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Session 1: Word List

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.

childhood *n.* the state or time of being a child
synonym: youth, infancy, adolescence
(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development
He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the park with his friends.

bachelor *n.* an unmarried man; a person who holds an undergraduate degree from a college or university
synonym: unmarried man, single
(1) **bachelor** degree, (2) **bachelor** party
He decided to enjoy his freedom as a **bachelor** before settling down.

zoology *n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
synonym: animal science, biology, zoography
(1) **zoology** book, (2) **zoology** professor

She's studying **zoology** at university and hopes to work at a zoo someday.

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym : training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

entomology

n. the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment

synonym : insect science, bug study, insectology

(1) **entomology** lab, (2) **entomology** book

The museum offered a guided tour of its **entomology** exhibit featuring various insects.

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.

practical

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

synonym : applicable, functional, realistic

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

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

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

pest

n. a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that

is annoying or troublesome

synonym : nuisance, problem, annoyance

(1) **pest** control, (2) a **pest** of bean plants

The gardener used natural methods to keep **pests** away from her plants.

define

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

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

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.

population

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

synonym : people, inhabitants, folk

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

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

noxious

adj. harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

synonym : harmful, toxic, poisonous

(1) **noxious** gas, (2) **noxious** substances

The **noxious** fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

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

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

reduction

n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree

synonym : diminution, decrease, cutback

(1) **reduction** strategy, (2) a gradual **reduction**

The **reduction** in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.

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.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym : use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

backyard

n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house

synonym : courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue

He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym : enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display
Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel
He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

spider

n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

synonym: arachnid, wanderer

(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

distinguish

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

synonym: determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

synonym: actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym: look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text

We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

damage

- v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

inflict

- v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something

synonym: impose, levy, administer

(1) **inflict** a heavier tax, (2) **inflict** a hard blow

The storm **inflicted** significant damage on the town.

agent

- n. a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

synonym: representative, delegate, envoy

(1) **agent** system, (2) antidiarrheal **agent**

The FBI **agent** went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.

mite

- n. a tiny arachnid-like creature that is related to ticks and spiders and often lives as a parasite on plants or animals

synonym: speck, insect

(1) house dust **mite**, (2) a **mite** of evidence

The **mite** infestation in the old house was a serious problem for the residents.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

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.

cucumber

n. a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable

(1) a **cucumber** face mask, (2) several varieties of **cucumbers**

I like to slice **cucumber** and put it on my sandwiches.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

stipple

v. to create a pattern or texture on a surface by applying a series of small dots or marks; to paint or draw using a technique of dotting or dapping

synonym: dot, speckle

(1) **stipple** a drawing, (2) **stipple** the background of the portrait

When applying makeup, some techniques require you to **stipple** foundation onto the skin using a special brush.

piercing

adj. going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable

synonym : sharp, acute, biting

(1) **piercing** laughter, (2) **piercing** pain

A **piercing** scream filled the room.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

pierce

v. to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument

synonym : jab, penetrate, stab

(1) **pierce** the armored shells, (2) **pierce** a mystery

The extreme cold **pierced** our bones.

fluid

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

synonym : liquid, aqua, sap

(1) plenty of **fluids**, (2) **fluid** assets

She was diagnosed with a **fluid** buildup in her lungs.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

synonym: body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

shrivel

v. to dry up and shrink or wither due to lack of moisture or nourishment; to become smaller or less significant over time

synonym: wilt, shrink, dry up

(1) **shrivel** up due to drought, (2) **shrivel** in the sun

The grapes **shriveled** in the heat, making them inedible.

satiate

v. to satisfy or fulfill an appetite or desire completely; to fill or gratify to excess; to quench or extinguish a thirst or hunger

synonym: satisfy, quench, appease

(1) **satiate** thirst, (2) **satiate** desire

Eating a healthy and balanced meal can **satiate** hunger and provide essential nutrients for the body.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

nymph

n. (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform

synonym: sprite, fairy, pixie

(1) **nymph** of the woods, (2) water **nymph**

The sea **nymphs** were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices.

aphid

n. a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies

synonym : plant louse, greenfly, blackfly

(1) **aphid** infestation, (2) **aphid** control

The **aphids** were eating all the leaves of my tomato plants.

springtime

n. the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather

synonym : spring, heyday, budtime

(1) **springtime** blooms, (2) **springtime** breeze

I love going for walks in the park during **springtime**.

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.

sharply

adv. suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner

synonym : dashingly, smartly, snappily

(1) **sharply** questioned, (2) drop **sharply**

The value of our house rose **sharply** last year.

hibiscus

n. a flowering plant with large, colorful flowers that are often used in the production of tea and jam

(1) **hibiscus** extract, (2) **hibiscus** tea

The bright red **hibiscus** flowers added a pop of color to the garden.

foliage

n. the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : leaves, greenery, flora

(1) colorful **foliage**, (2) autumn **foliage**

The vibrant **foliage** on the vines made the winery look even more beautiful.

flush

v. to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow

synonym : redden, burn, suffuse

(1) the blood **flush** into my face, (2) **flush** the toilet

The girl **flushed** when a young man whistled as she walked by.

parthenogenesis

n. a form of asexual reproduction in which an unfertilized egg develops into a new individual without the need for sperm, commonly found in some species of plants, invertebrates, and in rare cases, vertebrates

synonym : asexual reproduction, virgin birth, cloning

(1) **parthenogenesis** reproduction, (2) **parthenogenesis** in insects

Some species of lizards and insects are capable of **parthenogenesis**.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym : evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

secrete

v. to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something

synonym : excrete, seep, discharge

(1) **secrete** mucus, (2) **secrete** enzymes

The glands in the body **secrete** hormones that regulate various bodily functions.

