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Session 1: Word List

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

troop

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

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

preceding

adj. occurring or coming before something or somebody in time or order; previous or former

synonym : former, earlier, antecedent

(1) **preceding** paragraph, (2) **preceding** year

During the **preceding** quarter, the company experienced significant growth.

conflict

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

synonym : clash, discord, competition

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

conflict

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

intervention

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
synonym: interference, intercession, treatment

(1) **intervention** by foreign powers, (2) surgical

intervention

This **intervention** does not require the patient's consent.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

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**.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym: recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**

Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

succeed

v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

synonym: achieve, accomplish, triumph

(1) **succeed** beyond expectations, (2) **succeed** academically

I hope to **succeed** in my career and live a happy life.

hubris

n. excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin

synonym: arrogance, conceit, pride

(1) political **hubris**, (2) **hubris** in business

The athlete's **hubris** resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.

overconfidence

n. excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior

synonym: overestimation, hubris, arrogance

(1) **overconfidence** bias, (2) false **overconfidence**

The student's **overconfidence** in their writing abilities caused them not to bother to proofread their essay, resulting in a poor grades.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

humiliate

v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information

synonym: shame, embarrass, degrade

(1) **humiliate** him publicly, (2) **humiliate** the heckler in the audience

The boss **humiliated** her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.

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.

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym: present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

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.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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.

president

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

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym : footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

progression

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

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

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

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

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.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym : set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym : rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism

She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

secretary

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

synonym : assistant, clerk, administrator

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

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

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

leadership

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

synonym : captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians

The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale

measures against global warming.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

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.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym: doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day
He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym : ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan
She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

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.

enhance

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

synonym : improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla
The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

clinic

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

synonym : hospital, infirmary

(1) visit to the veterinary **clinic**, (2) a dental **clinic**
She holds a **clinic** on Tuesday mornings.

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.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

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**.

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.

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.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges
Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

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

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

priority

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

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

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

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

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.

micromanagement

n. a style of management characterized by excessive attention to detail and control, often resulting in inefficient or demotivating work environments

synonym: control-freak management, nit-picking, excessive supervision

(1) **micromanagement** approach, (2) **micromanagement** techniques

His manager's **micromanagement** style drove him crazy, making him feel like he couldn't make any decisions on his own.

tendency

n. an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic

synonym: inclination, propensity, proclivity

(1) economic **tendency**, (2) curious **tendency**

There is a growing **tendency** among young people to prioritize experiences over material possessions.

foreigner

n. a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or origin

synonym: outsider, alien, immigrant

(1) **foreigner** visa, (2) unknown **foreigner**

She faced some challenges as a **foreigner** in the business world but was soon respected for her expertise.

command

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

synonym: control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

generous

adj. willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

synonym: charitable, benevolent, giving

(1) a **generous** reward, (2) a **generous** and thoughtful person

This teacher is **generous** in his grading.

considerably

adv. to a significant extent or degree; noticeably; substantially

synonym: significantly, substantially, extensively

(1) **considerably** larger, (2) **considerably** improve

The new marketing campaign **considerably** increased sales for the company.

conservative

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

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

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

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

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym: accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

mullah

n. an Islamic religious leader or teacher

synonym: cleric, priest, imam

(1) the wife of a **mullah**, (2) **mullah** leader

The **mullahs** in the country have been accused of using their religious authority to justify acts of terrorism.

perplexity

n. confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

synonym: confusion, bewilderment, uncertainty

(1) a **perplexity** issue, (2) resolve **perplexity**

The **perplexity** of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym: event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

refuge

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

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

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

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

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

nadir

n. the lowest point, the point of greatest despair or decline, often used metaphorically

synonym: bottom, lowest point, rock bottom

(1) political **nadir**, (2) **nadir** altitude

After the controversial policy was implemented, the country's reputation hit a new **nadir**.

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

violent

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

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

agriculture

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

synonym : farming, husbandry, agribusiness

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

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

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.

insurgent

adj. rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency

synonym : subversive, rebellious, mutinous

(1) **insurgent** attack, (2) **insurgent** group

The government forces fought brutally against the **insurgent** rebels in the remote region.

concerned

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

synonym : worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen

I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym : eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

district

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

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

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

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

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym : assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation

The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

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.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym : helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

insurgence

n. an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion

synonym : revolt, uprising, rebellion

(1) violent **insurgence**, (2) quell **insurgence**

The government's decision sparked an **insurgence** among

the citizens.

litany

n. a prolonged or repetitive recitation or listing of something, often with a negative connotation; a repetitive series or list of complaints, criticisms, or requests

(1) **litany** of prayers, (2) **litany** of excuses

The **litany** of complaints from unhappy customers reminded us that we needed to improve our service.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym: surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

dismal

adj. depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair

synonym: gloomy, depressing, dreary

(1) **dismal** failure, (2) **dismal** performance

The weather was so **dismal** that we decided to stay indoors all day.

decisive

adj. making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue

synonym : final, conclusive, unambiguous

(1) a **decisive** ballot, (2) **decisive** action

The **decisive** victory in the war ended years of conflict.

