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Session 1: Word List

fiscal

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

synonym: financial, monetary, economic

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

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

cliff

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

synonym: crag, escarpment, precipice

(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving

He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.

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.

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

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.

negotiation

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

synonym: bargaining, dialogue, haggling

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

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

frenzy

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

synonym: frenetic, commotion, tumult

(1) **frenzy** of activity, (2) buying **frenzy**

The shoppers were **frenzy** to get the best deals on Black Friday.

partisan

adj. biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint

synonym: biased, prejudiced, one-sided

(1) **partisan** politics, (2) bridge **partisan** differences

Her **partisan** beliefs made it difficult for her to consider opposing viewpoints.

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.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
synonym: brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears
He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**
The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

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.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position
To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

buck

n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

synonym: dollar, money, currency

(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**
I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the

forest's edge.

primer

n. a book or manual giving basic information about a subject often used as an introduction or means of instruction; a type of paint or other material that is applied to a surface before the final coat of paint or finish is applied

synonym : undercoat, base coat, foundation

(1) a **primer** coat, (2) computer science **primer**

I need to apply **primer** to the walls before painting them.

refreshments

n. small snacks or drinks provided to guests or participants at an event, typically to satisfy hunger or thirst temporarily

synonym : snacks, beverages, treats

(1) appetizing **refreshments**, (2) buffet **refreshments**

The hotel offers complimentary **refreshments** for guests in the lobby.

slope

n. a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other

synonym : gradient, pitch, slant

(1) an abrupt **slope**, (2) slide down a **slope** on a ski

The hut stands on the **slope** of a mountain.

austerity

n. the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

synonym : frugality, nonindulgence, rigor

(1) impose **austerity**, (2) economic **austerity**

The government's **austerity** measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.

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.

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

synonym: charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs

The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

arbitrary

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

synonym: autocratic, dictatorial, whimsical

(1) **arbitrary** size and shape, (2) the **arbitrary** rule of a dictator

He collected data to avoid **arbitrary** decisions.

deadline

n. a date or period by which something must be done

synonym: time limit, period

(1) transfer **deadline** day, (2) the **deadline** for applications

No matter what, we must have this done before the **deadline**.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

projection

n. the act of calculating or guessing, or the state of being estimated; any solid shape or object that juts out from something; an image on a screen cast from something

synonym: estimate, forecast, prediction

(1) draw a **projection** chart, (2) **projection** mapping

The weather forecast includes a **projection** of the high and low temperatures for the next week.

debt

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

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

percentage

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

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

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

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

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

congressional

adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States

synonym : parliamentary, senatorial, legislative

(1) **congressional** approval, (2) suspend a **congressional** meeting

There was a **congressional** probe into the scandal.

congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym : legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **congress**, (2) peace **congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym : financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

buyer

n. a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor

synonym : purchaser, shopper, customer

(1) potential **buyer**, (2) house **buyer**

The online marketplace connects **buyers** with sellers all over the world.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

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.

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

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.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

widen

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

synonym: broaden, enlarge, extend

(1) **widen** in excitement, (2) **widen** a narrowed heart valve

He **widened** his investigation into a medical clinic.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

favorable

adj. having a positive or beneficial attitude or effect; expressing approval, support, or agreement

synonym: advantageous, beneficial, positive

(1) **favorable** conditions, (2) **favorable** response

The positive reviews were a **favorable** sign for the new restaurant in town.

deficit

n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

synonym: insufficiency, deficiency, shortage

(1) federal budget **deficit**, (2) an accumulative **deficit**

Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade **deficit**.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

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.

cynical

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

synonym: skeptical, mistrustful, doubtful

(1) **cynical** remarks, (2) **cynical** worldview

He was very **cynical** and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

insider

n. a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field

synonym: mole, privileged person

(1) **insider** trading, (2) company **insider**

He's a Wall Street **insider** with a lot of valuable information.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who

try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

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

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

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

philosophy

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

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

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

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

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.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

scour

v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

synonym: cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

endeavor

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

synonym: attempt, strive, undertake

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

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

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, toil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

machinery

n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

synonym: apparatus, appliance, equipment

(1) heavy **machinery**, (2) inactive **machinery**

The **machinery** of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

productive

adj. resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value

synonym: efficient, fruitful, successful

(1) low **productive** capacity, (2) **productive** meeting

The new employee proved extremely **productive**, completing projects ahead of schedule.

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

synonym: provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

dislocate

v. to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship

synonym: displace

(1) **dislocate** my shoulder, (2) **dislocate** residents

X-rays revealed that several of his joints were **dislocated**.

fade

v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

synonym: languish, wither

(1) **fade** away almost completely, (2) **fade** in importance

My memory will **fade**, but my heart will live on.

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym: productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym : deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym : go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

economical

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

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

capitalism

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

synonym : commercialism

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

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

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.

pile *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another;
a large sum of something, such as money
synonym: accumulation, heap, stack
(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**
After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

rip *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
synonym: tear, cut, slit
(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof
During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

unproductive *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired
results
synonym: fruitless, ineffective, idle
(1) in an **unproductive** manner, (2) **unproductive**
industries
The negotiations between labor and management were
unproductive.

equitable *adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
synonym: fair, honest, impartial
(1) in an **equitable** manner, (2) an **equitable** price
In a democratic country, governments promote **equitable**
opportunities to participate in society.

environment *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which
humans, animals, and plants live
synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate
(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**
Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's
environment.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym: prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

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**.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym: bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

despair

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

synonym: dismay, anguish, misery

(1) **despair** at the future, (2) untold **despair**

His friend's death drove him to **despair**.

depressed

adj. sad and without any hope

synonym : despondent, despairing, sad

(1) **depressed** feeling, (2) the market is **depressed**

After his mother died, he got **depressed**.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

moderate

adj. being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

synonym : average, middle-of-the-road, tempered

(1) **moderate** growth, (2) **moderate** risk

He had a **moderate** understanding of the topic but needed further research.

pragmatic

adj. practical rather than idealistic

synonym : practical, realistic, down-to-earth

(1) **pragmatic** approach, (2) **pragmatic** politics

He was a **pragmatic** leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.