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.

sugary

adj. having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere

synonym: sweet, syrupy, saccharine

(1) **sugary** treat, (2) excessively **sugary**

I avoid eating **sugary** foods to maintain a healthy diet.

liquid

n. a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym: fluid

(1) colorless **liquid**, (2) hazardous **liquid**

The sponge takes up the **liquid** well.

honeydew

n. a type of sugary excretion produced by aphids and other insects and collected by bees to make honey; a type of sweet, juicy melon

(1) **honeydew** excretion, (2) ripe **honeydew**

The sweet **honeydew** melon was a perfect addition to the fruit salad.

clog

v. to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something

synonym: block, jam, obstruct

(1) **clog** a filter, (2) **clog** artery

The drain was **clogged** with hair and needed to be cleaned out.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

soot

n. a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

synonym : smut, dirt

(1) **soot-covered** walls, (2) black **soot**

The fire left a layer of **soot** on everything in the room.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

salvation

n. preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

synonym : rescue, deliverance, redemption

(1) **salvation** army, (2) the **salvation** of the individual soul

For many, the church was the only source of **salvation** in harsh times.

parasitic

adj. living off another organism to the detriment of the host

synonym : symbiotic, dependent, exploitative

(1) **parasitic** relationship, (2) brood- **parasitic** bird

The **parasitic** plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.

wasp

n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

synonym : insect, hornet, yellow jacket

(1) **wasp** nest, (2) **wasp** sting

A giant **wasp** flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

parasite

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

synonym : hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

slender

adj. thin and delicate, often in an attractive way

synonym : lanky, skinny, slim

(1) **slender** body, (2) a long **slender** leaf

He has a **slender** income.

flier

n. (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something

synonym : aeronaut, pamphlet, handbill

(1) seasoned **flier**, (2) promotional **flier**

As a frequent **flier**, I accumulate a lot of miles that I use for vacation trips.

acrobatic

adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

synonym : nimble, agile, flexible

(1) **acrobatic** leaps, (2) **acrobatic** skills

The **acrobatic** performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

synonym : gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

vis-a-vis

adv. face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with

synonym : face to face with, in relation to, regarding

(1) discuss **vis-a-vis**, (2) compare **vis-a-vis**

She addressed the audience **vis-a-vis** the importance of sustainability.

victim

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

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

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

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

abdomen

n. the part of the body between the chest and pelvis that contains the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, and other organs; the posterior part of an insect's body, typically divided into segments

synonym : belly, gut, tummy

(1) **abdomen** pain, (2) insect **abdomen**

The weightlifter used his strong **abdomen** muscles to lift the heavy barbell.

insert

v. to put something inside something else

synonym : introduce, add, embed

(1) **insert** coin, (2) **insert** a graphic
She **inserted** a new chapter into her manuscript.

parasitoid

n. an organism that lives in or on another organism, called the host, and ultimately kills it

synonym : symbiont

(1) **parasitoid** larva, (2) **parasitoid** insect

Parasitoid wasps lay their eggs on the larvae of other insects.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym : caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym : fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

mummy

n. a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material

synonym : corpse, remains

(1) **mummy** tomb, (2) ancient Egyptian **mummy**

The well-preserved **mummy** was discovered in an ancient

tomb in the desert.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym : surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

develop

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

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

halfway

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

synonym : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job

The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

mate

n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

synonym: companion, partner, spouse

(1) smoking **mate**, (2) dog-loving **mate**

I need to find a **mate** for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

wealth

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

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

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

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

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.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

pep

n. energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness

synonym: energy, enthusiasm, liveliness

(1) **pep** me up, (2) have a lot of **peps**

The coach gave a **pep** talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym : foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

ornamental

adj. describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment

synonym : decorative, embellished, fancy

(1) **ornamental** ironwork, (2) **ornamental** design

The garden is filled with **ornamental** plants and flowers.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

suffer

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

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

disease

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

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

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

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

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.

pirate

n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea

synonym: buccaneer, corsair, privateer

(1) **pirate** treasure, (2) video **pirate**

The **pirate** captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.

prey

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

synonym: target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists

The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

plot

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

synonym: scheme, plan, design

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

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

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

wipe

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

synonym : clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water

Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

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.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym : building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

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.

amplify

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

synonym : intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

meter

n. a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

synonym: gauge, indicator, rhythm

(1) a gas **meter**, (2) poetic **meter**

The **meter** on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.

state-of-the-art

adj. characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge

synonym: advanced, cutting-edge, innovative

(1) **state-of-the-art** technology, (2) **state-of-the-art** software

The hospital has **state-of-the-art** equipment and facilities to ensure the best healthcare for its patients.

greenhouse

n. a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

synonym: conservatory

(1) exotic plants in a **greenhouse**, (2) emissions of **greenhouse** gases

The **greenhouse** effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

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.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym : control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym : hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

modify

v. to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

synonym : adjust, alter, revise

(1) genetically **modify** food, (2) **modify** my behavior

We use adverbs to **modify** verbs and adjectives.

whatsoever

adv. not at all; no matter what

synonym : in any way, at all, in any respect

(1) **whatsoever** it be, (2) without impact **whatsoever**

He refused to do anything **whatsoever** to help her.

optimal

adj. the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
synonym : optimum, desirable, favorable

(1) achieve **optimal** health, (2) **optimal** for intellectual growth

Wild animals need to go forward with the **optimal** action to survive.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

synonym : multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

multiply

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

synonym : boost, amplify, reproduce

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

Multiply a number by itself twice.