sufficient

adj. adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

synonym : acceptable, ample, satisfactory

(1) **sufficient** time, (2) self- **sufficient** economy

That candidate does not have **sufficient** means to win an election with certainty.

crunch

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

synonym : crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

deputy

n. a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

synonym : aide, assistant, appointee

(1) a **deputy** governor, (2) **deputy** attorney general

She left the decision to her **deputy**

minister

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

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

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

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

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy

was priceless.

germ

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

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

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

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

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.

co-opt

v. to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda

synonym: take over, appoint, appropriate

(1) **co-opt** members, (2) **co-opt** ideas

The company tried to **co-opt** competitors by offering them buyouts.

agency

n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

synonym: organization, bureau, institution

(1) real estate **agency**, (2) intelligence **agency**

The government **agency** regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

disinclined

adj. lacking enthusiasm or a willingness to do something; having a lack of desire or inclination towards a particular action or behavior; not feeling disposed or eager to undertake something

synonym : reluctant, unwilling, hesitant

(1) **disinclined** to help, (2) **disinclined** to socialize

Due to her heavy workload, she was **disinclined** to participate in the group project.

confront

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

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

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

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

medal

n. a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor

synonym : award, decoration, badge

(1) gold **medal**, (2) a prize **medal**

She was proud to receive a **medal** for her hard work and dedication to the sport.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

vain

adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or

achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful

synonym : conceited, narcissistic, egotistic

(1) **vain** hope, (2) **vain** pursuit

He is in **vain** searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym : regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

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.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

humiliation

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

synonym : mortification, degradation, embarrassment

(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**

His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym : conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

policymaker

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

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

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

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

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

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.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

synonym : envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

embassy

n. the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based

synonym : consulate, mission, legation

(1) **embassy** staff, (2) **embassy** function

The **embassy** building was heavily guarded by security personnel.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym : combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

armored

adj. protected by armor or reinforced with metal plates or other heavy materials

synonym : fortified, protected, shielded

(1) **armored** vehicle, (2) **armored** suit

The **armored** tank could withstand the enemy's attacks without any damage.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
synonym: respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

sect

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

synonym: group, faction, cult

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

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

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or

plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

institutional

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

synonym : corporate, governmental

(1) **institutional** bank, (2) address **institutional** constraints

We have to discuss the **institutional** reforms of our country.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

suspicious

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

synonym : fishy, questionable, doubtful

(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is

suspicious

We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we receive.

alacrity

n. cheerful readiness or willingness to do something; eagerness or promptness in responding to a request or

opportunity

synonym : eagerness, readiness, willingness

(1) with remarkable **alacrity**, (2) perform with **alacrity**

The new employee showed great **alacrity** in completing tasks and impressing her boss.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym : legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**

I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

disaster

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

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

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

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

refugee

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

synonym : emigrant, evacuee, exile

(1) global **refugee** crisis, (2) the **refugee** camp

The community warmly welcomed the **refugees**.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce

something

synonym : task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym : quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym : decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

context

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

synonym: background, setting, environment

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

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

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

union

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

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

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

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

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

tentative

adj. done or said with hesitation or uncertainty; not certain or agreed; not definite or fixed; experimental or cautious in nature

synonym : hesitant, uncertain, provisional

(1) **tentative** conclusion, (2) **tentative** agreement

The company announced **tentative** plans for a new product launch, but nothing is set in stone.

engagement

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

synonym : betrothal, promise, commitment

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

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

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime

synonym : offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

caution

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

synonym : carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

involvement

n. the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something

synonym: participation, engagement, commitment

(1) political **involvement**, (2) **involvement** in criminal activity

The **involvement** of the local government in the project has been critical to its success.

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

terrorism

n. the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act

(1) **terrorism** against civilians, (2) anti- **terrorism** bill

Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of **terrorism**.

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**.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

sub-Saharan

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

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

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the

sharp end of fluctuations in price.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

- (1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

- (1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

rescue

v. to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation

synonym: save, extricate, retrieve

- (1) **rescue** a dying dog, (2) **rescue** a company from bankruptcy

The fire department arrived just in time to **rescue** the family from the burning building.

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym: business, company, enterprise

- (1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

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**.

formula

n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

synonym: expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

population

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

synonym: people, inhabitants, folk

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

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

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.

terrain

n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

synonym: land, geography, topography

(1) **terrain** map, (2) permafrost **terrain**

The mountainous **terrain** was rough and rocky.

preparation

n. the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready

synonym: practice, trial, rehearsal

(1) a **preparation** program, (2) the **preparation** of meals

He helped me with the **preparation** of this book.

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym: forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

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.

blizzard

n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

synonym: snowstorm, whiteout, bluster

(1) **blizzard** warning, (2) heavy **blizzard**

The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the **blizzard**.

avalanche

n. a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances

synonym: snowslide, snowfall, downfall

(1) **avalanche** warning, (2) an **avalanche** of questions

The skiers narrowly escaped the **avalanche** by taking shelter behind a nearby rock.

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

synonym: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure
The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

intelligent

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

synonym: brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system
Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

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.

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym: scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo
The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

inconceivable

adj. hard to imagine or believe

synonym: unimaginable, impossible, unthinkable

(1) **inconceivable** pain, (2) **inconceivable** ideas

It would be **inconceivable** for him to alter his behavior.

