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Session 1: Word List

quarter

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

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

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

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

bug

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

synonym : insect, bacterium, microbe

(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes

I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

bother

v. to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

synonym : annoy, pester, irritate

(1) **bother** the neighbors, (2) **bother** with details

Please don't **bother** me while I'm trying to concentrate.

reproduction

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

synonym : procreation, replication, duplication

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

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

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym : duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

pollinate

v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

synonym : fertilize, propagate

(1) **pollinate** plants, (2) **pollinate** fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

gene

n. the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.

synonym : factor, cistron

(1) **gene** expression, (2) **gene** cloning

A defective **gene** is responsible for the disease.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

niche

n. a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it

synonym: role, position, habitat

(1) **niche** market, (2) every **niche** of society

The species occupies a unique **niche** in the ecosystem as a top predator.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

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

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

transmit

v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

synonym: convey, share, dispatch

(1) **transmit** the disease, (2) **transmit** information

Parents often **transmit** their characteristics to their children.

pollen

n. a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

synonym: dust, spores, allergen

(1) **pollen** allergy symptoms, (2) high **pollen** count

My allergies flare up during **pollen** season, making it difficult to breathe.

scan

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

synonym: look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

electron

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

synonym: negatron

(1) flow of **electrons**, (2) beam of **electrons**

The outermost **electron** shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

microscope

n. an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

synonym: lens, magnifier, eyepiece

(1) **microscope** slide, (2) electron **microscope**

I used an optical **microscope** to observe the small organisms in the water sample.

forensic

adj. relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings

synonym: legal, juridical, judicial

(1) find **forensic** evidence, (2) **forensic** team

Forensic scientists analyzed the DNA evidence to solve the crime.

hay

n. grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass

synonym: straw, fodder, forage

(1) **hay** cube, (2) **hay** asthma

We sat on a **hay** bale and watched the sunset over the fields.

disseminate

v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

synonym: spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge

It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

chuck

v. to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone

synonym : toss, throw, discard

(1) **chuck** the ball across the yard, (2) **chuck** my job

I will **chuck** these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another
The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

cereal

n. a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals

synonym: grain, oatmeal, breakfast food

(1) **cereal** grain, (2) cold **cereal**

I always start my morning with a bowl of **cereal**.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym: output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

airborne

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

synonym: flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

insect

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

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.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

symbiotic

adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

(1) **symbiotic** economy, (2) **symbiotic** bacteria

We have a mutually **symbiotic** connection with them.

nectar

n. a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring

synonym: honey, ambrosia, syrup

(1) **nectar** of the gods, (2) fruit **nectar**

The **nectar** of the flowers attracted many bees to the garden.

symbiosis

n. a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all

synonym: cooperation, interdependence, mutualism

(1) industrial **symbiosis**, (2) **symbiosis** establishment

The **symbiosis** between the coral and the algae is an

important example of mutualism.

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym: adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

hummingbird

n. a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction

(1) **hummingbird** feeder, (2) **hummingbird** nest

Watching a **hummingbird** at a flower is like observing a miniature ballet of nature.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym: militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

moth

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

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

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

evolve

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

synonym: develop, mature, grow

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

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

landing

n. the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to

rest

synonym: touchdown, arrival, descent

(1) **landing** gear, (2) emergency **landing**

The plane made a rough **landing**, and everyone clapped once we came to a stop.

strip

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

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

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

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

anther

n. the part of a flower's stamen that produces and contains pollen, usually located at the top of the stamen

synonym: pollen, filament, stamen

(1) **anther** pollen, (2) flower **anther**

Many plants have evolved **anther** hairs as a mechanism to prevent self-pollination.

lily

n. a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty

(1) **lily** perfume, (2) water **lily**

The beautiful **lily** garden in the park was a sight to behold.

cleverly

adv. in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability

synonym: smartly, shrewdly, wittily

(1) **cleverly** devised trap, (2) guess **cleverly**

The dog jumped **cleverly** to one side.

unsuspecting

adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

synonym: unaware, unassuming, gullible

(1) **unsuspecting** boys and girls, (2) **unsuspecting** victim

The thief stole the wallet from the **unsuspecting** tourist.

- flip** v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
synonym: throw, jump
(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin
He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
- whop** v. to strike forcefully; to beat or batter
synonym: hit, smack, bash
(1) **whop** my opponent, (2) **whop** the intruding spider
He gave the punching bag a hard **whop** with his fists.
- orchid** n. a plant with showy or unusual flowers, typically having either a single, complex flower or a cluster of small flowers, many of which are prized for their beauty and often cultivated as ornamental plants
(1) **orchid** garden, (2) **orchid** species
The **orchid** blooms were so delicate and beautiful.
- jaw** n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
synonym: mouth, (verb) chitchat
(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle
He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.
- crawl** v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
synonym: creep, drag
(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car
Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.
- 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.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities;
various

synonym : manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them
through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

pollinator

n. an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc.,
that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a
female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to
produce seeds

synonym : fertilizer, pollenizer, pollen carrier

(1) **pollinator** species, (2) beneficial **pollinator**

Bees are important **pollinators** for many crops and plants.

studied

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

synonym : thoughtful, deliberate, calculated

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

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

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement
made about the future

synonym : forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddled the **prediction**.

tube

n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc.,
usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food
or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

synonym : pipe, hose, duct

(1) a capillary **tube**, (2) a glass **tube**

The **tube** train was packed with commuters during rush hour.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym : dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

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.

proboscis

n. an elongated, protruding nose, snout, or appendage, especially of certain mammals or insects, used for grasping or feeding

synonym : snout, trunk, nose

(1) mosquito **proboscis**, (2) **proboscis** structure

The butterfly used its **proboscis** to collect nectar from the flower.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got

home.

erect

v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise;
(adjective) upright or vertical

synonym: build, set up, construct

(1) **erect** structure, (2) keep the flagpole **erect**

The workers were able to **erect** the tent in just a few minutes.