federal

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

synonym : national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding

The **federal** government announced new regulations to

protect the environment.

security

n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym : safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

discretionary

adj. subject to one's judgment or decision; available for use as needed or desired

synonym : optional, elective, voluntary

(1) **discretionary** power, (2) **discretionary** fund

The **discretionary** bonus was a nice surprise for the employees.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

chunk

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

synonym : block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the

market within a year.

indigent

adj. lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute

synonym: deprived, impoverished, needy

(1) **indigent** population, (2) **indigent** elderly

The charity organization provides aid and support to **indigent** communities.

touched

adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration

synonym: affected, moved, emotional

(1) **touched-hearted** audience, (2) emotionally **touched** by the speech

He gave a **touched** smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym: nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

fairly

adv. to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

synonym : moderately, reasonably, pretty

(1) **fairly** accurate, (2) have a **fairly** clear view

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

rumor

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

synonym : gossip, whisper, talk

(1) a false **rumor**, (2) **rumor** mill

There was a baseless **rumor** that the company was going bankrupt.

demise

n. death or the end of something

synonym : death, passing, end

(1) **demise** of bureaucracy, (2) meet their **demise**

The sudden **demise** of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.

greatly

adv. to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much

synonym : enormously, broadly, grandly

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

They **greatly** admired our actions.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym : overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

retirement

n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

synonym: resignation, withdrawal, retreat

(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**

This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

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

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

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym: health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

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.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym: dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

vast

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

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

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

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

welfare

n. the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

synonym: well-being, benefit, health

(1) child **welfare**, (2) a **welfare** state

She struggled for years to survive without **welfare**.

interior

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

synonym: inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space

The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

inducement

n. something that is used to persuade or influence someone to do something; a motive, enticement, or incentive

synonym: incentive, motivation, persuasion

(1) financial **inducement**, (2) criminal **inducement**

The company offered a lucrative **inducement** to attract new employees.

drill

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

synonym: exercise, routine, training

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

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

doll

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

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

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

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

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.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

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.

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.

sliver

n. a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

synonym: splinter, shard, fragment

(1) **sliver** of wood, (2) **sliver** of metal

I had to be careful not to step on a **sliver** of glass on the floor.

libertarian

n. a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs

synonym: latitudinarian

(1) **libertarian** group, (2) civil **libertarian**

Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the **libertarian** philosophy of the media.

socialist

adj. relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

synonym : communistic, Marxist, socialist

(1) **socialist** regime, (2) **socialist** ideology

He is a progressive **socialist** and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

overlap

v. to partially cover something by going beyond its edge

synonym : overlay, cover, bespread

(1) **overlap** one another, (2) **overlap** in many areas

There was no **overlap** between their proposals.

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.

saltwater

adj. of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea

synonym : marine, naval, maritime

(1) a **saltwater** fish, (2) **saltwater** crocodile

The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the **saltwater** ecosystem downstream.

freshwater

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

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

liberal

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded

synonym: broad, free, large-minded

(1) a **liberal** arts college, (2) under **liberal** conditions
He is **liberal** in his thoughts.

wed

v. to marry someone

synonym: marry, get hitched with

(1) **wed** my intended, (2) **wed** the rich man
The couple will **wed** after the tenth anniversary.

snub

v. to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting

synonym: ignore, reject, slight

(1) **snub** a request, (2) **snub** a celebrity
He decided to **snub** his former friend after a major disagreement.

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor
The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym: credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**
Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

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.

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.

doctoral

adj. of or relating to doctorate (= the highest degree from a university) or the achievement of a doctorate

synonym : doctoral

(1) **doctoral** program, (2) **doctoral** research

She is pursuing a **doctoral** degree in psychology to become a licensed therapist.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym : social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

empirical

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

synonym : observational, experiential, factual

(1) **empirical** research, (2) **empirical** philosophy

The study's results were based on **empirical** evidence gathered from extensive research.

riddle

n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

synonym : mystery, puzzle, enigma

(1) **riddle** me a riddle, (2) solve the **riddle**

The **riddle** remains mysterious to us.

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

synonym : catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym : terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

profession

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

synonym : occupation, vocation, trade

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

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

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym : attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

degree

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

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

modesty

n. the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful
synonym: humility, reserve, bashfulness

(1) behave with **modesty**, (2) **modesty** panel
Many people with true talent show a sense of **modesty** rather than arrogance.

arrogant

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
synonym: haughty, supercilious, disdainful

(1) an **arrogant** attitude, (2) grow **arrogant**
He was so **arrogant** that he thought he was always right.

assure

v. to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
synonym: ensure, guarantee, promise

(1) **assure** safety, (2) **assure** quality
I want to **assure** you that you have my full support.

impartial

adj. not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion
synonym: fair, unbiased, neutral

(1) **impartial** treatment, (2) **impartial** observer
The judge made an **impartial** decision after reviewing all the evidence.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**
They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

organization

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym : association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

attitude

n. the way you think and feel about someone or something

synonym : mindset, perspective, philosophy

(1) **attitude** toward mistakes, (2) **attitude** control

She had the **attitude** that work was fun.

pew

n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services

synonym : seat, church bench

(1) empty **pew**, (2) wooden **pew**

The church was filled with people sitting on the **pews**, listening to the sermon.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

ideological

adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

synonym: theoretical, abstract, philosophical

(1) **ideological** divide, (2) **ideological** differences

The book presents an **ideological** perspective on the role of government in society.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

redistribute

v. to share something among people in a different way

synonym: rearrange, readjust, reconstruct

(1) **redistribute** income fairly, (2) **redistribute** data

The general **redistributed** the troops more strategically.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

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

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

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

vague

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

synonym: ambiguous, imprecise, dim

(1) **vague** idea, (2) make a **vague** answer

The **vague** rumor turned out to be false.

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.

handout

n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

synonym: contribution, aid, brochure

(1) plead for **handouts**, (2) three-page **handout**

All those eligible will receive financial **handouts**.

radical

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

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

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

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

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.

consideration

n. the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone

synonym : debate, regard, deliberation

(1) mature **consideration**, (2) take into **consideration**

We can rule this possibility out from our **consideration**.