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**.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym: catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different

brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature

He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
synonym: entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

resolution

n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

synonym: determination, decision, settlement

(1) **resolution** of a conflict, (2) display **resolution**

He made a New Year's **resolution** to exercise more and eat healthier.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

civilian

n. a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility

synonym: citizen, inhabitant, resident

(1) **civilian** casualties, (2) **civilian** life

The army is instructed not to target any **civilians** during the conflict.

no-fly

n. a situation in which planes are not allowed to take off or land at a particular airport or in particular airspace; a list of individuals who are prohibited from flying due to security concerns

synonym: restricted zone, no-flight zone, denylist

(1) **no-fly** area, (2) **no-fly** list

The airport implemented a **no-fly** zone during the presidential visit.

zone

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

synonym: area, region, territory

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

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

regime

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

synonym: administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

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.

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym: reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

honesty

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

synonym: sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

realistic

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

synonym: practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. political na__r | <i>n.</i> the lowest point, the point of greatest despair or decline, often used metaphorically |
| 2. inc_____ble ideas | <i>adj.</i> hard to imagine or believe |
| 3. a tremor of de____t | <i>n.</i> a feeling of great pleasure or happiness |
| 4. ar____d vehicle | <i>adj.</i> protected by armor or reinforced with metal plates or other heavy materials |
| 5. advertising sl____n | <i>n.</i> a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea |
| 6. a mi____ry operation | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare |
| 7. global di____er | <i>n.</i> an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life |
| 8. hu____s in business | <i>n.</i> excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin |
| 9. democratic leg____cy | <i>n.</i> the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason |
| 10. de____y troops for battle | <i>v.</i> to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way |

ANSWERS: 1. nadir, 2. inconceivable, 3. delight, 4. armored, 5. slogan, 6. military, 7. disaster, 8. hubris, 9. legitimacy, 10. deploy

11. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
12. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
13. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
14. co_____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
15. economic te_____cy *n.* an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic
16. con_____bly improve *adv.* to a significant extent or degree; noticeably; substantially
17. a ge_____us and thoughtful person *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
18. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
19. perform with al_____ty *n.* cheerful readiness or willingness to do something; eagerness or promptness in responding to a request or opportunity
20. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 11. relentless, 12. troop, 13. zone, 14. command, 15. tendency, 16. considerably, 17. generous, 18. crazy, 19. alacrity, 20. amazing

21. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
22. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
23. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
24. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
25. report sus_____us activity *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
26. anti-te_____sm bill *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
27. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
28. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
29. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
30. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
31. permafrost te_____n *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

ANSWERS: 21. critic, 22. corporation, 23. shrink, 24. agriculture, 25. suspicious, 26. terrorism, 27. footprint, 28. engagement, 29. largely, 30. frustrate, 31. terrain

32. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
33. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
34. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
35. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
36. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
37. cr_____al investigation *n.* a person who has committed a crime
38. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
39. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
40. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
41. self-suf_____nt economy *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement

ANSWERS: 32. optimism, 33. communal, 34. intelligent, 35. develop, 36. zone, 37. criminal, 38. structure, 39. weigh, 40. weigh, 41. sufficient

42. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
43. the biggest tree in ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
44. res_____on of a conflict *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
45. re___e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
46. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
47. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
48. ant_____te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
49. a ge_____us reward *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
50. a binomial fo_____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

ANSWERS: 42. union, 43. existence, 44. resolution, 45. refuge, 46. improvisation, 47. firefighter, 48. anticipate, 49. generous, 50. formula

51. a de___t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
52. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
53. 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
54. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
55. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
56. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
57. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
58. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
59. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
60. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

ANSWERS: 51. decent, 52. secondly, 53. assure, 54. humility, 55. seize, 56. invite, 57. aid, 58. tragedy, 59. government, 60. reassure

61. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
62. go____n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
63. become ess____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
64. st____t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
65. pr____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
66. political op____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
67. a su____e of shoppers *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
68. a cl____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
69. urban di____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
70. un____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen

ANSWERS: 61. strength, 62. govern, 63. essentially, 64. strict, 65. principle, 66. optimism, 67. surge, 68. classic, 69. district, 70. unlikely

71. surgical int_____ion *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
72. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
73. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
74. bu_____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
75. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
76. ar_____d suit *adj.* protected by armor or reinforced with metal plates or other heavy materials
77. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
78. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
79. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
80. 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
81. en_____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
82. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 71. intervention, 72. bet, 73. replace, 74. burning, 75. conservative, 76. armored, 77. desert, 78. inevitable, 79. surge, 80. mess, 81. enhance, 82. threaten

83. fo_____er visa
n. a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or origin
84. bl__d spot
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
85. develop a st_____gy
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
86. con_____bly larger
adv. to a significant extent or degree; noticeably; substantially
87. ac_____e milestones
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
88. a person who is sus_____us
adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
89. te_____ve agreement
adj. done or said with hesitation or uncertainty; not certain or agreed; not definite or fixed; experimental or cautious in nature
90. de___t basin
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
91. in a fl___t tone
adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
92. ess_____ly correct
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