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.

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.

bunch

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

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

gram

n. a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

(1) centimeter- **gram-second** system, (2) **gram** amount

How much is it per one hundred **grams**?

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

strawberry

n. a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top

(1) the **strawberry** pie, (2) **strawberry** greenhouse

He had a **strawberry** smoothie for breakfast.

amplification

n. the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea

synonym: enlargement, expansion, intensification

(1) **amplification** system, (2) sound **amplification**

The political debate was an **amplification** of the candidates'

views on key issues.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

agriculture

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

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

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

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

hectare

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

pesticide

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

synonym: insecticide, herbicide, fungicide

(1) **pesticide** application, (2) **pesticide** residue

The farmer sprayed **pesticide** on his crops to protect them from insects.

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym: split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym: bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

desert

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

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

This region is predominantly **desert**.

zoom

v. to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

synonym: move quickly, dive, buzz

(1) **zoom** in on a photo, (2) **zoom** lens

He **zoomed** back in time to the soccer game.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

mask

v. to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

synonym: disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

petrify

v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

synonym: fossilize, mineralize, calcify

(1) **petrify** with fear, (2) **petrify** into stone

The thought of public speaking will **petrify** her.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym: opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

resistant

adj. not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection

synonym: unsusceptible, immune, invulnerable

(1) penicillin- **resistant** bacteria, (2) **resistant** to persuasion

Insects in urban areas are becoming **resistant** to insecticides.

bacteria

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

synonym: microorganism, microbe

(1) pathogenic **bacteria**, (2) harmless **bacteria**

Bacteria prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

antibiotic

n. a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria

synonym: antimicrobial, chemotherapeutic, germicide

(1) **antibiotic** resistance, (2) **antibiotic** allergy
He has been prescribed an **antibiotic** to treat his infection.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky
synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person
He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree
synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events
Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

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.

ratio

n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another,
typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
synonym: proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls
The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

replace

v. to take the place of something
synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

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**.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

gap

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

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

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

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

turnover

n. the amount of business or economic activity that is generated within a specific period of time; the rate at which people leave or are replaced in a job or organization, often expressed as a percentage

synonym : revenue, income, sales

(1) annual **turnover**, (2) high **turnover** rate

The bakery's **turnover** increased after it introduced a new line of pastries.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

doll

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

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

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

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

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym : healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym : preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

secondly

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

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

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

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

intensive

adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

synonym : thorough, comprehensive, in-depth

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

The construction industry is labor **intensive**, although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

strict

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

synonym : rigorous, inflexible, relentless

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

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

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**

There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

synonym : benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

practitioner

n. a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher

synonym : professional, expert, specialist

(1) **practitioner** of Buddhism, (2) **practitioner** of law

She is a **practitioner** of traditional Chinese medicine.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym : execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to

control the financial crisis.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. harmless ba_____ia | <i>n.</i> single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease |
| 2. brood-pa_____ic bird | <i>adj.</i> living off another organism to the detriment of the host |
| 3. sh_____y questioned | <i>adv.</i> suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner |
| 4. w__p sting | <i>n.</i> a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals |
| 5. mu__y tomb | <i>n.</i> a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material |
| 6. ex___c vacation | <i>adj.</i> originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing |
| 7. st___y weather | <i>adj.</i> made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid |
| 8. blood-sucking pa_____te | <i>n.</i> an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense |
| 9. pra_____ner of Buddhism | <i>n.</i> a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher |

ANSWERS: 1. bacteria, 2. parasitic, 3. sharply, 4. wasp, 5. mummy, 6. exotic, 7. sticky, 8. parasite, 9. practitioner

10. fl__h the toilet *v.* to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow
11. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
12. desiccated co___e *n.* the dead body of a human being
13. ent_____gy lab *n.* the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment
14. bo___r the neighbors *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
15. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
16. dis_____sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
17. hazardous li___d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
18. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
19. break dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

ANSWERS: 10. flush, 11. phenomenon, 12. corpse, 13. entomology, 14. bother, 15. grandparent, 16. distinguish, 17. liquid, 18. temperature, 19. discipline

20. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
21. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
22. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
23. sa_____e desire *v.* to satisfy or fulfill an appetite or desire completely; to fill or gratify to excess; to quench or extinguish a thirst or hunger
24. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
25. c__g artery *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
26. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
27. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
28. par_____id insect *n.* an organism that lives in or on another organism, called the host, and ultimately kills it
29. ancient Egyptian mu__y *n.* a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material

ANSWERS: 20. climate, 21. circumstance, 22. agriculture, 23. satiate, 24. visual, 25. clog, 26. hatch, 27. flood, 28. parasitoid, 29. mummy

30. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
31. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
32. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
33. va____y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
34. autumn fo____e *n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes
35. pe____de application *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
36. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
37. emissions of gre____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
38. sl____r body *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
39. tr____it information *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

ANSWERS: 30. plot, 31. hatch, 32. biology, 33. valley, 34. foliage, 35. pesticide, 36. crop, 37. greenhouse, 38. slender, 39. transmit

40. g__m amount *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
41. am____y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
42. re_____on strategy *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
43. en_____ss the enemy *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely
44. r__t between friends *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
45. co_____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
46. ro___t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
47. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
48. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
49. se_____e mucus *v.* to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something
50. a p__t of bean plants *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