deceive

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true,
often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

synonym: mislead, dupe, hoodwink

(1) **deceive** to lie, (2) **deceive** skillfully

The magician's illusions were designed to **deceive** the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior,
especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

botany

n. the scientific study of plants

synonym: phytology, vegetation, horticulture

(1) **botany** professor, (2) geographical **botany**

The study of **botany** can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.

deceit

n. the act of deceiving or misleading someone, often for
personal or selfish gain; a practice or behavior intended
to mislead or misrepresent the truth

synonym: deception, dishonesty, trickery

(1) person of **deceit**, (2) web of **deceit**

The politician's **deceit** was exposed when leaked emails revealed he had accepted lobbyists' bribes.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

dot

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

synonym : drop, dab, fleck

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

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

trot

v. to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides

synonym : jog, run, race

(1) **trot** across the street, (2) **trot** off happily

She **trotted** to keep up with him.

douse

v. to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner

synonym : drench, soak, saturate

(1) **douse** his anger, (2) **douse** the lights

The firefighters had to **douse** the flames to put out the fire in the building.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

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

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

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.

texture

n. the feel or appearance of a surface or substance

synonym: surface, grain, consistency

(1) the **texture** of the skin, (2) the **texture** of octopus

We could sense the silk's lovely **texture**.

perceive

v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses

synonym: sense, discern, feel

(1) **perceive** a threat, (2) **perceive** light

Australia is widely **perceived** as having low levels of corruption.

glossy

adj. having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

synonym: shiny, polished, gleaming

(1) **glossy** lipstick, (2) **glossy** photograph

The magazine cover had a **glossy** finish, making the images shine.

metallic

adj. relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness

synonym: metal

(1) **metallic** taste, (2) **metallic** object

The jewelry shop featured a wide array of **metallic** accessories made of gold, silver, and copper.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva
In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

obsidian

n. a natural, hard, black volcanic glass that is formed from lava cooled very rapidly, used traditionally by Native Americans for cutting tools and weapons due to its sharp edges and extreme durability
synonym: volcanic glass, apache tear, black glass
(1) **obsidian** arrowhead, (2) **obsidian** rock
The archaeologist discovered an **obsidian** knife, which would have been a valuable tool in ancient times.

insidious

adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
synonym: sly, cunning, subtle
(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior
The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
synonym: assertive, combative, threatening
(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor
An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

fabulous

adj. extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
synonym: amazing, wonderful, astonishing
(1) a **fabulous** price, (2) a **fabulous** monster
Thank you for inviting such a **fabulous** party tonight.

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.

perfume

n. a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin

synonym : scent, aroma, bouquet

(1) a subtle **perfume**, (2) **perfume** every day

He sniffed the **perfume** voluptuously.

gaudy

adj. excessively flashy or ostentatious in a way that lacks good taste; showy in a vulgar or overly ornamental manner; characterized by loud, bright colors or excessive decoration

synonym : garish, flashy, flamboyant

(1) **gaudy** furniture, (2) **gaudy** display

The curtains were made of **gaudy** fabric clashing with the room's rest.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

array

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

synonym : collection, display, batch

(1) a two-dimensional **array**, (2) an **array** of troops

The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable **array** of products.

scent

n. a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one

synonym : fragrance, aroma, perfume

(1) natural **scent**, (2) **scent** memory

The **scent** of freshly baked bread filled the bakery.

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

synonym : disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

carrion

n. the decaying flesh of dead animals, often used to refer to the carcasses that serve as food for scavenging animals

synonym : carcass, remains

(1) rotting **carrion**, (2) scavenging **carrion** birds

The vultures were circling above, searching for **carrion** to feast on.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

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

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

bristle

n. a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

synonym : spike, prickle, hair

(1) **bristle** brush, (2) **bristle** with anger

The dog's **bristle** on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

lord *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
synonym: master, noble, peer
(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle
The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

cuckoo *n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish
synonym: loony, nut, madcap
(1) **cuckoo** clock, (2) **cuckoo** in the nest
The **cuckoo** bird's call echoed through the forest.

pint *n.* a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients
(1) half a **pint** of milk, (2) **pint** glass
He ordered a **pint** of beer at the pub and enjoyed it with his friends.

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.

degree *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
synonym: level, qualification, diploma
(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

ambient

adj. relating to the immediate surroundings of something; creating a particular atmosphere or mood, often through sound or lighting

synonym : atmospheric, surrounding, encompassing

(1) **ambient** temperature, (2) **ambient** air pollution

The **ambient** lighting in the restaurant created a cozy and romantic atmosphere.

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.

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

spadix

n. a type of inflorescence characteristic of certain plants, consisting of a fleshy, usually elongated axis covered with small, densely-packed flowers, often surrounded by a leaf-like structure called a spathe

synonym : inflorescence, flower cluster

(1) **spadix** flower, (2) tropical **spadix**

The unique **spadix** structure of the plant attracted curious botanists from around the world.

volatile

adj. likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive

synonym : unstable, unpredictable, explosive

(1) highly- **volatile** elements, (2) **volatile** markets

Their relationship was **volatile** and prone to sudden outbursts of anger.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

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

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

midge

n. (also known as a "gnat") a small, two-winged fly that resembles a mosquito, often found in swarms

synonym : gnat, mosquito, fly

(1) **midge** bites, (2) tiny **midge**

A swarm of **midges** hovered over the stagnant water.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

container

n. a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land

synonym : receptacle, holder, vessel

(1) plastic **container**, (2) **container** ship

The restaurant uses large **containers** to store its food ingredients.

sticky

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

synonym : adhesive, gluey, clingy

(1) **sticky** weather, (2) **sticky** situation

A peculiar **sticky** material coated the foliage.

