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Session 1: Word List

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym: agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

blockbusting

n. a practice, typically in real estate, where individuals or groups intentionally facilitate the turnover of homes in a

neighborhood by using scare tactics or misleading information to induce property sales

synonym : successful, bestselling, hit

(1) **blockbusting** scandal, (2) **blockbusting** allegations
The city council passed regulations to prevent **blockbusting** tactics in local neighborhoods.

vision

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

synonym : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**
Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

humanity

n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

synonym : humankind, society, human race

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**
They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym : fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones
The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society
Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

filmmaking

n. the process or art of making movies

synonym : movie-making, film production, cinema

(1) **filmmaking** industry, (2) retire from **filmmaking**

The history of **filmmaking** dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.

desolate

adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness

synonym : barren, stark, uninhabited

(1) a **desolate** scene, (2) **desolate** moon

The deserted island was **desolate** and uninhabited.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

complicit

adj. involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

synonym : compliant, involved, accessory

(1) **complicit** behavior, (2) **complicit** in cover-up

The accomplice was **complicit** in the crime committed by her partner.

peddle

v. to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way

synonym : sell, promote, advertise

(1) **peddle** influence, (2) **peddle** drugs

The street vendor **peddled** his wares to passing tourists.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym : plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

organism

n. a tiny living thing

synonym : being, creature

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

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

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym : exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

mechanism

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

synonym : means, method, system

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

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

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

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

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

poise

n. a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

synonym : confidence, grace, calmness

(1) aesthetic **poise**, (2) with easy **poise**

He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his **poise**.

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.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym : program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

degradation

n. the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state

synonym : depravity, degeneration, deterioration

(1) **degradation** by heat, (2) live in **degradation**

Many researchers are monitoring environmental **degradation** in real-time through satellites.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change
Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

progression

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

synonym: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

improvisation

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

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**
He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym: description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word
Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

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.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

appealing

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

synonym : attractive, alluring, captivating

(1) **appealing** design, (2) an **appealing** offer

The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very **appealing** to readers

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

welfare

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

synonym : well-being, benefit, health

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

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

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.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

accounting

n. a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results

synonym : bookkeeping, finance

(1) the **accounting** department, (2) **accounting** software
The company hired a new accountant to handle its **accounting** needs.

scarcely

adv. hardly or almost not; only just

synonym : barely, narrowly, hardly

(1) **scarcely** readable, (2) **scarcely** any interest in public
We **scarcely** ever used AEDs.

infer

v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

synonym : guess, deduce, assume

(1) **infer** quality from price, (2) **infer** the possibility
Animal desire and preference are always **inferred** from their behavior.

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.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire
It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

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.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities
They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**
We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

fixate

v. to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image

synonym: obsess, fix, concentrate

(1) **fixate** on a problem, (2) **fixate** on a picture
She tends to **fixate** on small details, often losing sight of the bigger picture.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas
The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

ill-fated

adj. having a tragic or disastrous destiny or outcome, often due to unfortunate circumstances

synonym : unfortunate, doomed, hapless

(1) **ill-fated** experiment, (2) **ill-fated** love

The **ill-fated** voyage of the Titanic is a tragic tale of human error and hubris.

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.

eloquent

adj. able to speak or write clearly and impressively

synonym : persuasive, fluent, well-spoken

(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing

She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

deconstruct

v. to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

synonym : break down, interpret, assay

(1) **deconstruct** the existing system, (2) **deconstruct** his method

She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to **deconstruct** various categories of literature.

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.

fin

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

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

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.

worthwhile

adj. having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

synonym : valuable, rewarding, significant

(1) **worthwhile** investment, (2) **worthwhile** endeavor

Volunteering for a **worthwhile** cause is important for building a sense of community.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym : chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

statistician

n. a person who studies or is an expert in statistics

synonym : actuary

(1) professional **statisticians**, (2) environmental **statistician**

The firm employs several **statisticians** to develop a recommendation engine.

redesign

v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

synonym : revamp, rework, remodel

(1) **redesign** project, (2) **redesign** of lifestyle

The company is planning to **redesign** its website.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym : fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym : continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

survey

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

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**
That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

unsurprising

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

synonym: predictable, expected, foreseeable

(1) **unsurprising** success, (2) **unsurprising** result

The **unsurprising** outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

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.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

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**.