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.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

process

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

for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

primary

adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

synonym : chief, main, fundamental

(1) **primary** school, (2) **primary** education

The **primary** cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym : shout, scream, cry

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

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

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.

reserve

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

synonym : keep, hold, preserve

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

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

vicious

adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice

synonym : malicious, spiteful, malevolent

(1) **vicious** attack, (2) **vicious** deflationary spiral

The **vicious** dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.

constitute

v. to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something

synonym : comprise, form, make up

(1) **constitute** a threat, (2) **constitute** a majority

The new regulations **constitute** a significant change in the industry standards.

guarantee

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

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

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

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

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

mess

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

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

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

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

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.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country

synonym: money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

coordination

n. the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively

synonym: cooperation, teamwork, collaboration

(1) data **coordination**, (2) loss of muscle **coordination**

Synchronized swimming needs close **coordination** between six performers.

presidency

n. the office or term of the President of a country or organization

synonym: leadership, administration, governance

(1) **presidency** term, (2) **presidency** duties

Her candidacy for the **presidency** has been met with both support and criticism.

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.

scream

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

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet
She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym: frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog
I'm **scared** of insects.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

madden

v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

synonym: infuriate, enrage, exasperate

(1) **madden** with rage, (2) **madden** the enemy
The slow internet connection **maddened** him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym: immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**
I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project
We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

bedrock

n. the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium

synonym: foundation, foundation stone, base

(1) **bedrock** foundation, (2) **bedrock** geology

The **bedrock** beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.

stability

n. the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

synonym: resilience, solidity, steadiness

(1) **stability** pact, (2) fiscal **stability** pact

The policy should increase the country's monetary **stability**.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

calamity

n. a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss

synonym: disaster, tragedy, misfortune

(1) financial **calamity**, (2) a dire **calamity**

The earthquake was a major **calamity** that left many homeless.

sustained

adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense

synonym: prolonged, extended, continual

(1) **sustained** economic growth, (2) **sustained** release medication

The company experienced **sustained** growth over the past decade.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

polarize

v. to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict

synonym: divide, separate, split

(1) **polarize** society, (2) **polarize** opinions

The controversial new law has the potential to **polarize** the entire nation.

existence

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

synonym: fact, being, reality

(1) the biggest tree in **existence**, (2) the struggle for **existence**

He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the **existence** of heaven or hell.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

mathematics

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

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

solvable

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

synonym: attainable, resolvable, achievable

(1) **solvable** problem, (2) mathematically **solvable** equation

The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite **solvable** with a software update.

practical

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

synonym: applicable, functional, realistic

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

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

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------|--|
| 1. el__t the school board | <i>v.</i> to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something |
| 2. principles of de_____cy | <i>n.</i> a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so |
| 3. r_p a hole in the roof | <i>v.</i> to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly |
| 4. a ch__k of money | <i>n.</i> a thick and solid mass or piece of something |
| 5. ve__e of bankruptcy | <i>n.</i> the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border |
| 6. an official rep_____ive | <i>n.</i> someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people |
| 7. fe_____l funding | <i>adj.</i> relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level |
| 8. in an unp_____ive manner | <i>adj.</i> not producing or able to produce very much or desired results |
| 9. be killed in_____ly | <i>adv.</i> immediately |

ANSWERS: 1. elect, 2. democracy, 3. rip, 4. chunk, 5. verge, 6. representative, 7. federal, 8. unproductive, 9. instantly

10. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
11. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
12. sa_____er crocodile *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
13. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
14. po_____ze opinions *v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict
15. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
16. w_d the rich man *v.* to marry someone
17. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
18. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 10. capitalism, 11. graph, 12. saltwater, 13. religion, 14. polarize, 15. discuss, 16. wed, 17. contribution, 18. argument

19. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
20. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
21. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
22. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
23. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
24. buffet ref_____nts *n.* small snacks or drinks provided to guests or participants at an event, typically to satisfy hunger or thirst temporarily
25. b__k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
26. heavy ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
27. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

ANSWERS: 19. ruin, 20. invest, 21. mechanism, 22. depart, 23. inevitable, 24. refreshments, 25. buck, 26. machinery, 27. consistent

28. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
29. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
30. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
31. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
32. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
33. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
34. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
35. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
36. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
37. va__e idea *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
38. 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: 28. modern, 29. collapse, 30. standing, 31. mechanism, 32. government, 33. unfortunately, 34. ugly, 35. attempt, 36. specific, 37. vague, 38. lens

39. mo____te growth *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
40. w_d my intended *v.* to marry someone
41. sl____r of wood *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
42. the de____ne for applications *n.* a date or period by which something must be done
43. ov____p one another *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
44. de____e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
45. the Great Dep____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
46. en____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
47. mat____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
48. dis____ary fund *adj.* subject to one's judgment or decision; available for use as needed or desired

ANSWERS: 39. moderate, 40. wed, 41. sliver, 42. deadline, 43. overlap, 44. define, 45. depression, 46. encourage, 47. mathematics, 48. discretionary

49. impose au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
50. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
51. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
52. su_____ed economic growth *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
53. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
54. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
55. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
56. unp_____ive industries *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
57. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

ANSWERS: 49. austerity, 50. organization, 51. destroy, 52. sustained, 53. congress, 54. efficient, 55. ancient, 56. unproductive, 57. exaggerate

58. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
59. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
60. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
61. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
62. plenty of in_____or space *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
63. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
64. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
65. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
66. wi__n a narrowed heart valve *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
67. behave with mo_____y *n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful
68. the market is de_____ed *adj.* sad and without any hope
69. sc__r the Internet *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

ANSWERS: 58. negotiation, 59. divide, 60. organization, 61. engineer, 62. interior, 63. investor, 64. gradual, 65. dot, 66. widen, 67. modesty, 68. depressed, 69. scour

