief in _____ human goodness is a common philosophical concept.
adj. existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
114. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.
n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
115. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.
v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
116. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
117. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.
v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
118. She _____ a new chapter into her manuscript.
v. to put something inside something else
119. The _____ value of Pi is approximately 3.14.
adj. relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
120. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

ANSWERS: 112. scraps, 113. innate, 114. wages, 115. interrupted, 116. modern, 117. promote, 118. inserted, 119. numerical, 120. attach

121. The nurse _____ the instruments before the surgery to prevent any infections.
- v.* to make something free of all forms of life, especially bacteria or viruses, by using heat, chemicals, or radiation
122. The rural _____ were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.
- n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
123. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
- n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
124. She was the _____ to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.
- n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
125. After several hours of abdominal pain, the patient was diagnosed with acute appendicitis and underwent an _____.
- n.* a surgical procedure to remove the appendix, typically performed in cases of appendicitis or other conditions that cause inflammation or infection of the appendix
126. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
- adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
127. I needed help understanding the advanced _____ course material.
- n.* a branch of mathematics that deals with rates of change and limits; the accumulation of hard mineral deposits that can form in organs or ducts in the body, such as kidney stones or gallstones

ANSWERS: 121. sterilized, 122. villagers, 123. transition, 124. exception, 125. appendectomy, 126. sub-Saharan, 127. calculus

128. I had a terrible case of _____ and couldn't stop going to the bathroom.
n. a common digestive disorder with the frequent passage of loose, watery stools that can be caused by various factors such as infections, food poisoning, and certain medications
129. The old rocking chair on the _____ creaked as he sat down to read his book.
n. a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
130. He was a successful _____ and had much experience in the field.
n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
131. He felt no _____ as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.
n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
132. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.
n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
133. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
134. The _____ of the plant depends on the pollinators.
n. the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
135. 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

ANSWERS: 128. diarrhea, 129. porch, 130. businessperson, 131. discomfort, 132. jeans, 133. universal, 134. reproduction, 135. literally

136. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
137. She did well on her _____ exam.
- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
138. I _____ eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.
- adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
139. Her _____ is to be a mother.
- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
140. In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality _____.
- n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
141. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
- n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
142. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
143. He became _____ that he was being followed.
- adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

ANSWERS: 136. statistics, 137. geography, 138. rarely, 139. priority, 140. healthcare, 141. phrase, 142. prefer, 143. conscious

144. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

145. 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

146. The oil price continued their downward _____.

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

147. 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

148. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

149. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

150. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

151. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

ANSWERS: 144. afford, 145. progression, 146. trend, 147. policy, 148. controversy, 149. sins, 150. peer, 151. quarter

152. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.
- n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
153. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
- n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
154. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
- adj.* successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
155. 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
156. The doctors said that her recovery was a _____.
- n.* an act or occurrence that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore believed to be caused by God
157. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
158. The country's most _____ cities all are located along the coastline.
- adj.* having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people

ANSWERS: 152. resort, 153. moth, 154. prosperous, 155. individual, 156. miracle, 157. plot, 158. populous

159. 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
160. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.
- n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
161. She had many good _____ and few faults.
- n.* high moral standards in behavior or attitudes
162. She loved the feel of her new _____ jeans against her skin.
- n.* a sturdy cotton fabric, typically blue or black, used for making jeans or other clothing
163. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
- v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
164. _____ feed is made from fodder crops.
- n.* farm animals and birds such as cows, sheep, and chickens
165. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
166. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.
- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

ANSWERS: 159. economy, 160. clinic, 161. virtues, 162. denim, 163. conceive, 164. Livestock, 165. disease, 166. courage

167. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
168. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
- n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
169. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
- n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
170. Her new documentary earned her an _____ Award.
- n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
171. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
172. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
173. The company is planning to make a _____ expansion of its factory.
- adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
174. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.
- n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

ANSWERS: 167. separate, 168. proportion, 169. topic, 170. Academy, 171. conversation, 172. incredibly, 173. large-scale, 174. lens

175. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.
n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
176. 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
177. He _____ apologized for his mistake.
adv. without hiding any of your feelings, opinions, or facts; frankly and trustfully
178. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.
adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
179. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
180. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
181. She was hospitalized with a severe case of _____.
n. an infection or inflammation of the lungs, typically caused by bacteria, viruses, or other microorganisms
182. The company adjusted the revenue _____.
adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

ANSWERS: 175. sacrifice, 176. government, 177. openly, 178. steady, 179. panel, 180. unfortunate, 181. pneumonia, 182. upward

183. Condoms are a common method of _____ that both men and women can use.

- n.* the use of methods or devices to prevent pregnancy, typically by blocking fertilization or implantation of a fertilized egg, which options include contraceptives, condoms, intrauterine devices (IUDs), and sterilization procedures

184. He is in general _____ under the surgeon.

- n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

185. The _____ reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

- adj.* most important, main, or chief

186. 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

187. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

- adj.* of or relating to the countryside

188. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.

- v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

189. The _____ sun was making it difficult to see while driving.

- adj.* extremely noticeable or obvious, often in a way that is unpleasant or unpleasantly bright

190. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the _____.

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

ANSWERS: 183. contraception, 184. anesthesia, 185. principal, 186. fins, 187. rural, 188. generate, 189. glaring, 190. plow

191. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

192. The _____ views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

- adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

193. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.

- n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

194. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

195. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

196. The _____ screams of the victims could be heard in the distance.

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

197. She gave her _____ to the company's proposal.

- n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

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

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

ANSWERS: 191. insisted, 192. sweeping, 193. justice, 194. opportune, 195. inject, 196. voiceless, 197. consent, 198. asset

199. The topic of _____ was considered taboo in many cultures for centuries.

n. sexual intercourse between two people or animals

200. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

201. His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with _____ confidence.

adj. deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

202. He was known for his _____ behavior.

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

ANSWERS: 199. coition, 200. cores, 201. studied, 202. promiscuous