economics

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

synonym : social science, finance, business

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

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

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym : base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

index

n. a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index

synonym : list, directory, indicator

(1) a full-text **index**, (2) health **index**

The stock market **index** measures the performance of a group of stocks.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

outcome

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

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

fundamental

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

synonym: basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

scarce

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

synonym: rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

desirable

adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after

synonym: appealing, attractive, advisable

(1) **desirable** effect, (2) **desirable** result

The beachfront property had a **desirable** location with stunning ocean views.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym: effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

bang

v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise

synonym: crash, hit, smash

(1) **bang** his fist on a desk, (2) **bang** a phone down

My father tried to **bang** mathematics into my head since childhood.

buck

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

synonym: dollar, money, currency

(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**

I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

graph

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

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

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

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

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym: even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island
Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

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

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

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
synonym: perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

synonym: skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend

The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym: adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror

You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

expectancy

n. the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something

synonym: prospect, anticipation, hope

(1) life **expectancy**, (2) customer **expectancy**

There is a high **expectancy** for the new product to exceed

sales targets.

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.

dot

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

synonym: drop, dab, fleck

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

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

array

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

synonym: collection, display, batch

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

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

triangle

n. a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts

synonym: trilateral, delta, triad

(1) **triangle** shape, (2) love **triangle**

The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right **triangle**.

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.

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.

converse

v. to talk informally

synonym: discourse, discuss, exchange

(1) **converse** with an acquaintance, (2) ask a **converse** question

She enjoyed the opportunity to **converse** with a person who spoke her language.

typical

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

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

sub-Saharan

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

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

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

brute

n. a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power

synonym: beast, savage, animal

(1) **brute** beasts, (2) **brute** force

The **brute** behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.

malaria

n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

(1) **malaria** mosquitoes, (2) **malaria-endemic** area

Many people in tropical countries die from **malaria** every year.

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.

heading

n. a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading

synonym : title, caption, label

(1) chapter **heading**, (2) **heading** font

She carefully reviewed the **heading** of each section before diving into the research paper.

poll

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

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

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

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

quarter

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

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

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

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

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing

process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

renewable

adj. capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced

synonym: sustainable, replaceable

(1) **renewable** energy, (2) **renewable** subscriptions

The production of **renewable** fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.

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.

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.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

neutral

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

synonym: impartial, uninvolved, halfhearted

(1) permanently **neutral** country, (2) **neutral** colors

A legislative speaker should always be **neutral**.

abolish

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

synonym: cancel, repeal, annul

(1) **abolish** slavery, (2) **abolish** censorship
The government voted to **abolish** the outdated law.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

literacy

n. the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively

synonym: education, reading, writing

(1) digital **literacy**, (2) financial **literacy**

Many charities focus on improving **literacy** rates in underprivileged communities.

vibe

n. an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood

synonym: atmosphere, aura, feeling

(1) party **vibe**, (2) chill **vibe**

The music festival had a great **vibe**, with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.

trend

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

synonym: direction, movement, tendency

(1) an international **trend**, (2) the **trend** away from television

The oil price continued their downward **trend**.

strict

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

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

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

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

innovation.

methodology

n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something

synonym: procedure, approach, process

(1) **methodology** for optimizing, (2) research **methodology**

We are developing a new **methodology** for assessing marketing measures.

efficient

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

synonym: productive, effective, competent

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

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

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym: far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

greenhouse

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

synonym: conservatory

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

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

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
synonym : emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

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.

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym : doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

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.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

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.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym : slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

meter

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

synonym : gauge, indicator, rhythm

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

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

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**.

ratio

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

synonym : proportion, rate, quota

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

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people
synonym: composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership
Product development is a **collective** effort.

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.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit
All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**
The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**
The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and

asked him a question.

reminder

n. something that serves to jog or refresh one's memory; a prompt or message that helps to recall or remember something

synonym: memo, notice, remembrance

(1) **reminder** message, (2) **reminder** email

The sticky notes served as helpful **reminders** of important tasks that needed to be completed.

foresight

n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

synonym: prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning

With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

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.

tome

n. a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book

synonym: book, volume, opus

(1) **tome** of knowledge, (2) ancient **tome**

I spent the whole weekend reading an academic **tome** about medieval history.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

relation

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

synonym: association, linkage, connection

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

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

cornerstone

n. a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed

synonym: foundation, basis, keystone

(1) **cornerstone** of democracy, (2) lay the **cornerstone**

Effective communication is often considered the **cornerstone** of a successful team.

mood

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

synonym: mindset, disposition, temper

(1) the **mood** in a room, (2) in an ugly **mood**

His gaffe spoiled the **mood** of the dinner party.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym: blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

mindful

adj. being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment

synonym: aware, attentive, conscious

(1) **mindful** of my responsibilities, (2) **mindful** eating
Practicing **mindful** meditation can help reduce stress and improve overall well-being.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym: perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym: antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**

I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

formal

adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner

synonym: ceremonial, official, traditional

(1) a **formal** festival, (2) **formal** request

The event required **formal** attire, so he wore a suit and tie.