ANSWERS: 83. foreigner, 84. blind, 85. strategy, 86. considerably, 87. achieve, 88. suspicious, 89. tentative, 90. desert, 91. fluent, 92. essentially

93. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
94. the pre _____ on of meals *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
95. com _____ on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
96. 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
97. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
98. re ___e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
99. re ___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
100. pho _____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
101. in _____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

ANSWERS: 93. plunge, 94. preparation, 95. commission, 96. doll, 97. sect, 98. rescue, 99. resist, 100. photograph, 101. inherit

102. a harbor of re___e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
103. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
104. unknown fo_____er *n.* a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or origin
105. fl___t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
106. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
107. visit to the veterinary cl___c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
108. gold me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
109. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
110. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 102. refuge, 103. engagement, 104. foreigner, 105. fluent, 106. unlikely, 107. clinic, 108. medal, 109. corruption, 110. conflict

111. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
112. em____y staff *n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
113. 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
114. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
115. v__n pursuit *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
116. mic_____ent approach *n.* a style of management characterized by excessive attention to detail and control, often resulting in inefficient or demotivating work environments
117. me____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
118. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 111. guilt, 112. embassy, 113. assure, 114. responsible, 115. vain, 116. micromanagement, 117. metaphor, 118. stick

119. li___y of prayers *n.* a prolonged or repetitive recitation or listing of something, often with a negative connotation; a repetitive series or list of complaints, criticisms, or requests
120. exercise re___e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
121. 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
122. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
123. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
124. 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

ANSWERS: 119. litany, 120. regime, 121. security, 122. council, 123. policy, 124. economy

125. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
126. an abrupt sl___e *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
127. curious te_____cy *n.* an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic
128. bl_____rd warning *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
129. global re_____e crisis *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war
130. the members of a military tr___p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
131. in_____nt group *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
132. bank and credit un___ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
133. pr_____ng paragraph *adj.* occurring or coming before something or somebody in time or order; previous or former

ANSWERS: 125. initially, 126. slope, 127. tendency, 128. blizzard, 129. refugee, 130. troop, 131. insurgent, 132. union, 133. preceding

134. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
135. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
136. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
137. pr____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
138. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
139. the cycle of po____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
140. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
141. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
142. the wife of a mu___h *n.* an Islamic religious leader or teacher
143. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
144. slide down a sl__e on a ski *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
145. a nation's right to go___n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

ANSWERS: 134. elect, 135. strategy, 136. synchronize, 137. priority, 138. enormous, 139. poverty, 140. strict, 141. threaten, 142. mullah, 143. sub-Saharan, 144. slope, 145. govern

146. a glad oc____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
147. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
148. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
149. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
150. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
151. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
152. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
153. wanted cr_____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
154. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 146. occasion, 147. intelligence, 148. structure, 149. aid, 150. council, 151. achieve, 152. tempt, 153. criminal, 154. confidence

155. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
156. ev_____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
157. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
158. mic_____ent techniques *n.* a style of management characterized by excessive attention to detail and control, often resulting in inefficient or demotivating work environments
159. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
160. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
161. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
162. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
163. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
164. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 155. invade, 156. evaluate, 157. invisible, 158. micromanagement, 159. invade, 160. astonishing, 161. policymaker, 162. overnight, 163. confront, 164. context

165. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
166. 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
167. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
168. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
169. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
170. exa_____te story *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
171. do on a con_____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
172. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
173. heavy bl_____rd *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

ANSWERS: 165. compound, 166. economy, 167. nation, 168. communal, 169. mention, 170. exaggerate, 171. consistent, 172. poverty, 173. blizzard

174. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
175. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
176. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
177. structural fo_____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
178. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
179. fiscal st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
180. a gas cr_____h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
181. lea_____ip by politicians *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
182. a de_____y governor *n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
183. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
184. int_____ion by foreign powers *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

ANSWERS: 174. confidence, 175. terrify, 176. improvisation, 177. formula, 178. photograph, 179. stability, 180. crunch, 181. leadership, 182. deputy, 183. inevitable, 184. intervention

185. co___t members *v.* to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda
186. re___e a company from bankruptcy *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
187. inv_____nt in criminal activity *n.* the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something
188. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
189. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
190. ins_____nal bank *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
191. inc_____ble pain *adj.* hard to imagine or believe
192. financial cr___h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
193. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 185. co-opt, 186. rescue, 187. involvement, 188. district, 189. temperature, 190. institutional, 191. inconceivable, 192. crunch, 193. threat

194. a de____ve ballot *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
195. te_____ve conclusion *adj.* done or said with hesitation or uncertainty; not certain or agreed; not definite or fixed; experimental or cautious in nature
196. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
197. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
198. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
199. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
200. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
201. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
202. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
203. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 194. decisive, 195. tentative, 196. immediately, 197. astonishing, 198. sect, 199. drown, 200. statistics, 201. minister, 202. invite, 203. acknowledge

204. address ins_____nal constraints	<i>adj.</i> of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
205. te_____n map	<i>n.</i> the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
206. ext_____ary weather	<i>adj.</i> exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
207. te__t young people	<i>v.</i> to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
208. a con_____nal style	<i>adj.</i> based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
209. c__m sea	<i>adj.</i> not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
210. red_____er a value	<i>v.</i> to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
211. mat_____cs competition	<i>n.</i> the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
212. imm_____ly recall a product	<i>adv.</i> now or without delay
213. di___l performance	<i>adj.</i> depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
214. di_____er recovery	<i>n.</i> an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
215. a g__m-free environment	<i>n.</i> a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 204. institutional, 205. terrain, 206. extraordinary, 207. tempt, 208. conventional, 209. calm, 210. rediscover, 211. mathematics, 212. immediately, 213. dismal, 214. disaster, 215. germ

216. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
217. pr_____ng year *adj.* occurring or coming before something or somebody in time or order; previous or former
218. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
219. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
220. yearn for the de___t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
221. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
222. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
223. li___y of excuses *n.* a prolonged or repetitive recitation or listing of something, often with a negative connotation; a repetitive series or list of complaints, criticisms, or requests
224. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 216. threat, 217. preceding, 218. classic, 219. mention, 220. decent, 221. agriculture, 222. territory, 223. litany, 224. develop

225. political hu___s *n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
226. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
227. se_____ry general *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
228. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
229. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
230. av_____he warning *n.* a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances
231. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
232. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
233. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

ANSWERS: 225. hubris, 226. engage, 227. secretary, 228. relentless, 229. concerned, 230. avalanche, 231. pretension, 232. rediscover, 233. consistent

234. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
235. ci_____an life *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
236. extreme ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
237. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
238. 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
239. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
240. the struggle for ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
241. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
242. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
243. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

ANSWERS: 234. frightening, 235. civilian, 236. caution, 237. strength, 238. doll, 239. bet, 240. existence, 241. extraordinary, 242. statistics, 243. responsible

244. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
245. no___y area *n.* a situation in which planes are not allowed to take off or land at a particular airport or in particular airspace; a list of individuals who are prohibited from flying due to security concerns
246. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
247. 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
248. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
249. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
250. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
251. a tr____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
252. de____ve action *adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
253. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

ANSWERS: 244. largely, 245. no-fly, 246. blind, 247. mess, 248. military, 249. conventional, 250. destroy, 251. tragedy, 252. decisive, 253. deploy

254. dis_____ed to help *adj.* lacking enthusiasm or a willingness to do something; having a lack of desire or inclination towards a particular action or behavior; not feeling disposed or eager to undertake something
255. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
256. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
257. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
258. real estate ag____y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
259. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
260. te_____sm against civilians *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
261. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
262. st_____ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

ANSWERS: 254. disinclined, 255. invest, 256. corporation, 257. politician, 258. agency, 259. improve, 260. terrorism, 261. cliff, 262. stability

263. catchy sl___n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
264. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
265. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
266. aquatic co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
267. di___l failure *adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
268. bu_____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
269. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
270. su_____d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
271. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
272. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

ANSWERS: 263. slogan, 264. politician, 265. engage, 266. compound, 267. dismal, 268. burning, 269. footprint, 270. succeed, 271. violent, 272. seize

273. 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
274. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
275. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
276. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
277. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
278. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
279. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
280. do_____al program *adj.* of or relating to doctorate (= the highest degree from a university) or the achievement of a doctorate
281. untold de_____r *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
282. political inv_____nt *n.* the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something

ANSWERS: 273. security, 274. component, 275. terrify, 276. acknowledge, 277. extreme, 278. aim, 279. minister, 280. doctoral, 281. despair, 282. involvement

283. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
284. su_____d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
285. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
286. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
287. the country's is_____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
288. under his lea_____ip *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
289. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
290. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
291. v__n hope *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful

ANSWERS: 283. guilt, 284. succeed, 285. pose, 286. stick, 287. isolation, 288. leadership, 289. intelligent, 290. component, 291. vain

292. em____y function *n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
293. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
294. develop an attitude of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
295. de____r at the future *n.* the feeling that there is no hope and you cannot do anything to improve a difficult situation
296. a dental cl____c *n.* a building or hospital department where people can go for medical care or advice, especially of a particular condition
297. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
298. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
299. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
300. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
301. allied di____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

ANSWERS: 292. embassy, 293. drown, 294. humility, 295. despair, 296. clinic, 297. population, 298. pretension, 299. conservative, 300. enormous, 301. diplomat

302. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
303. a taste of hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
304. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
305. ci_____an casualties *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
306. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
307. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
308. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
309. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
310. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
311. ho_____y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

ANSWERS: 302. discovery, 303. humiliation, 304. overnight, 305. civilian, 306. improve, 307. secondly, 308. crazy, 309. incredible, 310. president, 311. honesty

312. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
313. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
314. a confidential se_____ry *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
315. ev_____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
316. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
317. challenge the leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
318. re_____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
319. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
320. co___t ideas *v.* to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda

ANSWERS: 312. shrink, 313. delight, 314. secretary, 315. evaluate, 316. pose, 317. legitimacy, 318. reassure, 319. diplomat, 320. co-opt

321. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
322. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
323. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
324. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
325. en_____e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
326. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
327. cr_____le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
328. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
329. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
330. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
331. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
332. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 321. amazing, 322. corruption, 323. destroy, 324. defeat, 325. enhance, 326. territory, 327. credible, 328. invest, 329. population, 330. calm, 331. president, 332. engineer

333. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
334. pl____e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
335. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
336. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
337. is_____on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
338. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
339. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
340. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
341. intelligence ag____y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
342. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
343. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

