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Session 1: Word List

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym: free, let go, discharge

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

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

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

activism

n. the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change

synonym: advocacy, campaign

(1) antitrust **activism**, (2) digital **activism**

Internet **activism** has been crucial in raising awareness about critical social issues.

security

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

a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym : safety, protection, stock

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

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

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

synonym : seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**

This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

classic

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

synonym : definitive, traditional, typical

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

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

whistleblower

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

synonym : informant, snitch

(1) anonymous **whistleblower**, (2) government **whistleblower**

The government has laws in place to protect **whistleblowers** from retaliation.

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.

encrypt

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

synonym: encode, cipher, scramble

(1) **encrypt** data, (2) **encrypt** message

To protect their sensitive information, many businesses **encrypt** their files.

bounce

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

synonym: bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure

They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

trail

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

synonym: footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

jurisdiction

n. the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised

synonym: power, authority, control

(1) local **jurisdiction**, (2) limited **jurisdiction**

The case fell under the **jurisdiction** of the state court system.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

postal

adj. relating to or involving the package or mail delivery; referring to an individual or situation involving the postal

service

(1) **postal** delivery, (2) **postal** worker

The **postal** service delivers mail to your doorstep every day.

vet

n. (also a veterinarian) a person who has a medical degree trained to examine and take care of the health of animals; (verb) to carefully examine, investigate, or evaluate someone or something, often for the purpose of determining suitability or eligibility

synonym: veterinarian, inspector, examiner

(1) **vet** clinic, (2) **vet** check-up

We had to take our dog to the **vet** because she was not feeling well.

organization

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

synonym: association, institution, community

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

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

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its

rights and interests are illegally violated.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result
In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question
Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual
The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

rarely

adv. not happening often; infrequently; seldom

synonym : seldom, infrequently, hardly ever

(1) **rarely** seen, (2) **rarely** used
I **rarely** eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.

destroy

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

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence
The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym : curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise
The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

membership

n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.

synonym: belonging, enrollment, participation

(1) a **membership** fee, (2) **membership** in a stock exchange

My application for **membership** in the association was accepted.

leak

v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

synonym: outflow, divulge, disclose

(1) **leak** data, (2) **leak** a classified memo

He **leaked** serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

intelligence

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

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

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

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

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

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

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

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the

next fiscal year.

elect

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

synonym: select, choose, prefer

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

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

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym: autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

coalition

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

synonym: union, confederation, alliance

(1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces

The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.

corruption

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

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym: sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

grail

n. a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

synonym: chalice, treasure, quest

(1) holy **grail**, (2) ultimate **grail**

The search for the **grail** is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.

journalism

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

synonym: reporting, news media, writing

(1) **journalism** ethics, (2) tabloid **journalism**

She plans to study **journalism** in college and become a reporter.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

president

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

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

pal

n. a close friend

synonym : buddy, friend, chum

(1) baseball **pal**, (2) long-time **pal**

She is a pen **pal** of mine.

albatross

n. a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par

synonym : seabird, gull, petrel

(1) **albatross** on the par-5 hole, (2) **albatross** migration

The researcher spotted a majestic **albatross** gliding effortlessly over the ocean.

indirectly

adv. not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something

synonym : circuitously, obliquely, by implication

(1) **indirectly** related, (2) **indirectly** impact

The CEO **indirectly** expressed her disappointment with the project's progress.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym: circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

substantially

adv. to a great extent or degree

synonym: considerably, essentially, largely

(1) the price went up **substantially**, (2) the house was **substantially** built

The proportion of female engineers has **substantially** increased.

clip

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

synonym: buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym : component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

bushmaster

n. a large, venomous snake found in Central and South America, characterized by its long, thin body and distinctive triangular head

synonym : pit viper, tropical viper, American viper

(1) **bushmaster** snake, (2) **bushmaster** habitat

The **bushmaster's** venom is highly potent and can cause respiratory failure.

engage

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

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

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

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

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.

helicopter

n. a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
synonym: chopper, copter, whirlybird

- (1) **helicopter** ride, (2) police **helicopter**

The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via **helicopter** to avoid traffic congestion

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

- (1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
synonym: harsh, relentless, powerful

- (1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
synonym: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

widespread

adj. existing or happening in various places or among many people

synonym: across-the-board, overall, general

(1) **widespread** use, (2) **widespread** fear of nuclear war

In medieval times, death punishment was **widespread** and socially accepted.

outrage

n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices

synonym: indignation, fury, anger

(1) public **outrage**, (2) **outrage** over injustice

There was widespread **outrage** over the government's handling of the situation.

gross

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

synonym: before tax, total, abhorrent

(1) the **gross** amount, (2) **gross** injustice

The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's **gross** profits.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

relax

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

synonym : soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

cannon

n. a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

synonym : artillery, gun, ordnance

(1) **cannon** salute, (2) **cannon** ball

The heavy **cannon** fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym : ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

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

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

killing

n. the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

synonym : slaughter, homicide, assassination

(1) **killing** spree, (2) profit- **killing**

The **killing** of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.

rescue

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

synonym : save, extricate, retrieve

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

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

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym : implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

insurgent

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

synonym : subversive, rebellious, mutinous

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

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

analyst

n. someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

synonym : reviewer, investigator, judge

(1) banking **analyst**, (2) senior research **analyst**

The **analyst** concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym: capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

allege

v. to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence

synonym: claim, assert, state

(1) **allege** abuse, (2) **allege** wrongdoing

The prosecution **alleged** that the defendant was guilty of the crime.

confess

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

synonym: admit, acknowledge, own up

(1) **confess** sin, (2) **confess** truth

He **confessed** to his crime and turned himself into the police.

embassy

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

synonym: consulate, mission, legation

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

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

cable

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym: wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

obtain

v. to get something, especially by making a great effort
synonym : accept, acquire, receive

(1) **obtain** a license, (2) **obtain** a bid

Where can I **obtain** the application form?