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific

work

synonym : apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym : goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

altruism

n. the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

synonym : selflessness, philanthropy, generosity

(1) acts of **altruism**, (2) **altruism** in society

His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical **altruism**.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym : pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

hardwired

adj. built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

synonym : innate, ingrained, automatic

(1) **hardwired** behavior, (2) **hardwired** connection

The instinct to protect one's offspring is **hardwired** into many animal species.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

doll

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

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

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

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

handy

adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use

synonym: clever, accessible, available

(1) a **handy-sized** bag, (2) **handy** tool

They found a **handy** place to play catch.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

feasible

adj. capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
synonym : achievable, possible, attainable

(1) economically **feasible**, (2) **feasible** assumption

It is not **feasible** and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.

eve

n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

synonym : evening, dusk, twilight

(1) **eve** of the party, (2) Christmas **Eve**

The **eve** of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

promenade

n. a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

synonym : stroll, walkway, boulevard

(1) evening **promenade**, (2) **promenade** in the park

The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful **promenade** for tourists and locals alike.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym : expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

signpost

n. a sign or marker that indicates the direction or location of something often used figuratively to refer to a guide or indicator of progress

synonym : marker, guidepost, indicator

(1) follow **signposts** on roads, (2) clear **signpost**

The **signpost** on the hiking trail helped guide hikers toward the correct path.

Session 2: Spelling

1. capital-sc___e country *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
2. life exp_____cy *n.* the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something
3. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
4. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
5. in__r the possibility *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
6. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
7. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
8. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
9. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
10. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
11. an ingrained sk_____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

ANSWERS: 1. scarce, 2. expectancy, 3. rebuild, 4. government, 5. infer, 6. planet, 7. emerge, 8. rebuild, 9. transition, 10. fin, 11. skeptic

12. retire from fil_____ng *n.* the process or art of making movies
13. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
14. dec_____ct the existing system *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
15. apo_____ic event *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
16. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
17. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
18. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
19. gr__s injustice *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
20. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

ANSWERS: 12. filmmaking, 13. instrument, 14. deconstruct, 15. apocalyptic, 16. pave, 17. electrify, 18. experiment, 19. gross, 20. curve

21. ap_____ng design *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
22. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
23. blo_____ing scandal *n.* a practice, typically in real estate, where individuals or groups intentionally facilitate the turnover of homes in a neighborhood by using scare tactics or misleading information to induce property sales
24. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
25. acts of al_____sm *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
26. b__g his fist on a desk *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
27. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
28. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
29. ab_____h censorship *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to

ANSWERS: 21. appealing, 22. organization, 23. blockbusting, 24. flee, 25. altruism, 26. bang, 27. pave, 28. collective, 29. abolish

30. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
31. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
32. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
33. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
34. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
35. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
36. residual qu_____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
37. a full-text in__x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
38. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 30. preach, 31. promenade, 32. graph, 33. climate, 34. definition, 35. improvisation, 36. quantity, 37. index, 38. relation

39. demonstrate an up___d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
40. climate sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
41. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
42. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
43. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
44. an international tr__d *n.* a general direction in which something is changing or developing
45. 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
46. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
47. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 39. upward, 40. skeptic, 41. curve, 42. frightening, 43. sub-Saharan, 44. trend, 45. firm, 46. efficiency, 47. movement

48. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
49. en____e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
50. tr_____le shape *n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
51. hor_____al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
52. give a person a nu____e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
53. a two-dimensional ar____y *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
54. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
55. company mo____o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
56. ne_____l colors *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
57. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
58. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 48. dominant, 49. engage, 50. triangle, 51. horizontal, 52. nudge, 53. array, 54. quarter, 55. motto, 56. neutral, 57. flee, 58. survive

59. have com_____on toward the accident
n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
60. th_____y for a patient
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
61. ar_____ct of the peace accord
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
62. el_____fy the audience
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
63. the acc_____ng department
n. a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results
64. li_____me ban from the sport
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
65. the ul_____te goal in life
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
66. mi_____l of my responsibilities
adj. being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment
67. met_____gy for optimizing
n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
68. e_e of the party
n. (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths

ANSWERS: 59. compassion, 60. therapy, 61. architect, 62. electrify, 63. accounting, 64. lifetime, 65. ultimate, 66. mindful, 67. methodology, 68. eve

69. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
70. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
71. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
72. re_____er message *n.* something that serves to jog or refresh one's memory; a prompt or message that helps to recall or remember something
73. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
74. economic bu_____e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
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77. mo_____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
78. ca_____n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
79. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