shower

n. a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

synonym : rain, sprinkle, downpour

(1) take a quick **shower**, (2) bridal **shower**

The weather forecast predicted a **shower** in the afternoon.

wilt

v. to become limp and drooping, often as a result of heat, lack of water, or disease; to lose strength, vitality, or energy; to fade or wither away

synonym : droop, wither, fade

(1) **wilt** in the heat of the day, (2) **wilt** after several setbacks

The young athlete's spirit started to **wilt** after losing multiple competitions.

philodendron

n. a tropical plant belonging to the Araceae family, known for its large, heart-shaped leaves and often used as an indoor or outdoor ornamental plant

(1) lush **philodendron** foliage, (2) indoor **philodendron**

The **philodendron** plant adds a touch of greenery to my living room.

phallus

n. a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power

synonym : penis, member

(1) artificial **phallus**, (2) **phallus** sculpture

The archeologist discovered a rare artifact depicting a **phallus** symbol in the ruins of an ancient temple.

metabolism

n. the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining

(1) **metabolism** enzyme, (2) hemoglobin **metabolism**

Better sleep leads to increased **metabolism**.

mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

starch

n. a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals

synonym: carbohydrate, glucose, dextrin

(1) **starch** granules, (2) potato **starch**

When heated, **starch** molecules absorb water and become thick and gooey, making it a useful thickening agent in cooking.

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.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

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.

centigrade

n. a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

(1) **centigrade** scale, (2) **centigrade** thermometer

The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees **centigrade**.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym: constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

mechanism

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

synonym: means, method, system

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

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

tropical

adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics

synonym: equatorial, tropic

(1) **tropical** cyclones, (2) **tropical** islands

Tropical storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

butterfly

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

(1) **butterfly** effect, (2) the life cycle of a **butterfly**
He enjoys collecting **butterfly** specimens.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities
We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**
This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

ultraviolet

adj. relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation

synonym: black light, UV light, invisible light

(1) **ultraviolet** protection, (2) **ultraviolet** light
Ultraviolet radiation can cause skin damage if one is exposed for too long.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym: clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray
My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**
Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from

harmful UV rays.

exposure

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

synonym: vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud

The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

frequency

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

bull

n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

synonym: bovine, cattle, bruiser

(1) **bull** market, (2) **bull** fighter

The farmer raised a **bull** on his ranch for breeding purposes.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

standing

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

synonym: upright, vertical, (*noun*) position

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

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

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

attach

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

synonym : fix, fasten, bind

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

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

tripod

n. a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment

synonym : three-legged stand, three-legged base, three-legged support

(1) **tripod** mic stand, (2) **tripod** mount

The photographer set up his camera on a **tripod** to take the shot.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym : foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

sunscreen

n. a substance, typically a lotion or spray, that is applied to the skin to protect it from the harmful effects of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays

synonym : sunblock, sun cream, suntan lotion

(1) **sunscreen** lotion, (2) natural **sunscreen**

Wearing **sunscreen** to protect your skin from harmful UV

rays is important.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym : consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

fin

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

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

primrose

n. a herbaceous perennial plant with yellow or pink flowers that typically bloom in early spring

synonym : primula

(1) **primrose** lane, (2) **primrose** cultivation

He took a dietary supplement of **primrose** oil to help with his eczema.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

astronomer

n. a physicist who studies astronomy

synonym : stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist

(1) amateur **astronomer**, (2) solar **astronomer**

This question has fascinated solar **astronomers** for decades.

Venus

n. the planet second in order from the sun

(1) **Venus** orbiter, (2) surface of **Venus**

They launched a rocket toward **Venus**.

fertility

n. the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

synonym: richness, pregnancy, productivity

(1) soil **fertility**, (2) **fertility** above replacement

The sperm count is used as an indicator of male **fertility**.

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people

She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

encapsulate

v. to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form

synonym: enclose, contain, capsulize

(1) **encapsulate** the message, (2) **encapsulate** the essence

The movie can **encapsulate** the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.

genetic

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

synonym: hereditary, genetical, inborn

(1) have **genetic** testing, (2) a **genetic** disorder

Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the **genetic** code.

organism

n. a tiny living thing

synonym: being, creature

(1) aerobic **organism**, (2) group of **organisms**

A diversified plant species generally enhances beneficial **organism** populations.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ult_____et protection *adj.* relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation
2. j_w muscle *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
3. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
4. pr_____se lane *n.* a herbaceous perennial plant with yellow or pink flowers that typically bloom in early spring
5. gas fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
6. ev____e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
7. ine_____nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
8. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
9. highly-vo_____le elements *adj.* likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive

ANSWERS: 1. ultraviolet, 2. jaw, 3. enormous, 4. primrose, 5. filter, 6. evolve, 7. inefficient, 8. strip, 9. volatile

10. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
11. mosquito pr_____is *n.* an elongated, protruding nose, snout, or appendage, especially of certain mammals or insects, used for grasping or feeding
12. Ve__s orbiter *n.* the planet second in order from the sun
13. ob_____an arrowhead *n.* a natural, hard, black volcanic glass that is formed from lava cooled very rapidly, used traditionally by Native Americans for cutting tools and weapons due to its sharp edges and extreme durability
14. bu_____ly effect *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
15. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
16. ai_____ne troop *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
17. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
18. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
19. h_y asthma *n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass

ANSWERS: 10. background, 11. proboscis, 12. Venus, 13. obsidian, 14. butterfly, 15. mechanism, 16. airborne, 17. lord, 18. obvious, 19. hay

20. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
21. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
22. complete no____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
23. web of de__t *n.* the act of deceiving or misleading someone, often for personal or selfish gain; a practice or behavior intended to mislead or misrepresent the truth
24. tropical sp__x *n.* a type of inflorescence characteristic of certain plants, consisting of a fleshy, usually elongated axis covered with small, densely-packed flowers, often surrounded by a leaf-like structure called a spathe
25. at____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
26. rep____ion system *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
27. rotting ca____n *n.* the decaying flesh of dead animals, often used to refer to the carcasses that serve as food for scavenging animals
28. soil fe____ty *n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