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

diplomat

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

synonym : envoy, ambassador, representative

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

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

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

classify

v. to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

synonym: categorize, sort, arrange

(1) **classify** images, (2) **classify** emails into folders

I need to **classify** these documents for the upcoming audit.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

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

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

philosophy

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

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

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

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

encourage

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

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

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

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

achieve

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

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym: hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

concerned

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

synonym: worried, caring, involved

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

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

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may

bring **unintended** consequences.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

immunization

n. the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

synonym: vaccination, shot, inoculation

(1) **immunization** program, (2) childhood **immunization**

Due to the success of **immunization** programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym : boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

military

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

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

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

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

incentive

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

synonym : encouragement, inducement, enticement

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

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

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

inhuman

adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

synonym : brutal, hardhanded, cruel

(1) **inhuman** act, (2) **inhuman** conditions

Prisoners were subjected to **inhuman** treatment in an overcrowded jail.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym : challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym : understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

irony

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

secrecy

n. the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

synonym : confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

dissident

n. a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary

synonym : dissenter, rebel, protester

(1) **dissident** activities, (2) outspoken **dissident**

The government's security forces constantly monitored the **dissident** politician.

tricky

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

synonym : thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

presumably

adv. believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof

synonym : likely, seemingly, supposedly

(1) **presumably** accurate, (2) **presumably** refuse the offer
The witness's testimony was **presumably** based on what he had seen and heard.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden
Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym : force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention
The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym : tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**

He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

troublemaker

n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy

synonym: troublemonger, instigator, agitator

(1) **troublemaker** kid, (2) accused **troublemaker**

The teacher had to reprimand the **troublemaker** in class constantly.

intriguing

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

synonym: fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

blowout

n. an uncontrolled release or sudden burst, often of air, gas, liquid, or energy; a rupture or explosion; a lavish or extravagant social gathering or party; a situation where one team or individual defeats another by a wide margin or overwhelming performance

synonym: explosion, rupture, eruption

(1) **blowout** sale, (2) **blowout** victory

The car had a **blowout** on the highway, causing a sudden loss of tire pressure.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym: adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

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.

verify

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

synonym: affirm, ascertain, confirm

(1) **verify** a document, (2) **verify** identity

We always **verify** all critical information independently.

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym: doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

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.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym: accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

id

n. a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card

synonym: identity, ego, persona

(1) the **id** ego, (2) **ID** card

I forgot my **ID** at home and needed it to enter the club.

undergo

v. to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

synonym: experience, suffer, endure

(1) **undergo** surgery, (2) **undergo** a decrease

The train has to **undergo** rigorous safety checks.

fundraise

v. to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

synonym : appeal, raise, solicit

(1) **fundraise** a charity fund, (2) **fundraise** for a new shelter

The school is planning to **fundraise** to purchase new books for the library.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym : diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

reengineer

v. to redesign or restructure something such as a machine, system, organization, etc.

synonym : redesign, remodel, revamp

(1) **reengineer** work processes, (2) **reengineer** the organizational structure

As technology evolves, we need to **reengineer** our work styles.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

start-up

n. a newly established company or business

(1) **start-up** business, (2) early-stage **start-up**

Our company's services are targeted at **start-up** executives.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

quantity

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude

synonym: abundance, portion, amount

(1) half **quantity**, (2) residual **quantity**

In southward, the average annual water **quantity** increases.

disclosure

n. the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts

synonym: announcement, revelation, exposure

(1) **disclosure** agreement, (2) public **disclosure**

The company's **disclosure** of its financial records led to a better understanding of its operations.

caliber

n. a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel

synonym: ability, competence, quality

(1) high- **caliber** executive, (2) the **caliber** of a vein

The students' **caliber** has improved from mediocre to above-average.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

bottleneck

n. a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

synonym : blockage, obstacle, barrier

(1) performance **bottleneck**, (2) **bottleneck** in production

Memory bandwidth is a significant **bottleneck** in this computational simulation.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

salary

n. a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

synonym : compensation, earnings, pay

(1) a handsome **salary**, (2) **salary** after taxes

What are your annual **salary** expectations?

restructure

v. to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively

synonym : reorganize, revamp, reconstruct

(1) **restructure** sentence, (2) **restructure** my debts

The economic downturn made it necessary to **restructure** the business.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym : equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

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

synonym: sect, faith, religion

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

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

combination *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

psychology *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

recipe *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym: instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

breed *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym: raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

paranoia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of

anxiety or irritability

synonym : suspicion, mistrust, delusions

(1) encourage **paranoia**, (2) suffering from **paranoia**

His **paranoia** about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

prosecute

v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement

synonym : charge, sue, bring to trial

(1) **prosecute** criminal, (2) **prosecute** case

The attorney decided to **prosecute** the suspect for stealing from the store.