ANSWERS: 333. invisible, 334. plunge, 335. progression, 336. anticipate, 337. isolation, 338. revenue, 339. government, 340. frightening, 341. agency, 342. advance, 343. revenue

344. ove_____nce bias *n.* excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior
345. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
346. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
347. an av_____he of questions *n.* a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances
348. do_____al research *adj.* of or relating to doctorate (= the highest degree from a university) or the achievement of a doctorate
349. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
350. ho_____y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
351. re____t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
352. dis_____ed to socialize *adj.* lacking enthusiasm or a willingness to do something; having a lack of desire or inclination towards a particular action or behavior; not feeling disposed or eager to undertake something

ANSWERS: 344. overconfidence, 345. initially, 346. germ, 347. avalanche, 348. doctoral, 349. temperature, 350. honesty, 351. resist, 352. disinclined

353. foreign po___y
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
354. historical co_____t
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
355. sub_____an countries
- adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
356. de___t a global power
- v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
357. a_m at a specific target
- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
358. ad_____e the technology
- v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
359. violent ins_____ce
- n.* an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion
360. de___y attorney general
- n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another
361. a puppet re___e
- n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

ANSWERS: 353. policy, 354. context, 355. sub-Saharan, 356. defeat, 357. aim, 358. advance, 359. insurgence, 360. deputy, 361. regime

362. hu_____te the heckler in the audience
v. to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
363. co_____nt the issue
v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
364. at inc_____le speed
adj. unbelievable; enormous
365. na__r altitude
n. the lowest point, the point of greatest despair or decline, often used metaphorically
366. ex_____e sports
adj. very great in amount or degree
367. a re_____ic goal
adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
368. pro_____on of civilization
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
369. display res_____on
n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
370. in_____nt attack
adj. rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
371. the com_____on of murder
n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

ANSWERS: 362. humiliate, 363. confront, 364. incredible, 365. nadir, 366. extreme, 367. realistic, 368. progression, 369. resolution, 370. insurgent, 371. commission

372. suf_____nt time *adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
373. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
374. hu_____te him publicly *v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
375. quell ins_____ce *n.* an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion
376. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
377. false ove_____nce *n.* excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior
378. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
379. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
380. the re_____e camp *n.* a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

ANSWERS: 372. sufficient, 373. priority, 374. humiliate, 375. insurgence, 376. elect, 377. overconfidence, 378. violent, 379. principle, 380. refugee

381. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
382. as oc_____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
383. regional pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
384. act with ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
385. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
386. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
387. a per_____ty issue *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
388. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
389. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
390. co_____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 381. inherit, 382. occasion, 383. policymaker, 384. caution, 385. concerned, 386. exaggerate, 387. perplexity, 388. metaphor, 389. engineer, 390. command

391. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
392. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
393. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
394. with remarkable al_____ty *n.* cheerful readiness or willingness to do something; eagerness or promptness in responding to a request or opportunity
395. a prize me__l *n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
396. no____y list *n.* a situation in which planes are not allowed to take off or land at a particular airport or in particular airspace; a list of individuals who are prohibited from flying due to security concerns
397. mu____h leader *n.* an Islamic religious leader or teacher
398. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
399. a cr_____le story *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
400. a pre_____on program *n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
401. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 391. discovery, 392. critic, 393. cliff, 394. alacrity, 395. medal, 396. no-fly, 397. mullah, 398. mathematics, 399. credible, 400. preparation, 401. intelligence

402. forest fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
403. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
404. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
405. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
406. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
407. resolve per_____ty *n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled
408. an intolerable hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
409. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 402. firefighter, 403. replace, 404. conflict, 405. frustrate, 406. synchronize, 407. perplexity, 408. humiliation, 409. nation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I ____ that you know it.
v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
2. The new marketing campaign _____ increased sales for the company.
adv. to a significant extent or degree; noticeably; substantially
3. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
4. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
5. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
6. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly ____ and at peace.
adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
7. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.
n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
8. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.
n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

ANSWERS: 1. bet, 2. considerably, 3. threatening, 4. defeat, 5. slogans, 6. calm, 7. legitimacy, 8. guilt

9. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
10. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
- n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
11. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
12. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
13. The skiers narrowly escaped the _____ by taking shelter behind a nearby rock.
- n.* a sudden and rapid movement of a large amount of snow, ice, rocks, or other debris down a steep slope; a rapid and overwhelming occurrence of events or circumstances
14. It would be _____ for him to alter his behavior.
- adj.* hard to imagine or believe
15. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.
- v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
16. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 9. discovery, 10. disaster, 11. Communal, 12. conflicts, 13. avalanche, 14. inconceivable, 15. anticipate, 16. mentioned

17. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.
- n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
18. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
- v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
19. She was proud to receive a _____ for her hard work and dedication to the sport.
- n.* a flat, usually circular piece of metal or other material that is often given as an award or commemoration for an achievement, victory, or honor
20. The fire department arrived just in time to _____ the family from the burning building.
- v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
21. I hope to _____ in my career and live a happy life.
- v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
22. He helped me with the _____ of this book.
- n.* the activity of getting ready for something or making something ready
23. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
- adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
24. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.
- n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement

ANSWERS: 17. diplomat, 18. evaluate, 19. medal, 20. rescue, 21. succeed, 22. preparation, 23. Intelligent, 24. formula

25. The policy should increase the country's monetary _____.
- n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
26. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.
- v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
27. She faced some challenges as a _____ in the business world but was soon respected for her expertise.
- n.* a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or origin
28. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
29. The athlete's _____ resulted in him underestimating his competition and losing the game.
- n.* excessive pride, arrogance, or overconfidence, often leading to someone's downfall or ruin
30. That candidate does not have _____ means to win an election with certainty.
- adj.* adequate; enough for a particular purpose or requirement
31. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
- v.* to take the place of something
32. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
- n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

ANSWERS: 25. stability, 26. deployed, 27. foreigner, 28. confidence, 29. hubris, 30. sufficient, 31. replace, 32. zone

33. That incident led to his _____.
- n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
34. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.
- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
35. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
36. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.
- adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
37. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
- n.* a person who has committed a crime
38. 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
39. He gave a stern _____ to the naughty student.
- n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
40. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.
- n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

ANSWERS: 33. isolation, 34. union, 35. threat, 36. extraordinary, 37. criminal, 38. invest, 39. caution, 40. minister

41. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
- n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
42. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
43. The weather was so _____ that we decided to stay indoors all day.
- adj.* depressing or dreary; causing or showing unhappiness or despair
44. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
45. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
- adj.* extremely large or great
46. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
47. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
48. Her _____ is to be a mother.
- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

ANSWERS: 41. footprint, 42. metaphors, 43. dismal, 44. engineer, 45. enormous, 46. strategy, 47. tragedy, 48. priority

49. The _____ of complaints from unhappy customers reminded us that we needed to improve our service.
- n.* a prolonged or repetitive recitation or listing of something, often with a negative connotation; a repetitive series or list of complaints, criticisms, or requests
50. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
51. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
52. The _____ victory in the war ended years of conflict.
- adj.* making a clear and definite decision or choice; settling an issue
53. The hut stands on the _____ of a mountain.
- n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
54. The boss _____ her employee by belittling her in front of her colleagues.
- v.* to cause someone to feel ashamed, embarrassed, or degraded, especially in public or through revealing personal information
55. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 49. litany, 50. policy, 51. sect, 52. decisive, 53. slope, 54. humiliated, 55. intelligence,

56. You are not _____ in your behavior.

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

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

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

58. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

59. After the controversial policy was implemented, the country's reputation hit a new _____.

n. the lowest point, the point of greatest despair or decline, often used metaphorically

60. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

61. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

62. 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

63. We ___ for an overseas expansion.

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

ANSWERS: 56. consistent, 57. destroyed, 58. extreme, 59. nadir, 60. president, 61. principle, 62. economy, 63. aim

64. She holds a _____ on Tuesday mornings.

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

65. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

- adv.* now or without delay

66. She gets a _____ on each contract.

- n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

67. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

68. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

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

69. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

- v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

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

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

71. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

ANSWERS: 64. clinic, 65. immediately, 66. commission, 67. pretensions, 68. district, 69. resist, 70. refuge, 71. critics

72. Totalitarian _____ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.
- n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
73. The company announced _____ plans for a new product launch, but nothing is set in stone.
- adj.* done or said with hesitation or uncertainty; not certain or agreed; not definite or fixed; experimental or cautious in nature
74. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
75. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.
- n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
76. The _____ building was heavily guarded by security personnel.
- n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
77. 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
78. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.
- adj.* capable of being trusted or believed

ANSWERS: 72. regimes, 73. tentative, 74. component, 75. agency, 76. embassy, 77. despair, 78. credible

79. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.
- n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
80. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.
- v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
81. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
82. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.
- n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
83. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
84. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.
- adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
85. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
86. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

ANSWERS: 79. surge, 80. enhance, 81. council, 82. engagement, 83. politician, 84. concerned, 85. inherited, 86. revenue

87. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

88. His manager's _____ style drove him crazy, making him feel like he couldn't make any decisions on his own.

n. a style of management characterized by excessive attention to detail and control, often resulting in inefficient or demotivating work environments

89. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

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

90. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

91. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

92. The company tried to _____ competitors by offering them buyouts.

v. to elect or appoint someone as a member of a group or organization; to take over or appropriate something, often by force or without permission; to use someone or something for one's purposes or agenda

93. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

94. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

ANSWERS: 87. largely, 88. micromanagement, 89. confront, 90. compound, 91. overnight, 92. co-opt, 93. shrink, 94. initially

95. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

96. She left the decision to her _____

- n.* a person who is appointed as the substitute of another and given the power to do something instead of another

97. 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

98. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

- n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

99. The _____ of the situation left everyone at a loss for words.

- n.* confusion, doubt; state of being puzzled

100. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

101. _____ a society is an organism.

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

102. The mountainous _____ was rough and rocky.

- n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

ANSWERS: 95. invade, 96. deputy, 97. existence, 98. honesty, 99. perplexity, 100. photograph, 101. Essentially, 102. terrain

103. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

104. This region is predominantly _____.

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

105. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

106. He has a flair for _____.

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

107. _____ is the foundation of our economy.