ANSWERS: 20. trap, 21. dot, 22. normally, 23. deceit, 24. spadix, 25. attract, 26. reproduction, 27. carrion, 28. fertility

29. sp___x flower *n.* a type of inflorescence characteristic of certain plants, consisting of a fleshy, usually elongated axis covered with small, densely-packed flowers, often surrounded by a leaf-like structure called a spathe
30. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
31. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
32. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
33. natural su_____en *n.* a substance, typically a lotion or spray, that is applied to the skin to protect it from the harmful effects of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays
34. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
35. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
36. the ex_____re of a fraud *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
37. sy_____is establishment *n.* a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all
38. bu_____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat

ANSWERS: 29. spadix, 30. diverse, 31. property, 32. enormous, 33. sunscreen, 34. amazing, 35. relation, 36. exposure, 37. symbiosis, 38. burning

39. take a quick sh___r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
40. ch__k the ball across the yard *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
41. w__t after several setbacks *v.* to become limp and drooping, often as a result of heat, lack of water, or disease; to lose strength, vitality, or energy; to fade or wither away
42. la_____g gear *n.* the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest
43. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
44. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
45. ce___l grain *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
46. artificial ph_____s *n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power

ANSWERS: 39. shower, 40. chuck, 41. wilt, 42. landing, 43. poetic, 44. crawl, 45. cereal, 46. phallus

47. every ni__e of society *n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it
48. pr____se cultivation *n.* a herbaceous perennial plant with yellow or pink flowers that typically bloom in early spring
49. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
50. a company reg____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
51. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
52. am____t air pollution *adj.* relating to the immediate surroundings of something; creating a particular atmosphere or mood, often through sound or lighting
53. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
54. toxic ch____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;

ANSWERS: 47. niche, 48. primrose, 49. process, 50. regulation, 51. chemical, 52. ambient, 53. mass, 54. chemical

55. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
56. ga__y furniture *adj.* excessively flashy or ostentatious in a way that lacks good taste; showy in a vulgar or overly ornamental manner; characterized by loud, bright colors or excessive decoration
57. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
58. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
59. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
60. or___d species *n.* a plant with showy or unusual flowers, typically having either a single, complex flower or a cluster of small flowers, many of which are prized for their beauty and often cultivated as ornamental plants
61. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
62. st___y weather *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
63. reg_____on by the government *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

ANSWERS: 55. adaptation, 56. gaudy, 57. moth, 58. mimic, 59. transfer, 60. orchid, 61. prediction, 62. sticky, 63. regulation

64. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
65. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
66. t__t across the street *v.* to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides
67. br____e with anger *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
68. fe_____ty above replacement *n.* the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants
69. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
70. w__p my opponent *v.* to strike forcefully; to beat or batter
71. enc_____te the message *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
72. in__t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
73. electron mic_____pe *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

ANSWERS: 64. roll, 65. hawk, 66. trot, 67. bristle, 68. fertility, 69. adapt, 70. whop, 71. encapsulate, 72. insect, 73. microscope

74. w__t in the heat of the day *v.* to become limp and drooping, often as a result of heat, lack of water, or disease; to lose strength, vitality, or energy; to fade or wither away
75. tiny mi__e *n.* (also known as a "gnat") a small, two-winged fly that resembles a mosquito, often found in swarms
76. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
77. de____e to lie *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
78. de____e skillfully *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression
79. hum____rd nest *n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction
80. su____en lotion *n.* a substance, typically a lotion or spray, that is applied to the skin to protect it from the harmful effects of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays
81. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
82. a two-dimensional ar__y *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
83. have si____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way

ANSWERS: 74. wilt, 75. midge, 76. obvious, 77. deceive, 78. deceive, 79. hummingbird, 80. sunscreen, 81. roll, 82. array, 83. similarly

84. connecting the d_ots *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
85. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
86. ph_____s sculpture *n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power
87. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
88. er__t structure *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
89. pe_____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
90. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
91. the te_____e of the skin *n.* the feel or appearance of a surface or substance
92. plastic co_____er *n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
93. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 84. dot, 85. spectrum, 86. phallus, 87. attach, 88. erect, 89. persuade, 90. hop, 91. texture, 92. container, 93. property

94. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
95. keep the flagpole er__t *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
96. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
97. a na__y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
98. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
99. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
100. the life cycle of a bu_____ly *n.* a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings
101. potato st___h *n.* a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals
102. person of de___t *n.* the act of deceiving or misleading someone, often for personal or selfish gain; a practice or behavior intended to mislead or misrepresent the truth
103. 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

ANSWERS: 94. degree, 95. erect, 96. temperature, 97. nasty, 98. hawk, 99. normally, 100. butterfly, 101. starch, 102. deceit, 103. structure

104. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
105. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
106. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
107. vo_____le markets *adj.* likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive
108. dis_____te propaganda *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
109. w__p the intruding spider *v.* to strike forcefully; to beat or batter
110. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
111. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
112. p__t glass *n.* a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients
113. b__l fighter *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing

ANSWERS: 104. environment, 105. scan, 106. relation, 107. volatile, 108. disseminate, 109. whop, 110. basis, 111. lord, 112. pint, 113. bull

114. a capillary t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
115. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
116. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
117. bu_____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
118. bridal sh____r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
119. find fo_____ic evidence *adj.* relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings
120. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
121. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
122. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
123. d_m-building program *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

ANSWERS: 114. tube, 115. disappear, 116. adaptation, 117. burning, 118. shower, 119. forensic, 120. crop, 121. constant, 122. fantastic, 123. dam

124. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
125. me_____ic taste *adj.* relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness
126. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
127. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
128. natural sc__t *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
129. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
130. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
131. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
132. ob_____an rock *n.* a natural, hard, black volcanic glass that is formed from lava cooled very rapidly, used traditionally by Native Americans for cutting tools and weapons due to its sharp edges and extreme durability
133. solar ast_____er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
134. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

ANSWERS: 124. release, 125. metallic, 126. transfer, 127. reproduce, 128. scent, 129. attach, 130. horrible, 131. aggressive, 132. obsidian, 133. astronomer, 134. kingdom

135. aerobic or _____sm
n. a tiny living thing
136. pr_____is structure
n. an elongated, protruding nose, snout, or appendage, especially of certain mammals or insects, used for grasping or feeding
137. in_____us plot
adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
138. a ge_____c disorder
adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
139. ine_____nt use
adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
140. a be___e larva
n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
141. po___c justice
adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
142. in___t antenna
n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
143. high fr_____cy
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
144. receive a na___y surprise
adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
145. gl___y lipstick
adj. having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

ANSWERS: 135. organism, 136. proboscis, 137. insidious, 138. genetic, 139. inefficient, 140. beetle, 141. poetic, 142. insect, 143. frequency, 144. nasty, 145. glossy

146. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
147. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
148. well-st_____d decision *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
149. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
150. cen_____de thermometer *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale
151. do__e his anger *v.* to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner
152. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
153. 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
154. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

ANSWERS: 146. probable, 147. evolve, 148. studied, 149. descend, 150. centigrade, 151. douse, 152. component, 153. photograph, 154. basis

155. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
156. po___n allergy symptoms *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
157. flow of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
158. tr_____it the disease *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
159. b__l market *n.* a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
160. tr_____al islands *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
161. am_____t temperature *adj.* relating to the immediate surroundings of something; creating a particular atmosphere or mood, often through sound or lighting
162. guess cl_____ly *adv.* in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
163. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
164. mic_____pe slide *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

ANSWERS: 155. fin, 156. pollen, 157. electron, 158. transmit, 159. bull, 160. tropical, 161. ambient, 162. cleverly, 163. absolutely, 164. microscope

165. g__e cloning *n.* the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
166. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
167. surface of Ve__s *n.* the planet second in order from the sun
168. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
169. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
170. end of the first qu____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
171. co____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
172. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
173. cen_____de scale *n.* a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

ANSWERS: 165. gene, 166. process, 167. Venus, 168. mimic, 169. absorb, 170. quarter, 171. contrast, 172. background, 173. centigrade

174. a fa____us price *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
175. fo____ic team *adj.* relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings
176. the te____e of octopus *n.* the feel or appearance of a surface or substance
177. a co____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
178. defense me____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
179. pe____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
180. 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
181. bo____y professor *n.* the scientific study of plants
182. gl____y photograph *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

ANSWERS: 174. fabulous, 175. forensic, 176. texture, 177. constant, 178. mechanism, 179. perceive, 180. photograph, 181. botany, 182. glossy

183. ga__y display *adj.* excessively flashy or ostentatious in a way that lacks good taste; showy in a vulgar or overly ornamental manner; characterized by loud, bright colors or excessive decoration
184. st__y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
185. ho____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
186. pol_____or species *n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
187. or___d garden *n.* a plant with showy or unusual flowers, typically having either a single, complex flower or a cluster of small flowers, many of which are prized for their beauty and often cultivated as ornamental plants
188. enc_____te the essence *v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
189. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
190. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 183. gaudy, 184. sticky, 185. horrible, 186. pollinator, 187. orchid, 188. encapsulate, 189. filter, 190. evolution

191. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
192. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
193. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
194. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
195. 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
196. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
197. po_____te fruit trees *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
198. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
199. water l__y *n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty

ANSWERS: 191. crop, 192. moth, 193. bug, 194. reproduce, 195. stick, 196. probable, 197. pollinate, 198. scan, 199. lily

200. uns_____ing victim	<i>adj.</i> unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
201. tr___d mount	<i>n.</i> a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
202. establish his ki_____m	<i>n.</i> the country ruled by a king or queen
203. have ge_____c testing	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
204. uns_____ing boys and girls	<i>adj.</i> unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
205. co_____st with a decade ago	<i>v.</i> to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
206. a qu_____r mile	<i>n.</i> one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
207. f__p over the pork chop	<i>v.</i> to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
208. st_____re and function of the brain	<i>n.</i> the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
209. fr_____cy band	<i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
210. group of or _____sms	<i>n.</i> a tiny living thing
211. di_____e backgrounds	<i>adj.</i> including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
212. cl_____ly devised trap	<i>adv.</i> in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability

ANSWERS: 200. unsuspecting, 201. tripod, 202. kingdom, 203. genetic, 204. unsuspecting, 205. contrast, 206. quarter, 207. flip, 208. structure, 209. frequency, 210. organism, 211. diverse, 212. cleverly

213. br____e brush *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
214. pe____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
215. l__y perfume *n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
216. pe____e every day *n.* a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin
217. sc__t memory *n.* a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
218. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
219. ne____r of the gods *n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
220. vi____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
221. bo____r with details *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

ANSWERS: 213. bristle, 214. perceive, 215. lily, 216. perfume, 217. scent, 218. temperature, 219. nectar, 220. visible, 221. bother

222. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
223. make ast_____ng gains *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
224. g__e expression *n.* the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
225. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
226. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
227. st___h granules *n.* a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals
228. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
229. industrial sy_____is *n.* a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all
230. hum_____rd feeder *n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction

ANSWERS: 222. standing, 223. astonishing, 224. gene, 225. attract, 226. standing, 227. starch, 228. beetle, 229. symbiosis, 230. hummingbird

231. po_____te plants *v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
232. sy_____ic bacteria *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
233. ni__e market *n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it
234. met_____sm enzyme *n.* the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining
235. sy_____ic economy *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
236. a southern ex_____re *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
237. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
238. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