70. se____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
71. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
72. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
73. ma___n with rage *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
74. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
75. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
76. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
77. career tra_____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
78. su_____ed release medication *adj.* lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
79. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
80. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 70. separate, 71. stake, 72. destruction, 73. madden, 74. excite, 75. define, 76. invest, 77. trajectory, 78. sustained, 79. ancient, 80. efficient

81. civil lib_____an *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
82. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
83. pro_____ve meeting *adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
84. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
85. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
86. cu_____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
87. f__e away almost completely *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
88. de_____ed feeling *adj.* sad and without any hope
89. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
90. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 81. libertarian, 82. environment, 83. productive, 84. encourage, 85. tweak, 86. currency, 87. fade, 88. depressed, 89. pile, 90. philosophy

91. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
92. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
93. ret_____nt from politics *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
94. an accumulative de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
95. empty p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
96. tw__k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
97. national se_____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
98. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
99. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 91. cliff, 92. religion, 93. retirement, 94. deficit, 95. pew, 96. tweak, 97. security, 98. profession, 99. military

100. im_____al treatment *adj.* not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion
101. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
102. pro_____on mapping *n.* the act of calculating or guessing, or the state of being estimated; any solid shape or object that juts out from something; an image on a screen cast from something
103. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
104. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
105. 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
106. di_____ee with a plan *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
107. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
108. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 100. impartial, 101. quest, 102. projection, 103. mess, 104. suppose, 105. graduate, 106. disagree, 107. lobby, 108. mathematics

109. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
110. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
111. meet their de___e *n.* death or the end of something
112. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
113. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
114. under li_____l conditions *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
115. 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
116. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
117. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
118. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 109. confer, 110. resolve, 111. demise, 112. constantly, 113. horrible, 114. liberal, 115. economy, 116. crisis, 117. confer, 118. survey

119. the id____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
120. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
121. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
122. an eq_____le price *adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
123. po_____ze society *v.* to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict
124. the highly charged issue of ab_____on *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
125. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
126. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
127. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
128. at_____de control *n.* the way you think and feel about someone or something
129. lib_____an group *n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs

ANSWERS: 119. ideology, 120. doll, 121. individual, 122. equitable, 123. polarize, 124. abortion, 125. absolutely, 126. divide, 127. instantly, 128. attitude, 129. libertarian

130. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
131. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
132. economic au_____ty *n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt
133. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
134. systemic ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
135. low pro_____ve capacity *adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
136. the dr__l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
137. suspend a con_____nal meeting *adj.* of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
138. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

ANSWERS: 130. reserve, 131. destroy, 132. austerity, 133. debt, 134. racism, 135. productive, 136. drill, 137. congressional, 138. poll

139. on the ve__e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
140. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
141. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
142. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
143. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
144. so_____st regime *adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)
145. fa_____le conditions *adj.* having a positive or beneficial attitude or effect; expressing approval, support, or agreement
146. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 139. verge, 140. racism, 141. remarkable, 142. consistent, 143. collapse, 144. socialist, 145. favorable, 146. contribution

147. wooden p_w *n.* a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services
148. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
149. sl____r of metal *n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something
150. cy_____l worldview *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
151. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
152. federal budget de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
153. an abrupt sl__e *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
154. be_____k foundation *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
155. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 147. pew, 148. represent, 149. sliver, 150. cynical, 151. vast, 152. deficit, 153. slope, 154. bedrock, 155. gap

156. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
157. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
158. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
159. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
160. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
161. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
162. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
163. a dire ca_____ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
164. f__e in importance *v.* to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness
165. fo___r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
166. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 156. eliminate, 157. survey, 158. delay, 159. impose, 160. economical, 161. fundamental, 162. practical, 163. calamity, 164. fade, 165. foster, 166. quest

167. ro____y explain my idea
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
168. fe____l regulations
adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
169. sc__e the birds away
v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
170. sc__r a pot
v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
171. an ar____nt attitude
adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
172. solve the ri____e
n. a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
173. the height of a p__e
n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
174. ac____e knowledge
v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
175. draw a pro_____on chart
n. the act of calculating or guessing, or the state of being estimated; any solid shape or object that juts out from something; an image on a screen cast from something

ANSWERS: 167. roughly, 168. federal, 169. scare, 170. scour, 171. arrogant, 172. riddle, 173. pile, 174. acquire, 175. projection

176. three-page ha_____t
n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
177. at_____de toward mistakes
n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
178. 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
179. company in_____r
n. a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field
180. untold de_____r
n. the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
181. improved student ou_____es
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
182. fi___l year
adj. relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters
183. rem_____le achievement
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
184. ch__t in a game
v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
185. data coo_____ion
n. the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively
186. re_____nt by a diagram
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 176. handout, 177. attitude, 178. adopt, 179. insider, 180. despair, 181. outcome, 182. fiscal, 183. remarkable, 184. cheat, 185. coordination, 186. represent

187. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
188. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
189. transfer de_____ne day *n.* a date or period by which something must be done
190. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
191. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
192. vi_____s deflationary spiral *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
193. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
194. de_____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
195. mature con_____ion *n.* the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone
196. so_____le problem *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge
197. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

ANSWERS: 187. overwhelming, 188. lobby, 189. deadline, 190. nervous, 191. stable, 192. vicious, 193. yell, 194. despair, 195. consideration, 196. solvable, 197. disagree

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| 198. de___e centigrade | <i>n.</i> | a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment |
| 199. pr_____t the future | <i>v.</i> | to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience |
| 200. con_____nal approval | <i>adj.</i> | of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States |
| 201. in_____or decoration | <i>n.</i> | the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building |
| 202. inactive ma_____ry | <i>n.</i> | a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something |
| 203. red_____ute data | <i>v.</i> | to share something among people in a different way |
| 204. te_____ry housing | <i>adj.</i> | not lasting or be used for a very long |
| 205. sales rep_____ive | <i>n.</i> | someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people |
| 206. de___e of bureaucracy | <i>n.</i> | death or the end of something |
| 207. so_____st ideology | <i>adj.</i> | relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations) |

ANSWERS: 198. degree, 199. predict, 200. congressional, 201. interior, 202. machinery, 203. redistribute, 204. temporary, 205. representative, 206. demise, 207. socialist