ANSWERS: 40. gram, 41. amplify, 42. reduction, 43. encompass, 44. rift, 45. conserve, 46. robust, 47. probable, 48. predator, 49. secrete, 50. pest

51. achieve op_____l health *adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
52. ho_____ew excretion *n.* a type of sugary excretion produced by aphids and other insects and collected by bees to make honey; a type of sweet, juicy melon
53. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
54. house dust m__e *n.* a tiny arachnid-like creature that is related to ticks and spiders and often lives as a parasite on plants or animals
55. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
56. penicillin-re_____nt bacteria *adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
57. 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
58. water ny__h *n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
59. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
60. in__t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

ANSWERS: 51. optimal, 52. honeydew, 53. implement, 54. mite, 55. pearl, 56. resistant, 57. reproduce, 58. nymph, 59. ratio, 60. insect

61. hi_____us extract *n.* a flowering plant with large, colorful flowers that are often used in the production of tea and jam
62. a long sl_____r leaf *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
63. video pi_____e *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
64. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
65. have dev_____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
66. gen_____ly inherited traits *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
67. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
68. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
69. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
70. ac_____ic skills *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
71. b_g bites *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
72. a cultured pe__l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

ANSWERS: 61. hibiscus, 62. slender, 63. pirate, 64. predator, 65. devastating, 66. genetically, 67. agriculture, 68. individual, 69. hunt, 70. acrobatic, 71. bug, 72. pearl

73. pi___e a mystery *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
74. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
75. re_____nt to persuasion *adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
76. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
77. pa_____te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
78. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
79. he_____e land *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
80. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
81. black s__t *n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire
82. su___y treat *adj.* having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
83. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 73. pierce, 74. strict, 75. resistant, 76. apparently, 77. parasite, 78. reliable, 79. hectare, 80. wipe, 81. soot, 82. sugary, 83. mold

84. c__g a filter *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
85. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
86. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
87. ag__t system *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
88. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
89. a ro___t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
90. person of gra____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
91. dis____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
92. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 84. clog, 85. crop, 86. chemical, 87. agent, 88. locate, 89. robust, 90. grandparent, 91. distribute, 92. mold

93. a gas me__r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
94. sh_____l in the sun *v.* to dry up and shrink or wither due to lack of moisture or nourishment; to become smaller or less significant over time
95. in_____ve agriculture *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
96. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
97. ha_____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
98. culture of co____n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
99. w__p nest *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
100. an a__e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
101. s__t-covered walls *n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

ANSWERS: 93. meter, 94. shrivel, 95. intensive, 96. bunch, 97. halfway, 98. cotton, 99. wasp, 100. acre, 101. soot

102. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
103. 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
104. 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
105. made a great ma_____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
106. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
107. bo___r with details *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
108. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
109. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 102. damage, 103. basis, 104. mass, 105. maneuver, 106. resistance, 107. bother, 108. exploit, 109. grandchild

110. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
111. in____t a graphic *v.* to put something inside something else
112. toxic ch____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
113. ny__h of the woods *n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
114. ba____or degree *n.* an unmarried man; a person who holds an undergraduate degree from a college or university
115. re____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
116. ex____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
117. br____e through the text *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
118. p__t control *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
119. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
120. 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: 110. creature, 111. insert, 112. chemical, 113. nymph, 114. bachelor, 115. replace, 116. extreme, 117. browse, 118. pest, 119. ratio, 120. basis

121. insect ab____n *n.* the part of the body between the chest and pelvis that contains the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, and other organs; the posterior part of an insect's body, typically divided into segments
122. non-fi____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
123. re____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
124. st____y situation *adj.* made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid
125. imm____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
126. pr____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
127. half-a__e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
128. rigid dis____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
129. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 121. abdomen, 122. fiction, 123. reverse, 124. sticky, 125. immediately, 126. predatory, 127. acre, 128. discipline, 129. bunch

130. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
131. ant_____ic resistance *n.* a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria
132. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
133. z__m in on a photo *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
134. drop sh_____y *adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner
135. ba_____rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
136. ant_____ic allergy *n.* a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria
137. pi_____ng laughter *adj.* going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable
138. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
139. raise public aw_____ss *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
140. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 130. manipulate, 131. antibiotic, 132. develop, 133. zoom, 134. sharply, 135. backyard, 136. antibiotic, 137. piercing, 138. creature, 139. awareness, 140. disease

141. genetically mo___y food *v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose
142. electron mic_____pe *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
143. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
144. p__y of beast *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
145. have a lot of p_ps *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
146. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
147. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
148. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
149. tr_____it the disease *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
150. symbiotic fu___s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 141. modify, 142. microscope, 143. reliable, 144. prey, 145. pep, 146. wealth, 147. fortunate, 148. vision, 149. transmit, 150. fungus

151. ab_____n pain *n.* the part of the body between the chest and pelvis that contains the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, and other organs; the posterior part of an insect's body, typically divided into segments
152. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
153. a prodigious vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
154. the co____e of an animal *n.* the dead body of a human being
155. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
156. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
157. play in the ba_____rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
158. vi____m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
159. se_____e enzymes *v.* to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something
160. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
161. sh_____l up due to drought *v.* to dry up and shrink or wither due to lack of moisture or nourishment; to become smaller or less significant over time

ANSWERS: 151. abdomen, 152. slide, 153. vision, 154. corpse, 155. individual, 156. devastating, 157. backyard, 158. victim, 159. secrete, 160. gap, 161. shrivel