deploy

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

synonym : set up, expand, launch

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

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

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

mafia

n. a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering,

prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)

synonym : syndicate, gang

(1) organized crime **mafia**, (2) **mafia** activities

The boss of the **mafia** was finally caught after years on the run.

phrase

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

synonym : expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

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

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

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym : event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

capable

adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise

synonym : able, competent, proficient

(1) **capable** worker, (2) **capable** leader

She is highly **capable** of handling multiple tasks at once.

generous

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

synonym : charitable, benevolent, giving

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

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

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.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym : boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

combat

n. a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force

synonym : battle, fight, warfare

(1) **combat** zone, (2) hand-to-hand **combat**

The veteran was honored for his service in **combat**.

perpetrator

n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

synonym : culprit, wrongdoer, offender

(1) **perpetrator** identity, (2) culprit **perpetrator**

The police have not yet caught the **perpetrator** of the crime.

injunction

n. a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something

synonym: order, command, directive

(1) legal **injunction**, (2) court **injunction**

The union requested an **injunction** to prevent the company from firing workers without cause.

publicize

v. to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

synonym: advertise, promote, announce

(1) **publicize** event, (2) **publicize** research findings

The company hired a PR firm to **publicize** its new product.

high-profile

adj. attracting much attention and interest from the public and media

synonym: notable, prominent, distinguished

(1) **high-profile** lawyer, (2) become **high-profile**

Within six months, the research thesis became a **high-profile** scientific paper.

crisis

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

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

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

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

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

politician

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

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

packaging

n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

synonym : wrapping, packing, boxing

(1) **packaging** materials, (2) biodegradable **packaging**

The **packaging** for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym : act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

offshore

adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

synonym : seaward, alongshore

(1) an **offshore** oil field, (2) an **offshore** fund

The company undertakes **offshore** development for software companies in many countries.

- tap** v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
synonym : knock, exploit, use
(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.
- passee** *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique
(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend
Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
- parliament** *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
synonym : congress, assembly, legislature
(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**
He was a member of **parliament**.
- unanimous** *adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
synonym : uncontested, consistent, unified
(1) by a **unanimous** vote, (2) obtain **unanimous** consent
That bill reached a **unanimous** agreement.
- exert** v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
synonym : apply, use, maintain
(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence
He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.
- harmonize** v. to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
synonym : reconcile, balance, match
(1) **harmonize** with others, (2) **harmonize** two different opinions

The musicians attempted to **harmonize** their voices for the chorus.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through
synonym: clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials
The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

statistics

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

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**
The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1. ine_____le changes of the seasons | <i>adj.</i> certain to happen and unavoidable |
| 2. the c__e of an apple | <i>n.</i> the most essential or fundamental part of something |
| 3. el__t death | <i>v.</i> to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something |
| 4. as_____te alcohol with gambling | <i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else |
| 5. the gr__s amount | <i>adj.</i> being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant |
| 6. br__d suspicion | <i>v.</i> to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner |
| 7. as_____te with people widely | <i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else |
| 8. national se_____ty | <i>n.</i> the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation |
| 9. en_____ge antisocial behavior | <i>v.</i> to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do |

ANSWERS: 1. inevitable, 2. core, 3. elect, 4. associate, 5. gross, 6. breed, 7. associate, 8. security, 9. encourage

10. co____s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
11. limited jur_____ion *n.* the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised
12. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
13. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
14. tr____y problem *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
15. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
16. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
17. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

ANSWERS: 10. confess, 11. jurisdiction, 12. incentive, 13. economy, 14. tricky, 15. motivate, 16. philosophy, 17. holy

18. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
19. em____y function *n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
20. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
21. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
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27. half qu____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
28. ready-made ph____es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
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ANSWERS: 18. decide, 19. embassy, 20. par, 21. destroy, 22. inevitable, 23. psychology, 24. broad, 25. restructure, 26. disclosure, 27. quantity, 28. phrase, 29. compel

30. po___l worker *adj.* relating to or involving the package or mail delivery; referring to an individual or situation involving the postal service
31. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
32. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
33. ree_____er the organizational structure *v.* to redesign or restructure something such as a machine, system, organization, etc.
34. a ge_____us reward *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
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36. ca_____e leader *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
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38. a handsome sa___y *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

ANSWERS: 30. postal, 31. screw, 32. combine, 33. reengineer, 34. generous, 35. moral, 36. capable, 37. injunction, 38. salary

39. cl____fy images *v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties
40. jou_____sm ethics *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast
41. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
42. allied di____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
43. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
44. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
45. en____t message *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons
46. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 39. classify, 40. journalism, 41. unfortunately, 42. diplomat, 43. severe, 44. military, 45. encrypt, 46. engage

47. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
48. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
49. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
50. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
51. pr_____te case *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
52. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
53. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
54. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 47. rev, 48. corruption, 49. pound, 50. straight, 51. prosecute, 52. combination, 53. rival, 54. economy

55. res_____re sentence *v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively
56. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
57. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
58. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
59. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
60. an of_____re fund *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
61. biodegradable pa_____ng *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
62. in_____n conditions *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

ANSWERS: 55. restructure, 56. perception, 57. deny, 58. process, 59. engage, 60. offshore, 61. packaging, 62. inhuman

63. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
64. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
65. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
66. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
67. trespass on a person's pr_____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
68. hel_____er ride *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
69. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
70. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
71. co_____on forces *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

ANSWERS: 63. government, 64. military, 65. tap, 66. strike, 67. privacy, 68. helicopter, 69. enormous, 70. clip, 71. coalition

72. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
73. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
74. coaxial ca__e *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
75. em_____y staff *n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
76. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
77. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
78. bus_____er snake *n.* a large, venomous snake found in Central and South America, characterized by its long, thin body and distinctive triangular head
79. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
80. per_____or identity *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
81. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 72. skeptical, 73. disparity, 74. cable, 75. embassy, 76. compel, 77. unintended, 78. bushmaster, 79. hero, 80. perpetrator, 81. excuse

82. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
83. co____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
84. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
85. co____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
86. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
87. po___l delivery *adj.* relating to or involving the package or mail delivery; referring to an individual or situation involving the postal service
88. al___e wrongdoing *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
89. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
90. mi_____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
91. re___e a company from bankruptcy *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
92. encourage pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability

ANSWERS: 82. process, 83. combine, 84. phenomenal, 85. compete, 86. engineer, 87. postal, 88. allege, 89. exert, 90. minimize, 91. rescue, 92. paranoia

93. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
94. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
95. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
96. 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
97. the price went up sub_____lly *adv.* to a great extent or degree
98. ob___n a bid *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
99. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
100. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
101. bo___e back from failure *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
102. dis_____re agreement *n.* the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts
103. al_____ss on the par-5 hole *n.* a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par

ANSWERS: 93. enact, 94. rival, 95. nation, 96. basis, 97. substantially, 98. obtain, 99. impressive, 100. rev, 101. bounce, 102. disclosure, 103. albatross

104. ra___y seen *adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
105. ir__y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
106. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
107. fu_____se a charity fund *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
108. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
109. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
110. int_____ng concept *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
111. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
112. en_____t data *v.* to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

ANSWERS: 104. rarely, 105. irony, 106. classic, 107. fundraise, 108. employee, 109. statistics, 110. intriguing, 111. excuse, 112. encrypt

113. 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
114. ov_____lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
115. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
116. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
117. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
118. ca___n salute *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
119. performance bot_____ck *n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry
120. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 113. basis, 114. overwhelm, 115. nation, 116. concerned, 117. corruption, 118. cannon, 119. bottleneck, 120. security

121. banking an_____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
122. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
123. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
124. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
125. antitrust ac_____sm *n.* the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change
126. follow the tr___l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
127. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
128. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
129. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
130. ve___y identity *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

ANSWERS: 121. analyst, 122. straight, 123. determinant, 124. element, 125. activism, 126. trail, 127. transparency, 128. achieve, 129. individual, 130. verify

131. disband par_____nt
n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
132. persons co_____ed
adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
133. a gear change le__r
n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
134. st___e up a conversation
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
135. genic com_____ons
n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
136. v_t check-up
n. (also a veterinarian) a person who has a medical degree trained to examine and take care of the health of animals; (verb) to carefully examine, investigate, or evaluate someone or something, often for the purpose of determining suitability or eligibility
137. in_____e a lot of paperwork
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
138. high-ca_____r executive
n. a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel
139. early-stage st_____up
n. a newly established company or business

ANSWERS: 131. parliament, 132. concerned, 133. lever, 134. strike, 135. combination, 136. vet, 137. involve, 138. caliber, 139. start-up

140. pre_____ly refuse the offer *adv.* believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof
141. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
142. ob___n a license *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
143. government whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
144. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
145. a sk_____al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
146. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
147. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
148. pr_____te criminal *v.* to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
149. mem_____ip in a stock exchange *n.* the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
150. l__k data *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

ANSWERS: 140. presumably, 141. legislation, 142. obtain, 143. whistleblower, 144. fir, 145. skeptical, 146. broad, 147. moral, 148. prosecute, 149. membership, 150. leak

151. re__x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
152. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
153. police hel_____er *n.* a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access
154. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
155. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
156. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
157. co_____l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
158. wid_____ad use *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
159. in_____n act *adj.* lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity
160. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something

ANSWERS: 151. relax, 152. unintended, 153. helicopter, 154. journalist, 155. victim, 156. deploy, 157. conceal, 158. widespread, 159. inhuman, 160. surrounding

161. v_t clinic *n.* (also a veterinarian) a person who has a medical degree trained to examine and take care of the health of animals; (verb) to carefully examine, investigate, or evaluate someone or something, often for the purpose of determining suitability or eligibility
162. government se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
163. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
164. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
165. the house was sub_____lly built *adv.* to a great extent or degree
166. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
167. organized crime ma__a *n.* a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)
168. a tr___y recipe to follow *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
169. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

ANSWERS: 161. vet, 162. secrecy, 163. phenomenal, 164. president, 165. substantially, 166. compete, 167. mafia, 168. tricky, 169. necessarily

170. re____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
171. nu____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
172. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
173. field of artificial int____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
174. re____e a dying dog *v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
175. court inj____on *n.* a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something
176. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
177. pr____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
178. an in____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
179. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

ANSWERS: 170. release, 171. nurture, 172. destroy, 173. intelligence, 174. rescue, 175. injunction, 176. shell, 177. privacy, 178. incentive, 179. trail