208. st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
209. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
210. ri____e me a riddle *n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game
211. to_____d-hearted audience *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration
212. sc____m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
213. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
214. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
215. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
216. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
217. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 208. stability, 209. standing, 210. riddle, 211. touched, 212. scream, 213. destruction, 214. congress, 215. rip, 216. bond, 217. independence

218. the biggest tree in ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
219. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
220. gu_____ee a high quality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
221. bridge pa_____an differences *adj.* biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint
222. 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
223. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
224. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
225. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
226. computer science pr___r *n.* a book or manual giving basic information about a subject often used as an introduction or means of instruction; a type of paint or other material that is applied to a surface before the final coat of paint or finish is applied

ANSWERS: 218. existence, 219. elect, 220. guarantee, 221. partisan, 222. lens, 223. cheat, 224. specific, 225. scared, 226. primer

227. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
228. ar_____ry size and shape *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
229. 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
230. take into con_____ion *n.* the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone
231. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
232. fa_____y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
233. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
234. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

ANSWERS: 227. radical, 228. arbitrary, 229. economy, 230. consideration, 231. republican, 232. fairly, 233. gradual, 234. medical

235. 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
236. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
237. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
238. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
239. potential bu__r *n.* a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
240. pr_____ic approach *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
241. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
242. in_____nt population *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute
243. fi___l policy *adj.* relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters
244. im___e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
245. mathematically so_____le equation *adj.* capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 235. discuss, 236. government, 237. doll, 238. defend, 239. buyer, 240. pragmatic, 241. degree, 242. indigent, 243. fiscal, 244. impose, 245. solvable

246. the ar_____ry rule of a dictator *adj.* based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason
247. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
248. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
249. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
250. extra b__k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
251. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
252. ab_____on doctor *n.* the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
253. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
254. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

ANSWERS: 246. arbitrary, 247. republican, 248. fundamental, 249. trajectory, 250. buck, 251. absolutely, 252. abortion, 253. poll, 254. shocking

255. wi__n in excitement *v.* to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive
256. a tiny ch__k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
257. pr____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
258. financial in____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
259. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
260. grow ar____nt *adj.* having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities
261. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
262. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
263. buying fr___y *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

ANSWERS: 255. widen, 256. chunk, 257. practical, 258. incentive, 259. graph, 260. arrogant, 261. labor, 262. stake, 263. frenzy

264. pa_____an politics *adj.* biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint
265. appetizing ref_____nts *n.* small snacks or drinks provided to guests or participants at an event, typically to satisfy hunger or thirst temporarily
266. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
267. cr_____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
268. a li_____l arts college *adj.* willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior; open-minded
269. de__y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
270. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
271. mo_____y panel *n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful

ANSWERS: 264. partisan, 265. refreshments, 266. radical, 267. crisis, 268. liberal, 269. delay, 270. security, 271. modesty

272. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
273. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
274. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
275. sc____m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
276. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
277. a sa_____er fish *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
278. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
279. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
280. s__b a celebrity *v.* to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting
281. in st____e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 272. capture, 273. roughly, 274. statistics, 275. scream, 276. acquire, 277. saltwater, 278. constantly, 279. separate, 280. snub, 281. stable

282. a te_____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
283. slide down a sl__e on a ski *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
284. ma___n the enemy *v.* to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration
285. fr___y of activity *n.* a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior
286. en_____or as much as possible *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
287. ou_____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
288. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
289. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
290. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
291. a pr___r coat *n.* a book or manual giving basic information about a subject often used as an introduction or means of instruction; a type of paint or other material that is applied to a surface before the final coat of paint or finish is applied

ANSWERS: 282. temporary, 283. slope, 284. madden, 285. frenzy, 286. endeavor, 287. outweigh, 288. nation, 289. predict, 290. unfortunately, 291. primer

292. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
293. impending ret_____nt *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
294. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
295. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
296. fa_____le response *adj.* having a positive or beneficial attitude or effect; expressing approval, support, or agreement
297. political id_____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
298. in an eq_____le manner *adj.* fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly
299. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
300. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
301. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
302. as___e quality *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
303. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

ANSWERS: 292. dot, 293. retirement, 294. excite, 295. tremendous, 296. favorable, 297. ideology, 298. equitable, 299. awful, 300. democracy, 301. exaggerate, 302. assure, 303. overwhelming

304. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
305. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
306. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
307. fiscal st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
308. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
309. plead for ha_____ts *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
310. as____e safety *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
311. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
312. im_____al observer *adj.* not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion
313. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
314. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 304. profession, 305. economics, 306. percentage, 307. stability, 308. inevitable, 309. handout, 310. assure, 311. medical, 312. impartial, 313. currency, 314. modern

315. 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
316. gr_____y support that player *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
317. be_____k geology *n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
318. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
319. em_____al research *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
320. pre_____cy duties *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
321. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
322. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
323. ou_____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
324. make a va__e answer *adj.* not clearly expressed or understood
325. fire dr__l *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
326. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
327. emotionally to_____d by the speech *adj.* affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration

ANSWERS: 315. adopt, 316. greatly, 317. bedrock, 318. compromise, 319. empirical, 320. presidency, 321. amazing, 322. quarter, 323. outweigh, 324. vague, 325. drill, 326. guarantee, 327. touched

328. re_____e a dispute *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
329. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
330. s__b a request *v.* to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting
331. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
332. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
333. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
334. di_____te residents *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
335. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
336. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

ANSWERS: 328. resolve, 329. percentage, 330. snub, 331. statistics, 332. mess, 333. reserve, 334. dislocate, 335. shocking, 336. scare

337. ready-made ph___es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
338. gr____te degree program *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
339. in____r trading *n.* a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field
340. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
341. western phi____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
342. a desirable ou____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
343. have dis____us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
344. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
345. a we____e state *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
346. neg____on skills *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
347. pr____y school *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

ANSWERS: 337. phrase, 338. graduate, 339. insider, 340. ruin, 341. philosophy, 342. outcome, 343. disastrous, 344. vast, 345. welfare, 346. negotiation, 347. primary