162. par_____sis in insects *n.* a form of asexual reproduction in which an unfertilized egg develops into a new individual without the need for sperm, commonly found in some species of plants, invertebrates, and in rare cases, vertebrates
163. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
164. pro_____te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
165. ent_____gy book *n.* the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment
166. m__k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
167. high tu_____er rate *n.* the amount of business or economic activity that is generated within a specific period of time; the rate at which people leave or are replaced in a job or organization, often expressed as a percentage
168. sta_____art software *adj.* characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge
169. without impact wha_____er *adv.* not at all; no matter what
170. on his own be___f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

ANSWERS: 162. parthenogenesis, 163. weird, 164. proliferate, 165. entomology, 166. mask, 167. turnover, 168. state-of-the-art, 169. whatsoever, 170. behalf

171. co___n cloth *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
172. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
173. wha_____er it be *adv.* not at all; no matter what
174. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
175. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
176. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
177. st_____e the background of the portrait *v.* to create a pattern or texture on a surface by applying a series of small dots or marks; to paint or draw using a technique of dotting or dapping
178. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal
179. mic_____pe slide *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

ANSWERS: 171. cotton, 172. typical, 173. whatsoever, 174. apparently, 175. chase, 176. suffer, 177. stipple, 178. plot, 179. microscope

180. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
181. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
182. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
183. colorful fo_____e *n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes
184. mo___y my behavior *v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose
185. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
186. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
187. par_____sis reproduction *n.* a form of asexual reproduction in which an unfertilized egg develops into a new individual without the need for sperm, commonly found in some species of plants, invertebrates, and in rare cases, vertebrates
188. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 180. locate, 181. literally, 182. exploit, 183. foliage, 184. modify, 185. reverse, 186. distribute, 187. parthenogenesis, 188. define

189. become p__y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
190. smoking m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
191. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
192. pe____y into stone *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
193. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
194. ap__d infestation *n.* a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies
195. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
196. no_____s gas *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
197. seasoned fl__r *n.* (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something

ANSWERS: 189. prey, 190. mate, 191. strict, 192. petrify, 193. landscape, 194. aphid, 195. balance, 196. noxious, 197. flier

198. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
199. pra_____ner of law *n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
200. pi_____ng pain *adj.* going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable
201. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
202. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
203. colorless li____d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
204. pe_____de residue *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
205. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
206. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
207. group of or_____sms *n.* a tiny living thing
208. pathogenic ba_____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

ANSWERS: 198. evolution, 199. practitioner, 200. piercing, 201. resistance, 202. viral, 203. liquid, 204. pesticide, 205. predatory, 206. secondly, 207. organism, 208. bacteria

209. means to co_____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
210. antidiarrheal ag__t *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
211. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
212. in_____t a hard blow *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
213. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
214. hi_____us tea *n.* a flowering plant with large, colorful flowers that are often used in the production of tea and jam
215. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
216. in_____t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
217. fu_____s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 209. conserve, 210. agent, 211. landscape, 212. inflict, 213. implement, 214. hibiscus, 215. typical, 216. insect, 217. fungus

218. number of b_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
219. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
220. sa_____e thirst *v.* to satisfy or fulfill an appetite or desire completely; to fill or gratify to excess; to quench or extinguish a thirst or hunger
221. 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
222. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
223. p_p me up *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
224. ex___c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
225. geological r__t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
226. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
227. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 218. bug, 219. disease, 220. satiate, 221. mass, 222. replace, 223. pep, 224. exotic, 225. rift, 226. slide, 227. circumstance

228. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
229. orn_____al design *adj.* describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment
230. am_____y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
231. z__m lens *v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air
232. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
233. br___e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
234. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
235. mu_____ly about hundredfold *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
236. the str_____ry pie *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
237. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
238. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 228. wealth, 229. ornamental, 230. amplify, 231. zoom, 232. twist, 233. browse, 234. immediately, 235. multiply, 236. strawberry, 237. suffer, 238. define

239. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
240. str_____ry greenhouse *n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
241. sound amp_____ion *n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea
242. promotional fl__r *n.* (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something
243. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
244. ch_____od development *n.* the state or time of being a child
245. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
246. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
247. in_____t a heavier tax *v.* to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
248. in___t coin *v.* to put something inside something else
249. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas

ANSWERS: 239. doll, 240. strawberry, 241. amplification, 242. flier, 243. biology, 244. childhood, 245. definitely, 246. hunt, 247. inflict, 248. insert, 249. practical

250. political ma_____ers *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
251. spr_____me blooms *n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather
252. la__a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
253. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
254. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
255. mu_____ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
256. ba_____or party *n.* an unmarried man; a person who holds an undergraduate degree from a college or university
257. plenty of fl__ds *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
258. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
259. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 250. maneuver, 251. springtime, 252. larva, 253. wipe, 254. consume, 255. multiply, 256. bachelor, 257. fluid, 258. industrious, 259. disrupt

260. oasis in the de___t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
261. ripe ho_____ew *n.* a type of sugary excretion produced by aphids and other insects and collected by bees to make honey; a type of sweet, juicy melon
262. centimeter-g__m-second system *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
263. have ge_____c testing *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
264. the clear co_____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
265. on be___f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
266. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
267. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
268. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
269. housing per he_____e *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
270. no_____s substances *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

ANSWERS: 260. desert, 261. honeydew, 262. gram, 263. genetic, 264. contrary, 265. behalf, 266. facility, 267. disrupt, 268. temperature, 269. hectare, 270. noxious

271. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
272. annual tu____er *n.* the amount of business or economic activity that is generated within a specific period of time; the rate at which people leave or are replaced in a job or organization, often expressed as a percentage
273. a ge____c disorder *adj.* of or relating to genes (= parts of the DNA in cells) or the science of genes
274. pi___e treasure *n.* (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
275. an oxygen m__k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
276. asset on the company's ba____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
277. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
278. ma____y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
279. en____ss a broad range *v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

ANSWERS: 271. twist, 272. turnover, 273. genetic, 274. pirate, 275. mask, 276. balance, 277. chase, 278. magnify, 279. encompass

280. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
281. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
282. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
283. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
284. ap__d control *n.* a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies
285. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
286. 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
287. a m__e of evidence *n.* a tiny arachnid-like creature that is related to ticks and spiders and often lives as a parasite on plants or animals
288. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

ANSWERS: 280. damage, 281. employ, 282. aim, 283. contrary, 284. aphid, 285. awareness, 286. reproduce, 287. mite, 288. fiction

289. ac_____ic leaps *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
290. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
291. pi___e the armored shells *v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
292. pro_____te weeds *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
293. excessively su___y *adj.* having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
294. op_____l for intellectual growth *adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
295. a gradual re_____on *n.* a decrease in size, amount, or degree
296. since ch_____od *n.* the state or time of being a child
297. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
298. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
299. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
300. the sa_____on of the individual soul *n.* preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

ANSWERS: 289. acrobatic, 290. fortunate, 291. pierce, 292. proliferate, 293. sugary, 294. optimal, 295. reduction, 296. childhood, 297. secondly, 298. halfway, 299. literally, 300. salvation

301. sp___r venom *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
302. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
303. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
304. gen_____ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
305. compare vi_____is *adv.* face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with
306. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
307. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
308. spr_____me breeze *n.* the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather
309. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
310. dis_____sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

ANSWERS: 301. spider, 302. definitely, 303. gap, 304. genetically, 305. vis-a-vis, 306. manipulate, 307. extreme, 308. springtime, 309. weird, 310. distinguish

311. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
312. ma_____y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
313. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
314. exotic plants in a gre_____se *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
315. dog-loving m___e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
316. web sp____r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
317. pe_____y with fear *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
318. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
319. orn_____al ironwork *adj.* describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment
320. sa_____on army *n.* preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

ANSWERS: 311. phenomenon, 312. magnify, 313. grandchild, 314. greenhouse, 315. mate, 316. spider, 317. petrify, 318. climate, 319. ornamental, 320. salvation

321. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
322. sta_____art technology *adj.* characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge
323. a cell phone with an internet fa_____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
324. par_____id larva *n.* an organism that lives in or on another organism, called the host, and ultimately kills it
325. pa_____ic relationship *adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host
326. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
327. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
328. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
329. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
330. several varieties of cu_____ers *n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
331. aerobic or_____sm *n.* a tiny living thing
332. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

ANSWERS: 321. population, 322. state-of-the-art, 323. facility, 324. parasitoid, 325. parasitic, 326. practical, 327. flood, 328. employ, 329. industrious, 330. cucumber, 331. organism, 332. aim

333. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
334. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
335. zo____y book *n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
336. fl__d assets *n.* a substance that can flow and is not solid
337. discuss vi____is *adv.* face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with
338. zo____y professor *n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
339. st____e a drawing *v.* to create a pattern or texture on a surface by applying a series of small dots or marks; to paint or draw using a technique of dotting or dapping
340. fight vi__l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
341. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
342. the blood fl__h into my face *v.* to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow
343. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 333. visual, 334. probable, 335. zoology, 336. fluid, 337. vis-a-vis, 338. zoology, 339. stipple, 340. viral, 341. larva, 342. flush, 343. victim

344. in_____ve care *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
345. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
346. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
347. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
348. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
349. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
350. a cu_____er face mask *n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
351. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
352. amp_____ion system *n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea
353. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
354. poetic me__r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

ANSWERS: 344. intensive, 345. doll, 346. population, 347. evolution, 348. consume, 349. desert, 350. cucumber, 351. valley, 352. amplification, 353. develop, 354. meter

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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

2. He grows vegetables in his _____.
n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house

3. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

4. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

5. She addressed the audience _____ the importance of sustainability.
adv. face to face with; in relation to or in comparison with

6. The thought of public speaking will _____ her.
v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

7. The coach gave a _____ talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.
n. energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness

8. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 1. bother, 2. backyard, 3. consume, 4. larva, 5. vis-a-vis, 6. petrify, 7. pep, 8. fortunate

9. The sponge takes up the _____ well.
- n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
10. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
11. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
12. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.
- n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
13. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
- v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
14. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
- n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
15. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. liquid, 10. suffers, 11. damage, 12. cotton, 13. implement, 14. doll, 15. gap

16. His estate was _____ to his sons.

- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

17. The value of our house rose _____ last year.

- adv.* suddenly and to a great degree; in an aggressive manner

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

- adv.* now or without delay

19. The sweet _____ melon was a perfect addition to the fruit salad.

- n.* a type of sugary excretion produced by aphids and other insects and collected by bees to make honey; a type of sweet, juicy melon

20. The vibrant _____ on the vines made the winery look even more beautiful.

- n.* the leaves of a plant or tree, especially in large quantities or as seen from a distance; natural greenery, often used for decorative purposes

21. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

- adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

22. The construction industry is labor _____ although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

- adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

23. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

- n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

ANSWERS: 16. distributed, 17. sharply, 18. immediately, 19. honeydew, 20. foliage, 21. robust, 22. intensive, 23. pearl