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

108. The government's decision sparked an _____ among the citizens.

n. an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion

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

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

110. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 103. blind, 104. desert, 105. frustrate, 106. mathematics, 107. Agriculture, 108. insurgence, 109. structure, 110. crazy

111. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

112. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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

113. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

114. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

115. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

116. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

117. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.

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

118. 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

119. The _____ of the local government in the project has been critical to its success.

n. the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something

ANSWERS: 111. amazing, 112. stick, 113. strict, 114. reassure, 115. conventional, 116. improve, 117. population, 118. assure, 119. involvement

120. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

121. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

- adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type

122. 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

123. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

- n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

124. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

125. 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

126. 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

127. The _____ tank could withstand the enemy's attacks without any damage.

- adj.* protected by armor or reinforced with metal plates or other heavy materials

ANSWERS: 120. develop, 121. classic, 122. doll, 123. humiliation, 124. invite, 125. exaggerated, 126. government, 127. armored

128. The passage of the bill is _____.

adj. not probable or likely to happen

129. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

130. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

131. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

132. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

133. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

134. That story was so _____ and it was scary.

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

135. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 128. unlikely, 129. invisible, 130. governing, 131. astonishing, 132. command, 133. inevitable, 134. realistic, 135. strength

136. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
137. The government forces fought brutally against the _____ rebels in the remote region.
- adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
138. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.
- n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
139. 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
140. 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
141. We have to discuss the _____ reforms of our country.
- adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
142. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 136. engaged, 137. insurgent, 138. corporation, 139. security, 140. mess, 141. institutional, 142. achieve

143. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.
adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
144. The country's _____ has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.
n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
145. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.
v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
146. She wore her best dress for the special _____.
n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
147. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
148. Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of _____.
n. the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
149. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires
150. 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

ANSWERS: 143. suspicious, 144. leadership, 145. weighs, 146. occasion, 147. advance, 148. terrorism, 149. firefighter, 150. nation

151. The _____ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

n. a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

152. He earned a _____ salary at his job.

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

153. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

154. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

155. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

156. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

157. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

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

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

159. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.

adj. intense or scorching heat

ANSWERS: 151. crunch, 152. decent, 153. secondly, 154. fluent, 155. tempted, 156. humility, 157. delight, 158. conservative, 159. burning

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

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

161. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

162. The painting was _____ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

163. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

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

164. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

v. to frighten someone very much

165. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

166. The community warmly welcomed the _____.

n. a displaced person who has crossed national borders and who cannot or is unwilling to return home due to political, religious, or economic reasons or because of a war

167. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 160. responsible, 161. territory, 162. rediscovered, 163. troop, 164. terrify, 165. relentless, 166. refugees, 167. frightening

168. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

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

169. This _____ does not require the patient's consent.

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

170. The new employee showed great _____ in completing tasks and impressing her boss.

n. cheerful readiness or willingness to do something; eagerness or promptness in responding to a request or opportunity

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

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

172. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

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

173. He never _____ his fault.

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

174. There is a growing _____ among young people to prioritize experiences over material possessions.

n. an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic

ANSWERS: 168. violent, 169. intervention, 170. alacrity, 171. context, 172. germ, 173. acknowledged, 174. tendency

175. 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

176. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

177. During the _____ quarter, the company experienced significant growth.

adj. occurring or coming before something or somebody in time or order; previous or former

178. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

179. Due to her heavy workload, she was _____ to participate in the group project.

adj. lacking enthusiasm or a willingness to do something; having a lack of desire or inclination towards a particular action or behavior; not feeling disposed or eager to undertake something

180. Pakistan's _____ budget was still being reviewed.

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

181. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

182. The _____ in the country have been accused of using their religious authority to justify acts of terrorism.

n. an Islamic religious leader or teacher

ANSWERS: 175. doctoral, 176. seize, 177. preceding, 178. incredible, 179. disinclined, 180. aid, 181. pose, 182. mullahs

183. 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

184. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.

- v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

185. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

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

186. 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

187. The army is instructed not to target any _____ during the conflict.

- n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility

188. The student's _____ in their writing abilities caused them not to bother to proofread their essay, resulting in a poor grades.

- n.* excessive trust or faith in one's abilities, judgments, or decisions, often leading to mistaken assumptions or risky behavior

189. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

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

ANSWERS: 183. elected, 184. plunged, 185. sub-Saharan, 186. military, 187. civilians, 188. overconfidence, 189. Policymakers

190. This teacher is _____ in his grading.

adj. willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

191. The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the _____.

n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

192. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

193. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

194. He made a New Year's _____ to exercise more and eat healthier.

n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

195. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

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

196. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

ANSWERS: 190. generous, 191. blizzard, 192. improvisation, 193. poverty, 194. resolution, 195. progression, 196. corruption

197. 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
198. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
199. He is in _____ searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.
adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
200. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
201. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
202. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
203. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.
v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
204. The airport implemented a _____ zone during the presidential visit.
n. a situation in which planes are not allowed to take off or land at a particular airport or in particular airspace; a list of individuals who are prohibited from flying due to security concerns

ANSWERS: 197. cliff, 198. temperatures, 199. vain, 200. drown, 201. statistics, 202. optimism, 203. synchronized, 204. no-fly

205. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.

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

ANSWERS: 205. secretary