348. em_____al philosophy *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
349. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
350. do_____al research *adj.* of or relating to doctorate (= the highest degree from a university) or the achievement of a doctorate
351. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
352. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
353. the at_____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
354. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
355. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
356. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 348. empirical, 349. compromise, 350. doctoral, 351. capture, 352. cliff, 353. attempt, 354. phrase, 355. engineer, 356. process

357. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
358. a real estate in____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
359. a blazing ar____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
360. ov____p in many areas *v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
361. en____or to succeed *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
362. loss of muscle coo____ion *n.* the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively
363. ind____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
364. mo____te risk *adj.* being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme
365. de____d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
366. di____te my shoulder *v.* to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
367. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 357. ugly, 358. investor, 359. argument, 360. overlap, 361. endeavor, 362. coordination, 363. individual, 364. moderate, 365. defend, 366. dislocate, 367. wealth

368. sc___d all the time *adj.* afraid or frightened
369. dis_____ary power *adj.* subject to one's judgment or decision; available for use as needed or desired
370. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
371. fre_____er aquatic bird *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
372. ide_____al differences *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
373. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
374. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
375. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
376. a false ru__r *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
377. pr_____y education *adj.* first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

ANSWERS: 368. scared, 369. discretionary, 370. process, 371. freshwater, 372. ideological, 373. labor, 374. quarter, 375. depart, 376. rumor, 377. primary

378. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
379. pre_____cy term *n.* the office or term of the President of a country or organization
380. con_____te a majority *v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
381. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
382. have a fa___y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
383. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
384. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
385. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
386. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
387. financial ind_____nt *n.* something that is used to persuade or influence someone to do something; a motive, enticement, or incentive
388. fre_____er area *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

ANSWERS: 378. debt, 379. presidency, 380. constitute, 381. tremendous, 382. fairly, 383. gap, 384. economics, 385. suppose, 386. nervous, 387. inducement, 388. freshwater

389. the struggle for ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
390. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
391. gr_____y affect the situation *adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
392. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
393. fo____r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
394. criminal ind_____nt *n.* something that is used to persuade or influence someone to do something; a motive, enticement, or incentive
395. ide_____al divide *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
396. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
397. pr_____ic politics *adj.* practical rather than idealistic
398. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
399. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
400. financial ca_____ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss

ANSWERS: 389. existence, 390. wealth, 391. greatly, 392. eliminate, 393. foster, 394. inducement, 395. ideological, 396. independence, 397. pragmatic, 398. nation, 399. incentive, 400. calamity

401. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
402. an aw__l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
403. red_____ute income fairly *v.* to share something among people in a different way
404. child we_____e *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
405. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
406. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
407. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
408. absolutely dis_____us effect *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
409. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
410. cy_____l remarks *adj.* believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity
411. vi_____s attack *adj.* having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
412. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 401. environment, 402. awful, 403. redistribute, 404. welfare, 405. amazing, 406. yell, 407. paradoxical, 408. disastrous, 409. paradoxical, 410. cynical, 411. vicious, 412. capitalism

413. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
414. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
415. ru__r mill *n.* a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth
416. con_____te a threat *v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
417. house bu__r *n.* a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
418. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
419. in_____nt elderly *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute
420. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
421. do_____al program *adj.* of or relating to doctorate (= the highest degree from a university) or the achievement of a doctorate

ANSWERS: 413. bond, 414. military, 415. rumor, 416. constitute, 417. buyer, 418. economical, 419. indigent, 420. horrible, 421. doctoral

422. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

ANSWERS: 422. depression

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.
 - v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

2. The media _____ had special passes.
 - n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

3. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
 - v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

4. 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

5. My memory will _____ but my heart will live on.
 - v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness

6. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
 - v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

7. The positive reviews were a _____ sign for the new restaurant in town.
 - adj. having a positive or beneficial attitude or effect; expressing approval, support, or agreement

8. The _____ cause of the accident was due to the icy road conditions.
 - adj. first or highest in rank, order, or importance; most fundamental or essential; pertaining to the initial or introductory stage of something, such as a school year or election cycle

ANSWERS: 1. delayed, 2. representatives, 3. elected, 4. discuss, 5. fade, 6. compromised, 7. favorable, 8. primary

9. The online marketplace connects _____ with sellers all over the world.
n. a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
10. I _____ for reasons already stated above.
v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
11. The earthquake was a major _____ that left many homeless.
n. a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
12. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something
13. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together
14. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
15. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
16. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.
n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
17. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.
adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

ANSWERS: 9. buyers, 10. disagree, 11. calamity, 12. quest, 13. phrase, 14. environment, 15. Congress, 16. verge, 17. overwhelming

18. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

19. The slow internet connection _____ him as he tried to stream his favorite show.

v. to make someone extremely angry or irritated, often to the point of losing control or rationality; to become irrational or frenzied with anger or frustration

20. The _____ rumor turned out to be false.

adj. not clearly expressed or understood

21. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

22. There was a baseless _____ that the company was going bankrupt.

n. a piece of unverified information of uncertain origin that is spread by word of mouth

23. He had a _____ understanding of the topic but needed further research.

adj. being within reasonable limits; not excessive or extreme

24. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.

adv. immediately

25. 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

ANSWERS: 18. ancient, 19. maddened, 20. vague, 21. suppose, 22. rumor, 23. moderate, 24. instantly, 25. separate

26. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
27. She is pursuing a _____ degree in psychology to become a licensed therapist.
adj. of or relating to doctorate (= the highest degree from a university) or the achievement of a doctorate
28. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.
v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
29. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
30. The new employee proved extremely _____ completing projects ahead of schedule.
adj. resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
31. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
32. The government is facing a _____ crisis due to high levels of debt.
adj. relating to government revenue and expenditures; relating to financial matters
33. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 26. degree, 27. doctoral, 28. impose, 29. mechanisms, 30. productive, 31. military, 32. fiscal, 33. unfortunately,

34. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

35. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

36. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

37. 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

38. The general _____ the troops more strategically.

v. to share something among people in a different way

39. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

40. The shoppers were _____ to get the best deals on Black Friday.

n. a state of wild, uncontrolled excitement or activity, often characterized by chaotic or irrational behavior

41. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 34. horrible, 35. piles, 36. amazing, 37. economy, 38. redistributed, 39. represent, 40. frenzy, 41. independence

42. 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
43. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.
v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
44. The company experienced _____ growth over the past decade.
adj. lasting for a long time or continuing for a long time without becoming weaker or less intense
45. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.
v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
46. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.
adj. not lasting or be used for a very long
47. The painter focused on the moody _____ of abandoned buildings in his work.
n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
48. Her _____ beliefs made it difficult for her to consider opposing viewpoints.
adj. biased or prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, group, or political party; displaying strong support or allegiance to a particular side or viewpoint
49. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

ANSWERS: 42. nation, 43. reserve, 44. sustained, 45. acquire, 46. temporary, 47. interiors, 48. partisan, 49. inevitable

50. I need to apply _____ to the walls before painting them.

- n.* a book or manual giving basic information about a subject often used as an introduction or means of instruction; a type of paint or other material that is applied to a surface before the final coat of paint or finish is applied

51. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

52. The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the _____ ecosystem downstream.

- adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea

53. Several military _____ programs have become popular methods of exercise.

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

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

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

55. During transit, the stuff may _____ off the luggage tag.

- v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

56. I want to _____ you that you have my full support.

- v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

ANSWERS: 50. primer, 51. labor, 52. saltwater, 53. drill, 54. confer, 55. rip, 56. assure

57. 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
58. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
59. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
60. The _____ dog barked and growled at anyone who came near its territory.
adj. having or showing a desire to cause harm to others; having the nature of vice
61. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
62. 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
63. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.
n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
64. We can rule this possibility out from our _____.
n. the act or process of giving careful thought to something; a fee charged in advance to retain the services of someone

ANSWERS: 57. government, 58. graph, 59. security, 60. vicious, 61. argument, 62. quarter, 63. republican, 64. consideration

65. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.
n. a system of money in general use in a particular country
66. 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
67. We strongly oppose the _____ ban.
n. the intentional termination of a pregnancy at an early stage
68. He was a _____ leader who made decisions based on what was practical rather than ideal.
adj. practical rather than idealistic
69. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.
n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
70. He made a frightful _____ in his room.
n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
71. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
72. This microbe is a parasite of _____ fish.
adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

ANSWERS: 65. currency, 66. crisis, 67. abortion, 68. pragmatic, 69. Depression, 70. mess, 71. predict, 72. freshwater

73. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
- v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
74. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
- n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
75. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
- v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
76. They had formed a friendship _____.
- n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
77. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
78. X-rays revealed that several of his joints were _____.
- v. to move out of a position of the bone in a joint; to put out of its usual place, position, or relationship
79. The advantages would undoubtedly _____ the disadvantages.
- v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
80. She had the _____ that work was fun.
- n. the way you think and feel about someone or something
81. He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the _____ of heaven or hell.
- n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

ANSWERS: 73. ruined, 74. profession, 75. resolves, 76. bond, 77. define, 78. dislocated, 79. outweigh, 80. attitude, 81. existence

82. The new regulations _____ a significant change in the industry standards.
- v.* to be the essential or fundamental elements or parts of something; to establish, appoint, or assign someone to a particular office or position; to make up or compose something
83. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
84. They _____ admired our actions.
- adv.* to an extraordinary extent or degree; very much
85. 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
86. No matter what, we must have this done before the _____.
- n.* a date or period by which something must be done
87. The _____ bonus was a nice surprise for the employees.
- adj.* subject to one's judgment or decision; available for use as needed or desired
88. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
- adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
89. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.
- adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

ANSWERS: 82. constitute, 83. capture, 84. greatly, 85. lens, 86. deadline, 87. discretionary, 88. medical, 89. federal

90. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
- v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
91. The policy should increase the country's monetary _____.
- n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
92. A ____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
93. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.
- adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
94. He became in _____ after losing his job.
- n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
95. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
96. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
- v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
97. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
- adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

ANSWERS: 90. fostering, 91. stability, 92. vast, 93. practical, 94. debt, 95. outcome, 96. cheated, 97. gradual

98. He is _____ in his thoughts.

adj. willing to respect or allow many different types of beliefs or behavior;
open-minded

99. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

100. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

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

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

102. Her candidacy for the _____ has been met with both support and criticism.

n. the office or term of the President of a country or organization

103. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

104. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

105. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

106. She is the president of a large international _____.

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

ANSWERS: 98. liberal, 99. awful, 100. remarkable, 101. yelled, 102. presidency, 103. gap, 104. destruction, 105. religion, 106. organization

107. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
108. The sudden _____ of the king was a shock to everyone and threw the kingdom into chaos.
n. death or the end of something
109. 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
110. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.
v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
111. There was a _____ probe into the scandal.
adj. of or relating to Congress, especially to the Congress of the United States
112. The negotiations between labor and management were _____.
adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
113. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
114. She had to _____ the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.
v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
115. This fund is responsible for disability and _____ benefits.
n. the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

ANSWERS: 107. collapsed, 108. demise, 109. specific, 110. tweak, 111. congressional, 112. unproductive, 113. modern, 114. scour, 115. retirement

116. He was very _____ and didn't believe anything anyone said unless he saw evidence for himself.

adj. believing that people are motivated by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

117. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

118. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.