24. 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
25. They study the _____ of the universe.
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
26. He has been prescribed an _____ to treat his infection.
n. a substance or drug that kills or slows down the growth of bacteria
27. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
28. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
29. A diversified plant species generally enhances beneficial _____ populations.
n. a tiny living thing
30. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
31. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
32. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 24. genetic, 25. evolution, 26. antibiotic, 27. chased, 28. floods, 29. organism, 30. probable, 31. awareness, 32. slide

33. A giant _____ flew into the room, and everyone panicked.
n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
34. The well-preserved _____ was discovered in an ancient tomb in the desert.
n. a body of a human or animal that has been preserved, typically by being embalmed and wrapped in linen or other material
35. He refused to do anything _____ to help her.
adv. not at all; no matter what
36. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
37. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.
n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
38. I gave witness on her _____.
n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
39. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
40. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.
n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 33. wasp, 34. mummy, 35. whatsoever, 36. define, 37. facility, 38. behalf, 39. resistance, 40. plot

41. 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
42. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
- adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
43. I avoid eating _____ foods to maintain a healthy diet.
- adj.* having the taste, texture, or appearance of sugar; excessively sweet or cloying; overly sentimental or flattering in a way that seems insincere
44. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
45. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
46. The fire left a layer of _____ on everything in the room.
- n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire
47. The politician tried to _____ the corruption.
- v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
48. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 41. microscope, 42. strict, 43. sugary, 44. Agriculture, 45. disease, 46. soot, 47. mask, 48. develop

49. The majority of snakes swallow their _____ whole.
n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
50. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
51. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.
adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
52. For many, the church was the only source of _____ in harsh times.
n. preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss
53. Eating a healthy and balanced meal can _____ hunger and provide essential nutrients for the body.
v. to satisfy or fulfill an appetite or desire completely; to fill or gratify to excess; to quench or extinguish a thirst or hunger
54. The grapes _____ in the heat, making them inedible.
v. to dry up and shrink or wither due to lack of moisture or nourishment; to become smaller or less significant over time
55. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.
adj. relating to or caused by a virus
56. The _____ infestation in the old house was a serious problem for the residents.
n. a tiny arachnid-like creature that is related to ticks and spiders and often lives as a parasite on plants or animals

ANSWERS: 49. prey, 50. grandparents, 51. predatory, 52. salvation, 53. satiate, 54. shriveled, 55. viral, 56. mite

57. The glands in the body _____ hormones that regulate various bodily functions.
- v.* to produce and discharge a substance, such as a hormone or glandular secretion; to conceal or hide something
58. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
59. _____ prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.
- n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
60. The _____ were eating all the leaves of my tomato plants.
- n.* a tiny insect that feeds on the sap of plants and can cause damage or diseases to plants, often found in large colonies
61. He has a _____ income.
- adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
62. Insects in urban areas are becoming _____ to insecticides.
- adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
63. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
- adj.* relating to seeing or sight
64. He quickly learned the military _____.
- n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

ANSWERS: 57. secrete, 58. predator's, 59. Bacteria, 60. aphids, 61. slender, 62. resistant, 63. visual, 64. discipline

65. The garden is filled with _____ plants and flowers.

adj. describing something that is intended to be decorative or add beauty; serving as a decoration or adornment

66. 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

67. The _____ on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.

n. a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

68. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

69. _____ wasps lay their eggs on the larvae of other insects.

n. an organism that lives in or on another organism, called the host, and ultimately kills it

70. She was diagnosed with a _____ buildup in her lungs.

n. a substance that can flow and is not solid

71. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

72. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 65. ornamental, 66. transmit, 67. meter, 68. hunt, 69. Parasitoid, 70. fluid, 71. hatch, 72. biology

73. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
74. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
75. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal
76. The bakery's _____ increased after it introduced a new line of pastries.
n. the amount of business or economic activity that is generated within a specific period of time; the rate at which people leave or are replaced in a job or organization, often expressed as a percentage
77. The _____ performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.
adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
78. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.
adj. of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
79. When applying makeup, some techniques require you to _____ foundation onto the skin using a special brush.
v. to create a pattern or texture on a surface by applying a series of small dots or marks; to paint or draw using a technique of dotting or dapping
80. A peculiar _____ material coated the foliage.
adj. made of or covered with an adhesive substance; hot or warm and humid

ANSWERS: 73. industrious, 74. grandchild, 75. creature, 76. turnover, 77. acrobatic, 78. practical, 79. stipple, 80. sticky

81. Truth is stranger than _____.

- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

82. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

83. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

- n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

84. The girl _____ when a young man whistled as she walked by.

- v.* to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow

85. The gardener used natural methods to keep _____ away from her plants.

- n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

86. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

- adj.* very great in amount or degree

87. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.

- adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage

ANSWERS: 81. fiction, 82. fungus, 83. spider, 84. flushed, 85. pests, 86. extreme, 87. devastating

88. How much is it per one hundred _____
n. a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
89. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
90. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
91. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
92. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
93. The farmer sprayed _____ on his crops to protect them from insects.
n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
94. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
95. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
96. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 88. grams?, 89. landscape, 90. typical, 91. definitely, 92. valley, 93. pesticide, 94. reversed, 95. temperatures, 96. wealth

97. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
98. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
99. The bright red _____ flowers added a pop of color to the garden.
n. a flowering plant with large, colorful flowers that are often used in the production of tea and jam
100. 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
101. A _____ scream filled the room.
adj. going through something; appearing to notice things about another person that would typically go unnoticed, especially in a way that causes that individual to feel uncomfortable
102. We _____ in a souvenir shop.
v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
103. We _____ for an overseas expansion.
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
104. In this class, we learn the basic _____ of the plane.
n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