180. al_____ss migration *n.* a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par
181. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
182. suffering from pa_____ia *n.* a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
183. profit-ki_____g *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
184. maintain se_____y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
185. a mem_____ip fee *n.* the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
186. obtain un_____us consent *adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group

ANSWERS: 180. albatross, 181. disparity, 182. paranoia, 183. killing, 184. secrecy, 185. membership, 186. unanimous

187. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
188. ma__a activities *n.* a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)
189. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
190. local jur_____ion *n.* the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised
191. hig_____ile lawyer *adj.* attracting much attention and interest from the public and media
192. ar____t the thief *v.* to take into custody
193. ve____y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
194. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
195. sa____y after taxes *n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

ANSWERS: 187. legitimate, 188. mafia, 189. identify, 190. jurisdiction, 191. high-profile, 192. arrest, 193. verify, 194. volunteer, 195. salary

196. re___e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
197. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
198. in_____nt group *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
199. cl_____fy emails into folders *v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties
200. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
201. ki_____g spree *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
202. short video c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
203. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
204. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

ANSWERS: 196. recipe, 197. intelligence, 198. insurgent, 199. classify, 200. release, 201. killing, 202. clip, 203. analyze, 204. breed

205. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
206. imm_____ion program *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure
207. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
208. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
209. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
210. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
211. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
212. employee da_____se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 205. warn, 206. immunization, 207. tap, 208. hero, 209. extreme, 210. diplomat, 211. firm, 212. database

213. pr____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
214. ou____e over injustice *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
215. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
216. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
217. sc__w the cap *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
218. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
219. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
220. tro_____ker kid *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
221. ID card *n.* a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card

ANSWERS: 213. precise, 214. outrage, 215. politician, 216. government, 217. screw,

218. warn, 219. gross, 220. troublemaker, 221. id

222. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
223. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
224. un_____o a decrease *v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change
225. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
226. hand-to-hand co___t *n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force
227. way to mi_____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
228. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
229. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
230. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
231. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
232. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
233. co_____l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

ANSWERS: 222. enact, 223. shell, 224. undergo, 225. surrounding, 226. combat, 227. minimize, 228. damn, 229. reform, 230. dare, 231. commit, 232. pound, 233. conceal

234. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
235. st____up business *n.* a newly established company or business
236. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
237. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
238. sta_____art software *adj.* characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge
239. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
240. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
241. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
242. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
243. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
244. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

ANSWERS: 234. defend, 235. start-up, 236. shift, 237. enormous, 238. state-of-the-art, 239. gulf, 240. crisis, 241. identity, 242. legislation, 243. impressive, 244. overwhelm

245. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
246. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
247. a three-party co_____on *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
248. wid_____ad fear of nuclear war *adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people
249. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
250. re__x a series of muscles *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
251. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
252. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
253. un_____o surgery *v.* to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change
254. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
255. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

ANSWERS: 245. dare, 246. statistics, 247. coalition, 248. widespread, 249. par, 250. relax, 251. giant, 252. victim, 253. undergo, 254. dictator, 255. incident

256. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
257. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
258. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
259. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
260. bo___e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
261. re___e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
262. the ca_____r of a vein *n.* a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel
263. digital ac_____sm *n.* the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change
264. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
265. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 256. necessarily, 257. cult, 258. shift, 259. gulf, 260. bounce, 261. recipe, 262. caliber, 263. activism, 264. firm, 265. determinant

266. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
267. outspoken di_____nt *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
268. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
269. di_____nt activities *n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
270. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
271. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
272. long-time p_l *n.* a close friend
273. ha_____ze with others *v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
274. bl_____t victory *n.* an uncontrolled release or sudden burst, often of air, gas, liquid, or energy; a rupture or explosion; a lavish or extravagant social gathering or party; a situation where one team or individual defeats another by a wide margin or overwhelming performance
275. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

ANSWERS: 266. communal, 267. dissident, 268. organization, 269. dissident, 270. identify, 271. dictator, 272. pal, 273. harmonize, 274. blowout, 275. incident

276. private se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
277. co_____s sin *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
278. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
279. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
280. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
281. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
282. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
283. an of_____re oil field *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
284. al___e abuse *v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
285. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

ANSWERS: 276. sector, 277. confess, 278. engineer, 279. intense, 280. nurture, 281. severe, 282. holy, 283. offshore, 284. allege, 285. encourage

286. holy gr__l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
287. nonmetallic el____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
288. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
289. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
290. ind_____ly related *adv.* not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
291. a ge_____us and thoughtful person *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
292. bus_____er habitat *n.* a large, venomous snake found in Central and South America, characterized by its long, thin body and distinctive triangular head
293. the id ego *n.* a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card
294. culprit per_____or *n.* a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception

ANSWERS: 286. grail, 287. element, 288. consequence, 289. organization, 290. indirectly, 291. generous, 292. bushmaster, 293. id, 294. perpetrator

295. ra___y used *adv.* not happening often; infrequently; seldom
296. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
297. residual qu____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
298. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
299. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
300. by a un_____us vote *adj.* (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group
301. all ability to mo_____te *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
302. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
303. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
304. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
305. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
306. tabloid jou_____sm *n.* the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

ANSWERS: 295. rarely, 296. abuse, 297. quantity, 298. parliament, 299. unfortunately, 300. unanimous, 301. motivate, 302. deny, 303. defend, 304. involve, 305. decide, 306. journalism