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

119. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

120. The charity organization provides aid and support to _____ communities.

adj. lacking the necessities of life, especially food and shelter, or lacking the means to acquire them; poor or destitute

121. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed

122. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

ANSWERS: 116. cynical, 117. process, 118. guarantee, 119. efficient, 120. indigent, 121. dots, 122. ugly

123. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

124. He _____ his investigation into a medical clinic.

v. to become or make something broader, wider, more extensive

125. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

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

126. The company offered a lucrative _____ to attract new employees.

n. something that is used to persuade or influence someone to do something; a motive, enticement, or incentive

127. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

128. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

129. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

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

130. He was so _____ that he thought he was always right.

adj. having or revealing an exaggerated sense of one's importance or abilities

ANSWERS: 123. excited, 124. widened, 125. standing, 126. inducement, 127. attempt, 128. wealth, 129. Capitalism, 130. arrogant

131. The _____ of audit formally issued a business improvement order.
- n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
132. You are not _____ in your behavior.
- adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
133. 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
134. The hotel offers complimentary _____ for guests in the lobby.
- n.* small snacks or drinks provided to guests or participants at an event, typically to satisfy hunger or thirst temporarily
135. 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
136. He is a progressive _____ and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.
- adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)
137. The hut stands on the _____ of a mountain.
- n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
138. Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade _____.
- n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

ANSWERS: 131. machinery, 132. consistent, 133. graduate, 134. refreshments, 135. individual, 136. socialist, 137. slope, 138. deficit

139. She struggled for years to survive without _____.
- n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
140. There was no _____ between their proposals.
- v.* to partially cover something by going beyond its edge
141. The couple will ____ after the tenth anniversary.
- v.* to marry someone
142. Western liberal democracy serves as the foundation for the _____ philosophy of the media.
- n.* a person who believes that people should be free to think and behave as they want and the government should only have a minimal level of control, and a person who advocates those beliefs
143. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
144. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
145. Synchronized swimming needs close _____ between six performers.
- n.* the act of making all the people involved in a plan or activity work together effectively; the ability to control different parts of the body effectively
146. The government's _____ measures have resulted in widespread protests and discontent.
- n.* the state or condition of being stern, rigid, or uncompromising, or being simple or plain; an economic policy or measure that seeks to reduce government spending and debt

ANSWERS: 139. welfare, 140. overlap, 141. wed, 142. libertarian, 143. Democracy, 144. absolutely, 145. coordination, 146. austerity

147. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

148. 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

149. In a democratic country, governments promote _____ opportunities to participate in society.

adj. fair and impartial; treating everyone fairly

150. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

151. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

152. 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

153. He collected data to avoid _____ decisions.

adj. based on chance, or individual whim rather than any reason

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

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

ANSWERS: 147. shocking, 148. invest, 149. equitable, 150. paradoxical, 151. roughly, 152. adopted, 153. arbitrary, 154. statistics

155. After his mother died, he got _____.

adj. sad and without any hope

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

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

157. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

158. His friend's death drove him to _____.

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

159. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

160. The new start-up company carved out a large _____ of the market within a year.

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

161. The emission of hazardous substances has _____ effects on the ecology of a region.

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

162. He's a Wall Street _____ with a lot of valuable information.

n. a person who has privileged access to special or secret information about a particular organization or field

163. The _____ beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.

n. the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium

ANSWERS: 155. depressed, 156. percentage, 157. scared, 158. despair, 159. cliff, 160. chunk, 161. disastrous, 162. insider, 163. bedrock

164. He decided to _____ his former friend after a major disagreement.
- v.* to deliberately ignore, reject, or dismiss someone or something abruptly and rudely; to intentionally withhold attention, recognition, or acknowledgment in a way that is meant to be disrespectful or insulting
165. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
- n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
166. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.
- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
167. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
168. He deals _____ with his employees.
- adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
169. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
- v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
170. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
171. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.
- n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 164. snub, 165. trajectory, 166. racism, 167. survey, 168. fairly, 169. departed, 170. engineer, 171. contribution

172. Many people with true talent show a sense of _____ rather than arrogance.

- n.* the quality of being modest (= having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.), which can include humility or shyness; the act of not showing too much of oneself or being overly boastful

173. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

- v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

174. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

175. The weather forecast includes a _____ of the high and low temperatures for the next week.

- n.* the act of calculating or guessing, or the state of being estimated; any solid shape or object that juts out from something; an image on a screen cast from something

176. The judge made an _____ decision after reviewing all the evidence.

- adj.* not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion

177. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

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

178. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 172. modesty, 173. exaggerated, 174. divide, 175. projection, 176. impartial, 177. negotiation, 178. encouraged

179. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

180. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

- adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

181. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

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

182. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.

- n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

183. The _____ remains mysterious to us.

- n.* a type of question that describes something in a difficult and confusing way, and that has a surprising answer, often asked as a game

184. Ethics is a branch of _____.

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

185. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

- n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

186. The book presents an _____ perspective on the role of government in society.

- adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

ANSWERS: 179. stake, 180. nervous, 181. screaming, 182. ideology, 183. riddle, 184. philosophy, 185. investors, 186. ideological

187. I spotted a majestic _____ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

188. He gave a _____ smile as he read the heartfelt message in the card from his daughter.

adj. affected emotionally or mentally; moved; showing a slight change or alteration

189. The controversial new law has the potential to _____ the entire nation.

v. to cause or become divided into two contrasting or opposite groups, opinions, or positions; to create or intensify a sharp division or conflict

190. The church was filled with people sitting on the _____ listening to the sermon.

n. a long bench or seating area, typically found in churches, designed to accommodate multiple people during religious services

191. We will _____ to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

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

192. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

193. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

194. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 187. buck, 188. touched, 189. polarize, 190. pews, 191. endeavor, 192. defend, 193. fundamental, 194. stable

195. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

196. We had a _____ time yesterday.

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

197. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

198. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

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

199. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

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

200. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

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

201. The engineers found the technical glitch in the system was quite _____ with a software update.

adj. capable of being solved or resolved; able to be fixed or resolved with effort, skill, or knowledge

202. He has a flair for _____.

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

ANSWERS: 195. eliminate, 196. tremendous, 197. polls, 198. economical, 199. doll, 200. lobby, 201. solvable, 202. mathematics

203. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.

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

204. They have no _____ to win the game.

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

205. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

206. The study's results were based on _____ evidence gathered from extensive research.

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

207. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

208. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

209. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

210. All those eligible will receive financial _____.

n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

ANSWERS: 203. radical, 204. incentive, 205. scare, 206. empirical, 207. constantly, 208. destroyed, 209. economics, 210. handouts

211. I had to be careful not to step on a _____ of glass on the floor.

- n.* a small, thin, narrow piece or fragment of something, often characterized by its length or its sharpness or thinness; a small portion or amount of something, often used in a metaphorical sense to describe a trace or a hint of something

ANSWERS: 211. sliver