ANSWERS: 97. replace, 98. disrupt, 99. hibiscus, 100. mass, 101. piercing, 102. browsed, 103. aim, 104. maneuver

105. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

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

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

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

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

108. The _____ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

109. Tapeworms are _____ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

110. I like to slice _____ and put it on my sandwiches.

n. a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable

111. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

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

112. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

ANSWERS: 105. employ, 106. chemical, 107. bug, 108. genetically, 109. parasites, 110. cucumber, 111. victim, 112. reliable,

113. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
114. The political debate was an _____ of the candidates' views on key issues.
- n.* the process of increasing the volume or intensity of something; the expansion or elaboration of a concept or idea
115. Their disagreement caused a _____ in their friendship.
- n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
116. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.
- n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
117. The extreme cold _____ our bones.
- v.* to cut or make a way through with a sharp instrument
118. Sow early for an early _____.
- n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
119. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.
- n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
120. I need to find a _____ for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.
- n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

ANSWERS: 113. individual, 114. amplification, 115. rift, 116. greenhouse, 117. pierced, 118. crop, 119. ratio, 120. mate

121. She is a _____ of traditional Chinese medicine.
- n.* a person who works in a profession or occupation, such as a doctor, lawyer, or teacher
122. The hospital has _____ equipment and facilities to ensure the best healthcare for its patients.
- adj.* characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge
123. The number of COVID cases continued to _____ in many countries worldwide.
- v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
124. She's studying _____ at university and hopes to work at a zoo someday.
- n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
125. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.
- n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
126. He had a _____ smoothie for breakfast.
- n.* a sweet, juicy fruit with a reddish color, a seeded surface, and a green, leafy top
127. She _____ a new chapter into her manuscript.
- v.* to put something inside something else
128. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.
- v.* to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

ANSWERS: 121. practitioner, 122. state-of-the-art, 123. proliferate, 124. zoology, 125. contrary, 126. strawberry, 127. inserted, 128. encompass

129. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.
adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
130. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
131. The farm spans over 100 _____ of land.
n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
132. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
133. The weightlifter used his strong _____ muscles to lift the heavy barbell.
n. the part of the body between the chest and pelvis that contains the stomach, intestines, liver, pancreas, and other organs; the posterior part of an insect's body, typically divided into segments
134. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.
n. the dead body of a human being
135. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.
v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
136. This region is predominantly _____.
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
137. I love going for walks in the park during _____.
n. the season of the year between winter and summer, typically associated with the blooming of flowers, growth of plants, and milder weather

ANSWERS: 129. halfway, 130. Climate, 131. hectares, 132. exploit, 133. abdomen, 134. corpse, 135. wipe, 136. desert, 137. springtime

138. The museum offered a guided tour of its _____ exhibit featuring various insects.
- n.* the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment
139. The _____ fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.
- adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
140. Wild animals need to go forward with the _____ action to survive.
- adj.* the best; most likely to be successful or advantageous
141. We use adverbs to _____ verbs and adjectives.
- v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose
142. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
- adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
143. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.
- v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
144. The _____ plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.
- adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host
145. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 138. entomology, 139. noxious, 140. optimal, 141. modify, 142. secondly, 143. conserve, 144. parasitic, 145. circumstances

146. Some species of lizards and insects are capable of _____.
- n.* a form of asexual reproduction in which an unfertilized egg develops into a new individual without the need for sperm, commonly found in some species of plants, invertebrates, and in rare cases, vertebrates
147. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.
- n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
148. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.
- adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
149. The sea _____ were said to lure sailors with their seductive voices.
- n.* (in Greek and Roman mythology) a minor female nature deity typically associated with a particular location or landform
150. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
- n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
151. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
152. The drain was _____ with hair and needed to be cleaned out.
- v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
153. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.
- n.* the state or time of being a child

ANSWERS: 146. parthenogenesis, 147. insects, 148. exotic, 149. nymphs, 150. acres, 151. vision, 152. clogged, 153. childhood

154. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

155. 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

156. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

157. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

158. You might need to _____ this point.

v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

159. As a frequent _____ I accumulate a lot of miles that I use for vacation trips.

n. (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something

160. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

161. _____ a number by itself twice.

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

ANSWERS: 154. twisted, 155. reproduce, 156. literally, 157. manipulate, 158. amplify, 159. flier, 160. bunch, 161. Multiply

162. The _____ in carbon emissions has been significant since the implementation of the new policy.
n. a decrease in size, amount, or degree
163. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read
164. The _____ captain ordered his crew to attack the merchant ship.
n. (especially in the past) a person who attacks and robs ships at sea
165. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
166. He decided to enjoy his freedom as a _____ before settling down.
n. an unmarried man; a person who holds an undergraduate degree from a college or university
167. The storm _____ significant damage on the town.
v. to cause harm, injury, or suffering to someone or something
168. A rainbow is a natural _____.
n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
169. This study _____ four different ways to run a business.
v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
170. The FBI _____ went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.
n. a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

ANSWERS: 162. reduction, 163. apparently, 164. pirate, 165. locate, 166. bachelor, 167. inflicted, 168. phenomenon, 169. distinguished, 170. agent

171. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

172. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

- v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

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

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

174. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

175. 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

176. He _____ back in time to the soccer game.

- v.* to move along very quickly; (noun) the act of rising upward into the air

177. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.

- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 171. balance, 172. magnify, 173. population, 174. weird, 175. basis, 176. zoomed, 177. mold