ANSWERS: 231. pollinate, 232. symbiotic, 233. niche, 234. metabolism, 235. symbiotic, 236. exposure, 237. aggressive, 238. prediction

239. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
240. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
241. an ar__y of troops *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
242. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
243. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
244. an___r pollen *n.* the part of a flower's stamen that produces and contains pollen, usually located at the top of the stamen
245. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
246. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
247. h_y cube *n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass
248. beam of el_____ons *n.* a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge
249. tr_____it information *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
250. co_____er ship *n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land

ANSWERS: 239. intelligent, 240. underneath, 241. array, 242. fin, 243. absolutely, 244. anther, 245. underneath, 246. intelligent, 247. hay, 248. electron, 249. transmit, 250. container

251. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
252. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
253. vi_____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
254. bo___r the neighbors *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
255. st_____d analysis *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
256. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
257. a subtle pe_____e *n.* a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin
258. flower an___r *n.* the part of a flower's stamen that produces and contains pollen, usually located at the top of the stamen
259. lush phi_____ron foliage *n.* a tropical plant belonging to the Araceae family, known for its large, heart-shaped leaves and often used as an indoor or outdoor ornamental plant

ANSWERS: 251. trap, 252. degree, 253. visible, 254. bother, 255. studied, 256. strip, 257. perfume, 258. anther, 259. philodendron

260. emergency la____g *n.* the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest
261. fruit ne____r *n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
262. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
263. ev____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
264. do__e the lights *v.* to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner
265. hemoglobin met____sm *n.* the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining
266. in____us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
267. a sort of ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

ANSWERS: 260. landing, 261. nectar, 262. mass, 263. evolution, 264. douse, 265. metabolism, 266. insidious, 267. mammal

268. rep_____ion rate *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
269. cold ce___l *n.* a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
270. snatch victory from the j_ws of defeat *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
271. a glass t__e *n.* a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape
272. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
273. ab___b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
274. attempt to pe_____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
275. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
276. ai_____ne particles *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
277. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
278. half a p__t of milk *n.* a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients

ANSWERS: 268. reproduction, 269. cereal, 270. jaw, 271. tube, 272. component, 273. absorb, 274. persuade, 275. dimension, 276. airborne, 277. disappear, 278. pint

279. 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
280. indoor phi_____ron *n.* a tropical plant belonging to the Araceae family, known for its large, heart-shaped leaves and often used as an indoor or outdoor ornamental plant
281. a fa_____us monster *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
282. tr___d mic stand *n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
283. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
284. scavenging ca_____n birds *n.* the decaying flesh of dead animals, often used to refer to the carcasses that serve as food for scavenging animals
285. tr_____al cyclones *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
286. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
287. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
288. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

ANSWERS: 279. stick, 280. philodendron, 281. fabulous, 282. tripod, 283. dam, 284. carrion, 285. tropical, 286. environment, 287. release, 288. dimension

289. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
290. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
291. a primitive ma___l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
292. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
293. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
294. cu___o clock *n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish
295. me_____ic object *adj.* relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness
296. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
297. ult_____et light *adj.* relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation
298. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
299. dis_____te knowledge *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
300. mi___e bites *n.* (also known as a "gnat") a small, two-winged fly that resembles a mosquito, often found in swarms

ANSWERS: 289. fantastic, 290. adapt, 291. mammal, 292. astonishing, 293. similarly, 294. cuckoo, 295. metallic, 296. bug, 297. ultraviolet, 298. spectrum, 299. disseminate, 300. midge

301. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
302. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
303. cu___o in the nest *n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish
304. high po___n count *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
305. de____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
306. beneficial pol____or *n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
307. geographical bo___y *n.* the scientific study of plants
308. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
309. amateur ast____er *n.* a physicist who studies astronomy
310. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 301. amazing, 302. hop, 303. cuckoo, 304. pollen, 305. descend, 306. pollinator, 307. botany, 308. crawl, 309. astronomer, 310. flip

311. t__t off happily

v. to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides

312. ch__k my job

v. to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone

ANSWERS: 311. trot, 312. chuck

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The workers were able to _____ the tent in just a few minutes.
v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
2. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
adv. usually; under normal conditions
3. _____ scientists analyzed the DNA evidence to solve the crime.
adj. relating to the use of scientific methods and techniques to investigate and solve crimes or legal disputes; pertaining to or involved in legal or criminal proceedings; using scientific evidence to support a claim or argument in a court of law or other formal settings
4. These results muddied the _____.
n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
5. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
6. A defective _____ is responsible for the disease.
n. the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
7. The farmer raised a _____ on his ranch for breeding purposes.
n. a male bovine animal; an investor who has a positive outlook on the market or a particular investment and buys with the expectation of prices increasing
8. The _____ blooms were so delicate and beautiful.
n. a plant with showy or unusual flowers, typically having either a single, complex flower or a cluster of small flowers, many of which are prized for their beauty and often cultivated as ornamental plants

ANSWERS: 1. erect, 2. normally, 3. Forensic, 4. prediction, 5. temperatures, 6. gene, 7. bull, 8. orchid

9. When heated, _____ molecules absorb water and become thick and gooey, making it a useful thickening agent in cooking.
- n.* a complex carbohydrate found in many plants, including rice, wheat, and potatoes that is an important foodstuff for humans and animals
10. We sat on a ____ bale and watched the sunset over the fields.
- n.* grass that has been cut and dried for use as animal feed or bedding; a stack or bale of this dried grass
11. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
- v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
12. The unique _____ structure of the plant attracted curious botanists from around the world.
- n.* a type of inflorescence characteristic of certain plants, consisting of a fleshy, usually elongated axis covered with small, densely-packed flowers, often surrounded by a leaf-like structure called a spathe
13. The _____ of the plant depends on the pollinators.
- n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
14. The beautiful ____ garden in the park was a sight to behold.
- n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
15. The dog jumped _____ to one side.
- adv.* in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
16. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 9. starch, 10. hay, 11. attach, 12. spadix, 13. reproduction, 14. lily, 15. cleverly, 16. obvious

17. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

18. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

19. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

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

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

21. Bees are important _____ for many crops and plants.

n. an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds

22. The firefighters had to _____ the flames to put out the fire in the building.

v. to extinguish or soak something completely with a liquid, typically water; to pour the liquid over something or someone in a sudden and heavy manner

23. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

24. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

ANSWERS: 17. beetle, 18. scanned, 19. amazing, 20. horrible, 21. pollinators, 22. douse, 23. dam, 24. mimic

25. The disease has an _____ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.
adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
26. He dropped his ____ at the unexpected sight.
n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
27. The weather forecast predicted a _____ in the afternoon.
n. a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
28. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
29. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.
n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
30. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.
v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
31. The _____ of freshly baked bread filled the bakery.
n. a distinctive smell, especially a pleasant one
32. My home is easily _____ from the shore.
adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 25. insidious, 26. jaw, 27. shower, 28. spectrum, 29. mammal, 30. crawl, 31. scent, 32. visible

33. We have a mutually _____ connection with them.

adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

34. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

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

35. The outermost _____ shell determines the chemical properties of an atom.

n. a tiny particle with the negative electrical charge

36. The temperature reached a peak of 35 degrees _____.

n. a system of temperature measurement in which the freezing point of water is 0 degrees and the boiling point of water is 100 degrees; also known as the Celsius scale

37. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

38. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

39. The sponge _____ water well.

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

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

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

ANSWERS: 33. symbiotic, 34. fins, 35. electron, 36. centigrade, 37. hawk, 38. probable, 39. absorbs, 40. studied

41. The _____ lighting in the restaurant created a cozy and romantic atmosphere.
adj. relating to the immediate surroundings of something; creating a particular atmosphere or mood, often through sound or lighting
42. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.
n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
43. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.
adj. intense or scorching heat
44. He took a dietary supplement of _____ oil to help with his eczema.
n. a herbaceous perennial plant with yellow or pink flowers that typically bloom in early spring
45. Their relationship was _____ and prone to sudden outbursts of anger.
adj. likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive
46. 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
47. I always start my morning with a bowl of _____.
n. a type of grain used for food, such as wheat, oats, or corn that is typically ground into flour, cooked into porridge, or used to make breakfast cereals
48. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
49. She _____ to keep up with him.
v. to run or jog at a moderate pace; to walk with long, quick strides

ANSWERS: 41. ambient, 42. adaptation, 43. burning, 44. primrose, 45. volatile, 46. structure, 47. cereal, 48. dots, 49. trotted

50. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.
adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
51. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
52. 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
53. He sniffed the _____ voluptuously.
n. a liquid that emits and diffuses a pleasant smell, usually used on the skin
54. _____ 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
55. Sow early for an early _____.
n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
56. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
57. The plane made a rough _____ and everyone clapped once we came to a stop.
n. the act of coming to rest on the ground or another surface after being in flight or jumping; a platform or area of ground where a plane or spacecraft can come to rest

ANSWERS: 50. astonishing, 51. attract, 52. photograph, 53. perfume, 54. Intelligent, 55. crop, 56. process, 57. landing,

58. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

59. The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable _____ of products.

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

60. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

61. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

62. The study of _____ can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.

n. the scientific study of plants

63. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

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

64. The vultures were circling above, searching for _____ to feast on.

n. the decaying flesh of dead animals, often used to refer to the carcasses that serve as food for scavenging animals

65. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

ANSWERS: 58. underneath, 59. array, 60. release, 61. hopped, 62. botany, 63. standing, 64. carrion, 65. persuade

66. The _____ between the coral and the algae is an important example of mutualism.
- n.* a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all
67. The curtains were made of _____ fabric clashing with the room's rest.
- adj.* excessively flashy or ostentatious in a way that lacks good taste; showy in a vulgar or overly ornamental manner; characterized by loud, bright colors or excessive decoration
68. The photographer set up his camera on a _____ to take the shot.
- n.* a three-legged stand, typically one with a platform for a camera or other equipment
69. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
- adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
70. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
71. The thief stole the wallet from the _____ tourist.
- adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
72. 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
73. The _____ plant adds a touch of greenery to my living room.
- n.* a tropical plant belonging to the Araceae family, known for its large, heart-shaped leaves and often used as an indoor or outdoor ornamental plant

ANSWERS: 66. symbiosis, 67. gaudy, 68. tripod, 69. Constant, 70. degree, 71. unsuspecting, 72. component, 73. philodendron

74. 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

75. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.

- adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

76. Watching a _____ at a flower is like observing a miniature ballet of nature.

- n.* a small bird with a highly specialized beak and wings that allow it to hover in place, known for its rapid wingbeats and ability to fly in any direction

77. _____ storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

- adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics

78. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

- adv.* in almost the same way

79. The magazine cover had a _____ finish, making the images shine.

- adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

80. The dog's _____ on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.

- n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

ANSWERS: 74. stick, 75. inefficient, 76. hummingbird, 77. Tropical, 78. similarly, 79. glossy, 80. bristle

81. _____ radiation can cause skin damage if one is exposed for too long.
adj. relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation
82. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
83. The enemy fell right into the _____.
n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
84. A swarm of _____ hovered over the stagnant water.
n. (also known as a "gnat") a small, two-winged fly that resembles a mosquito, often found in swarms
85. The species occupies a unique _____ in the ecosystem as a top predator.
n. a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it
86. My allergies flare up during _____ season, making it difficult to breathe.
n. a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
87. Better sleep leads to increased _____.
n. the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining
88. The _____ train was packed with commuters during rush hour.
n. a cylindrical container of metal, plastic, glass, etc., usually sealed and used as a means of preserving food or chemicals; a hollow cylindrical shape