307. anonymous whi_____wer *n.* a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people
308. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
309. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
310. fu_____se for a new shelter *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
311. baseball p_l *n.* a close friend
312. public ou_____e *n.* an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
313. ca___n ball *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
314. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
315. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 307. whistleblower, 308. individual, 309. phrase, 310. fundraise, 311. pal, 312. outrage, 313. cannon, 314. fir, 315. president

316. em____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
317. economic re____m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
318. ex____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
319. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
320. an____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
321. a pol____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
322. sta_____art technology *adj.* characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge
323. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
324. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 316. employee, 317. reform, 318. extreme, 319. lever, 320. analyze, 321. politician, 322. state-of-the-art, 323. cult, 324. passe

325. accused tro_____ker *n.* a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
326. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
327. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
328. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
329. ultimate gr__l *n.* a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable
330. ree_____er work processes *v.* to redesign or restructure something such as a machine, system, organization, etc.
331. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
332. pre_____ly accurate *adv.* believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof
333. co___t zone *n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force

ANSWERS: 325. troublemaker, 326. hack, 327. journalist, 328. legitimate, 329. grail, 330. reengineer, 331. volunteer, 332. presumably, 333. combat

334. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
335. pu_____ze research findings *v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
336. industrial se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
337. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
338. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
339. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
340. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
341. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
342. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
343. bot_____ck in production *n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

ANSWERS: 334. communal, 335. publicize, 336. sector, 337. cable, 338. intense, 339. crisis, 340. transparency, 341. hack, 342. psychology, 343. bottleneck

344. in_____nt attack *adj.* rising against established authority or government; characterized by rebellion, dissent, or insurgency
345. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
346. de___y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
347. ca_____e worker *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
348. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
349. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
350. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
351. bl_____t sale *n.* an uncontrolled release or sudden burst, often of air, gas, liquid, or energy; a rupture or explosion; a lavish or extravagant social gathering or party; a situation where one team or individual defeats another by a wide margin or overwhelming performance
352. become hig_____ile *adj.* attracting much attention and interest from the public and media

ANSWERS: 344. insurgent, 345. passe, 346. deploy, 347. capable, 348. classic, 349. elect, 350. core, 351. blowout, 352. high-profile

353. ind_____ly impact *adv.* not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
354. senior research an_____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
355. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
356. bitter ir__y *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
357. pu_____ze event *v.* to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of
358. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
359. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
360. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
361. ha_____ze two different opinions *v.* to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
362. childhood imm_____ion *n.* the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

ANSWERS: 353. indirectly, 354. analyst, 355. giant, 356. irony, 357. publicize, 358. precise, 359. achieve, 360. policy, 361. harmonize, 362. immunization

363. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
364. ar___t the progress *v.* to take into custody
365. l__k a classified memo *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
366. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
367. pa_____ng materials *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
368. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
369. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
370. da_____se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
371. ex__t influence *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
372. keen per_____on *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

ANSWERS: 363. commit, 364. arrest, 365. leak, 366. consequence, 367. packaging, 368. identity, 369. abuse, 370. database, 371. exert, 372. perception

373. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
374. int_____ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
375. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
376. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 373. damn, 374. intriguing, 375. philosophy, 376. policy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.
 - n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

2. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
 - v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

3. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
 - v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

4. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
 - v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

5. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
 - adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

6. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
 - n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

7. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
 - n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 1. killing, 2. decide, 3. involves, 4. breeds, 5. passe, 6. intelligence, 7. pounds

8. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.
- v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
9. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
10. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.
- v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
11. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
12. This accident was something that happened _____.
- adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
13. The case fell under the _____ of the state court system.
- n. the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised
14. The content is _____ and informative for me.
- adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
15. Memory bandwidth is a significant _____ in this computational simulation.
- n. a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

ANSWERS: 8. deployed, 9. defend, 10. screw, 11. process, 12. necessarily, 13. jurisdiction, 14. precise, 15. bottleneck

16. The proportion of female engineers has _____ increased.
adv. to a great extent or degree
17. The teacher had to reprimand the _____ in class constantly.
n. a person who intentionally causes difficulties or problems for others, often by disruptive or provocative behavior; a person who tends to create or attract trouble or controversy
18. The police have not yet caught the _____ of the crime.
n. a person who carries out a harmful or illegal act, particularly one that involves violence or deception
19. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.
n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
20. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
21. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.
n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
22. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
23. The company's CEO arrived at the meeting via _____ to avoid traffic congestion
n. a type of aircraft that is capable of hovering in place and moving vertically, as well as flying horizontally; often used for emergency medical services, military operations, and transport in areas with limited access

ANSWERS: 16. substantially, 17. troublemaker, 18. perpetrator, 19. rivals, 20. extreme, 21. dictator, 22. enormous, 23. helicopter

24. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

25. That bill reached a _____ agreement.

adj. (of two or more people) in complete agreement; (of an opinion, decision, or vote) agreed or supported by everyone in a group

26. She plans to study _____ in college and become a reporter.

n. the profession or activity of writing or reporting news for publication or broadcast

27. The rules were _____ after the new executive arrived.

v. to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

28. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

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

29. The boss of the _____ was finally caught after years on the run.

n. a secret criminal organization that engages in illegal activities such as gambling, extortion, racketeering, prostitution, and drug trafficking, typically maintains a strict code of loyalty, secrecy, and omertà (= silence or non-cooperation with authorities)

30. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

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

adj. very wide; general

ANSWERS: 24. par, 25. unanimous, 26. journalism, 27. relaxed, 28. diplomat, 29. mafia, 30. cores, 31. broad

32. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.
- n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
33. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
34. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
- v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
35. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she _____ her anger well.
- v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
36. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
37. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
38. Internet _____ has been crucial in raising awareness about critical social issues.
- n.* the policy or action of using vigorous campaigning to bring about political or social change
39. He _____ to his crime and turned himself into the police.
- v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

ANSWERS: 32. element, 33. nurture, 34. compete, 35. concealed, 36. determinant, 37. economy, 38. activism, 39. confessed

40. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

41. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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

42. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

43. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

44. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

45. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.

adj. not planned or meant

46. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

47. To protect their sensitive information, many businesses _____ their files.

v. to convert information or data into a code, thereby making it unreadable without a key or password; to conceal or obscure information in a way that makes it inaccessible to unauthorized persons

ANSWERS: 40. combine, 41. crisis, 42. straight, 43. denying, 44. skeptical, 45. unintended, 46. fir, 47. encrypt

48. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.
adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
49. In southward, the average annual water _____ increases.
n. the amount or number of something; magnitude
50. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
51. The car had a _____ on the highway, causing a sudden loss of tire pressure.
n. an uncontrolled release or sudden burst, often of air, gas, liquid, or energy; a rupture or explosion; a lavish or extravagant social gathering or party; a situation where one team or individual defeats another by a wide margin or overwhelming performance
52. The attorney decided to _____ the suspect for stealing from the store.
v. to bring legal action against someone in a court of law; to pursue or carry out something to completion or achievement
53. The company's _____ of its financial records led to a better understanding of its operations.
n. the act of making something known or revealing information that was previously hidden or secret, often used in legal or financial contexts
54. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
55. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

ANSWERS: 48. concerned, 49. quantity, 50. politician, 51. blowout, 52. prosecute, 53. disclosure, 54. corruption, 55. shell

56. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
57. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
58. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
59. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
- adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
60. The prosecution _____ that the defendant was guilty of the crime.
- v.* to claim or assert that something is true without providing proof or evidence
61. As technology evolves, we need to _____ our work styles.
- v.* to redesign or restructure something such as a machine, system, organization, etc.
62. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.
- adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
63. The _____ venom is highly potent and can cause respiratory failure.
- n.* a large, venomous snake found in Central and South America, characterized by its long, thin body and distinctive triangular head

ANSWERS: 56. journalists, 57. philosophy, 58. cult, 59. impressive, 60. alleged, 61. reengineer, 62. phenomenal, 63. bushmaster's

64. His _____ about being followed made him constantly look over his shoulder.
n. a mental condition characterized by delusions of persecution, unwarranted jealousy, or exaggerated self-importance, typically compounded by feelings of anxiety or irritability
65. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.
n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
66. My application for _____ in the association was accepted.
n. the state of belonging to a group, a club, an organization, etc.
67. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
68. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
69. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.
adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
70. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
71. The train has to _____ rigorous safety checks.
v. to go through something unpleasant or that involves a change

ANSWERS: 64. paranoia, 65. trail, 66. membership, 67. engineer, 68. legitimate, 69. severe, 70. legislation, 71. undergo

72. There was widespread _____ over the government's handling of the situation.
n. an intense feeling of anger or indignation in response to something that is perceived as unfair, unjust, or offensive; a public display of anger or protest against such injustices
73. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
v. to take into custody
74. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
75. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.
v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
76. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
77. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.
n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
78. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
79. She is a pen ____ of mine.
n. a close friend

ANSWERS: 72. outrage, 73. arrest, 74. sector, 75. hacking, 76. intense, 77. clip, 78. elected, 79. pal

80. What are your annual _____ expectations?

- n.* a fixed amount of money that employees, especially those who work in an office, receive for doing their job, usually paid every month

81. Our company's services are targeted at _____ executives.

- n.* a newly established company or business

82. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

83. Where can I _____ the application form?

- v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort

84. The students' _____ has improved from mediocre to above-average.

- n.* a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel

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

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

86. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

- n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

87. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

88. In medieval times, death punishment was _____ and socially accepted.

- adj.* existing or happening in various places or among many people

ANSWERS: 80. salary, 81. start-up, 82. strike, 83. obtain, 84. caliber, 85. destroyed, 86. abuse, 87. warn, 88. widespread

89. The _____ building was heavily guarded by security personnel.
- n.* the diplomatic building where a country's representatives to a foreign country are based
90. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
- n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
91. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
92. He was a member of _____.
- n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
93. The heavy _____ fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.
- n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
94. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
- n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
95. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 89. embassy, 90. recipe, 91. hero, 92. parliament, 93. cannon, 94. combination, 95. nation

96. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

97. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

98. The _____ concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

n. someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

99. Prisoners were subjected to _____ treatment in an overcrowded jail.

adj. lacking human qualities, such as compassion, kindness, or understanding; cruel, brutal, or without regard for others' suffering or dignity

100. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

101. The government has laws in place to protect _____ from retaliation.

n. a person who reveals or reports illegal, unethical, or immoral activities, primarily in the workplace or government, that are not publicly known but harm the public interest or other people

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

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

103. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

ANSWERS: 96. moral, 97. overwhelm, 98. analyst, 99. inhuman, 100. identify, 101. whistleblowers, 102. statistics, 103. dare

104. He _____ himself to lift the heavyweight.

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play

105. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

106. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

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

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

108. The _____ for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.

n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

109. The search for the _____ is often used as a metaphor for any difficult quest or task.

n. a sacred or highly prized object, often associated with a quest or search for something elusive or unattainable

110. The _____ service delivers mail to your doorstep every day.

adj. relating to or involving the package or mail delivery; referring to an individual or situation involving the postal service

ANSWERS: 104. exerted, 105. perception, 106. shift, 107. encouraged, 108. packaging, 109. grail, 110. postal

111. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

112. The company undertakes _____ development for software companies in many countries.

- adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

113. I need to _____ these documents for the upcoming audit.

- v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

114. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

- adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something

115. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

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

116. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.