ANSWERS: 81. Ultraviolet, 82. transferred, 83. trap, 84. midges, 85. niche, 86. pollen, 87. metabolism, 88. tube

89. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

90. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

91. The weather turned _____.

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

92. He gave the punching bag a hard _____ with his fists.

v. to strike forcefully; to beat or batter

93. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

94. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

95. Please don't _____ me while I'm trying to concentrate.

v. to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

96. Many plants have evolved _____ hairs as a mechanism to prevent self-pollination.

n. the part of a flower's stamen that produces and contains pollen, usually located at the top of the stamen

ANSWERS: 89. kingdom, 90. aggressive, 91. nasty, 92. whop, 93. descended, 94. contrast, 95. bother, 96. anther

97. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

98. The _____ of the flowers attracted many bees to the garden.

n. a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring

99. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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

100. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

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

101. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

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

102. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

103. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

104. The amount of _____ pollen this year is higher than usual.

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

105. I found a stink ____ crawling across the ceiling.

n. any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

ANSWERS: 97. insects, 98. nectar, 99. relations, 100. evolved, 101. mechanisms, 102. disappear, 103. basis, 104. airborne, 105. bug

106. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

107. Without bees to _____ the flowers, many crops would not exist.

v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

108. The sperm count is used as an indicator of male _____.

n. the state or quality of being able to produce babies, young animals, fruit, or new plants

109. I used an optical _____ to observe the small organisms in the water sample.

n. an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

110. The ____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

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

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

112. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

113. Thank you for inviting such a _____ party tonight.

adj. extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories

ANSWERS: 106. chemical, 107. pollinate, 108. fertility, 109. microscope, 110. mass, 111. quarter, 112. poetic, 113. fabulous

114. The restaurant uses large _____ to store its food ingredients.
- n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
115. The movie can _____ the book's spirit, bringing it to life on screen.
- v.* to enclose or envelop something within a capsule or a membrane; to express or summarize the essence or core of something in a condensed form
116. Wearing _____ to protect your skin from harmful UV rays is important.
- n.* a substance, typically a lotion or spray, that is applied to the skin to protect it from the harmful effects of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays
117. The jewelry shop featured a wide array of _____ accessories made of gold, silver, and copper.
- adj.* relating to or resembling metal; having a shiny, silvery, or reflective quality; characterized by strength, durability, or toughness
118. The archeologist discovered a rare artifact depicting a _____ symbol in the ruins of an ancient temple.
- n.* a symbol or representation of the penis, typically depicted as an erect organ and often used to represent male sexuality, virility, or power
119. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.
- n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
120. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
- v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
121. The long _____ to the air tarnished the antique tableware.
- n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

ANSWERS: 114. containers, 115. encapsulate, 116. sunscreen, 117. metallic, 118. phallus, 119. lord, 120. flipped, 121. exposure

122. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
123. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.
v. to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
124. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
125. They study the _____ of the universe.
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
126. A diversified plant species generally enhances beneficial _____ populations.
n. a tiny living thing
127. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.
v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
128. The archaeologist discovered an _____ knife, which would have been a valuable tool in ancient times.
n. a natural, hard, black volcanic glass that is formed from lava cooled very rapidly, used traditionally by Native Americans for cutting tools and weapons due to its sharp edges and extreme durability
129. He ordered a _____ of beer at the pub and enjoyed it with his friends.
n. a unit of measurement for liquid and dry substances, typically equal to 1/8th of a gallon or 16 fluid ounces, commonly used to measure beverages, such as beer or milk, as well as certain food ingredients

ANSWERS: 122. fantastic, 123. perceived, 124. moth, 125. evolution, 126. organism, 127. reproduce, 128. obsidian, 129. pint

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

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

131. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

132. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

133. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

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

134. We could sense the silk's lovely _____.

n. the feel or appearance of a surface or substance

135. The butterfly used its _____ to collect nectar from the flower.

n. an elongated, protruding nose, snout, or appendage, especially of certain mammals or insects, used for grasping or feeding

136. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

137. I will _____ these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.

v. to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone

ANSWERS: 130. absolutely, 131. property, 132. background, 133. strip, 134. texture, 135. proboscis, 136. environment, 137. chuck

138. They launched a rocket toward _____.

n. the planet second in order from the sun

139. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

140. The magician's illusions were designed to _____ the audience into believing they saw something impossible.

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true, often by telling a lie or creating a false impression

141. Understanding protein folding is a vital step in deciphering the _____ code.

adj. of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes

142. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

143. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

144. Parents often _____ their characteristics to their children.

v. to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

145. This question has fascinated solar _____ for decades.

n. a physicist who studies astronomy

146. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

ANSWERS: 138. Venus, 139. rolled, 140. deceive, 141. genetic, 142. dimensions, 143. filter, 144. transmit, 145. astronomers, 146. diverse

147. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.

adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

148. The young athlete's spirit started to _____ after losing multiple competitions.

v. to become limp and drooping, often as a result of heat, lack of water, or disease; to lose strength, vitality, or energy; to fade or wither away

149. He enjoys collecting _____ specimens.

n. a diurnal insect typically has a slender body with knobbed antennae and broad, colorful wings

150. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

151. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

152. It is important to _____ accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

153. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

154. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

ANSWERS: 147. sticky, 148. wilt, 149. butterfly, 150. adapt, 151. enormous, 152. disseminate, 153. regulation, 154. frequency

155. The politician's _____ was exposed when leaked emails revealed he had accepted lobbyists' bribes.

- n.* the act of deceiving or misleading someone, often for personal or selfish gain; a practice or behavior intended to mislead or misrepresent the truth

156. The _____ bird's call echoed through the forest.

- n.* a bird of the Cuculidae family, known for its distinctive call; (informally) a person who is crazy, eccentric, or foolish

ANSWERS: 155. deceit, 156. cuckoo