- v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

117. The government _____ this law in 1925.

- v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

118. 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

ANSWERS: 111. president, 112. offshore, 113. classify, 114. surrounding, 115. achieve, 116. minimize, 117. enacted, 118. victim

119. The union requested an _____ to prevent the company from firing workers without cause.

n. a court order that prohibits or compels a specific action; a legal command or directive requiring a person or organization to do or refrain from doing something

120. We had to take our dog to the ____ because she was not feeling well.

n. (also a veterinarian) a person who has a medical degree trained to examine and take care of the health of animals; (verb) to carefully examine, investigate, or evaluate someone or something, often for the purpose of determining suitability or eligibility

121. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

122. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

123. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

124. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

125. The government forces fought brutally against the _____ rebels in the remote region.

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

ANSWERS: 119. injunction, 120. vet, 121. consequences, 122. compel, 123. cables, 124. Communal, 125. insurgent

126. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

127. 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

128. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

129. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

130. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

131. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

132. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

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

133. 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

ANSWERS: 126. damn, 127. basis, 128. intriguing, 129. incident, 130. unfortunately, 131. rev, 132. classic, 133. individual,

134. The company hired a PR firm to _____ its new product.

v. to make information or news publicly known or communicated, to promote or spread awareness of

135. The ____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

136. I _____ eat fast food because I prefer healthy options.

adv. not happening often; infrequently; seldom

137. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

138. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

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

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

140. The researcher spotted a majestic _____ gliding effortlessly over the ocean.

n. a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par

ANSWERS: 134. publicize, 135. firm, 136. rarely, 137. employee, 138. volunteer, 139. organization, 140. albatross

141. The witness's testimony was _____ based on what he had seen and heard.

adv. believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof

142. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

143. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

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

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

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

145. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.

n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body

146. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

147. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

148. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

ANSWERS: 141. presumably, 142. associate, 143. military, 144. inevitable, 145. coalition, 146. identity, 147. giant, 148. psychology

149. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
150. I forgot my ___ at home and needed it to enter the club.
n. a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card
151. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
152. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
153. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together
154. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
155. The musicians attempted to _____ their voices for the chorus.
v. to bring into agreement or concord; to make compatible
156. To expand the company, we must ___ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 149. release, 150. ID, 151. government, 152. Gulf, 153. phrase, 154. security, 155. harmonize, 156. tap

157. The company's _____ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.
- n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
158. The government's security forces constantly monitored the _____ politician.
- n.* a person who opposes the policies or actions of a government or other authority, often publicly and openly; a rebel or revolutionary
159. Each country's officials can access the central _____.
- n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
160. The fire department arrived just in time to _____ the family from the burning building.
- v.* to save someone or something from a dangerous or difficult situation
161. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.
- n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
162. They will _____ between various emotional states.
- v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
163. The CEO _____ expressed her disappointment with the project's progress.
- adv.* not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
164. We always _____ all critical information independently.
- v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

ANSWERS: 157. secrecy, 158. dissident, 159. database, 160. rescue, 161. privacy, 162. bounce, 163. indirectly, 164. verify

165. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.

v. to do something illegal or wrong

166. The school is planning to _____ to purchase new books for the library.

v. to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

167. Due to the success of _____ programs, certain diseases, such as smallpox, have been eradicated.

n. the process of making a person or animal immune to a specific disease by administering a vaccine or other preventative measure

168. He _____ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

169. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

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

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

171. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

ANSWERS: 165. committed, 166. fundraise, 167. immunization, 168. leaked, 169. excuse, 170. policy, 171. motivate

172. The economic downturn made it necessary to _____ the business.

- v.* to organize a company, business, or system in a new and different way to make it work more effectively

173. There is a significant _____ in pay between men and women in the company.

- n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

174. They have no _____ to win the game.

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

175. This teacher is _____ in his grading.

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

176. The veteran was honored for his service in _____.

- n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force

177. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

- v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

178. The main discussion topic is government _____.

- n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through

179. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.

- n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

ANSWERS: 172. restructure, 173. disparity, 174. incentive, 175. generous, 176. combat, 177. analyze, 178. transparency, 179. lever

180. The drastic reorganization has significantly increased this company's _____ profits.

adj. being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant

181. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

182. Within six months, the research thesis became a _____ scientific paper.

adj. attracting much attention and interest from the public and media

183. We have discussed the entirety of this _____ problem.

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

184. She is highly _____ of handling multiple tasks at once.

adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise

185. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

186. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

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

187. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

ANSWERS: 180. gross, 181. holy, 182. high-profile, 183. tricky, 184. capable, 185. irony, 186. engaged, 187. reform

188. 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

ANSWERS: 188. state-of-the-art