ANSWERS: 69. psychology, 70. outcome, 71. scenario, 72. reminder, 73. sustainable, 74. bubble, 75. mood, 76. infer, 77. modern, 78. carbon, 79. ratio

80. an ar__y of troops *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
81. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
82. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
83. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
84. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
85. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
86. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
87. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
88. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
89. sa_____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
90. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 80. array, 81. employee, 82. probable, 83. slightly, 84. footprint, 85. pound, 86. movement, 87. efficiency, 88. dominant, 89. satisfy, 90. loop

91. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
92. b__k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
93. mass of hu_____ty *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
94. ad____t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
95. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
96. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
97. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
98. live in deg_____on *n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
99. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
100. co____t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
101. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 91. visionary, 92. buck, 93. humanity, 94. adjust, 95. innovation, 96. aspiration, 97. engineer, 98. degradation, 99. curiosity, 100. commit, 101. historic

102. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
103. 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
104. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
105. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
106. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
107. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
108. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
109. extra b__k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

ANSWERS: 102. invest, 103. economy, 104. distant, 105. reward, 106. planet, 107. engineer, 108. mechanism, 109. buck

110. wor_____le endeavor *adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
111. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
112. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
113. 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
114. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
115. pe___e influence *v.* to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way
116. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
117. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned

ANSWERS: 110. worthwhile, 111. poll, 112. foundation, 113. policy, 114. quest, 115. peddle, 116. incredible, 117. afterward

118. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
119. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
120. de_____te moon *adj.* deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
121. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
122. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
123. 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.
124. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
125. fo___l request *adj.* following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
126. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
127. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

ANSWERS: 118. generosity, 119. generosity, 120. desolate, 121. gulf, 122. footprint, 123. president, 124. inspire, 125. formal, 126. graph, 127. nudge

128. dec_____ct his method *v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning
129. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
130. hor_____al lines *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
131. look up____d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
132. il_____ed love *adj.* having a tragic or disastrous destiny or outcome, often due to unfortunate circumstances
133. fil_____ng industry *n.* the process or art of making movies
134. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
135. a we_____e state *n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
136. mi_____l eating *adj.* being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment
137. a fo____l festival *adj.* following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner

ANSWERS: 128. deconstruct, 129. inspire, 130. horizontal, 131. upward, 132. ill-fated, 133. filmmaking, 134. crazy, 135. welfare, 136. mindful, 137. formal

138. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
139. the gr__s amount *adj.* being the total amount of something before any deductions; obese and ugly or unpleasant
140. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
141. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
142. 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
143. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
144. hu_____ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
145. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
146. ha_____ed behavior *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

ANSWERS: 138. strict, 139. gross, 140. sustainable, 141. transition, 142. policy, 143. efficient, 144. humanity, 145. grab, 146. hardwired

147. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
148. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
149. sa_____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
150. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
151. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
152. acc_____ng software *n.* a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results
153. ha__y tool *adj.* valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
154. lay the cor_____ne *n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed
155. ma_____a-endemic area *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

ANSWERS: 147. nation, 148. doll, 149. satisfy, 150. scenario, 151. bubble, 152. accounting, 153. handy, 154. cornerstone, 155. malaria

156. research met_____gy	<i>n.</i> a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
157. noun ph___e	<i>n.</i> a group of words that mean something specific when used together
158. cr_____ve writing	<i>adj.</i> relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
159. the me_____sm for DNA replication	<i>n.</i> a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
160. improve co_____ve function	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to mental processes of understanding
161. pre-mo___n agricultural society	<i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times
162. a prodigious vi___n	<i>n.</i> the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
163. hi_____ic accomplishment	<i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so
164. a precise def_____on	<i>n.</i> a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
165. il_____ed experiment	<i>adj.</i> having a tragic or disastrous destiny or outcome, often due to unfortunate circumstances
166. science of ec_____y	<i>n.</i> the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
167. permanent br__n damage	<i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 156. methodology, 157. phrase, 158. creative, 159. mechanism, 160. cognitive, 161. modern, 162. vision, 163. historic, 164. definition, 165. ill-fated, 166. ecology, 167. brain

168. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
169. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
170. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
171. ab_____h slavery *v.* to do away with completely; to put an end to
172. digital li_____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
173. party v___e *n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
174. criminal ju_____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
175. uns_____ing success *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
176. economically fe_____le *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
177. t___e of knowledge *n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
178. financial li_____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
179. 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

ANSWERS: 168. progression, 169. fin, 170. climate, 171. abolish, 172. literacy, 173.

vibe, 174. justice, 175. unsurprising, 176. feasible, 177. tome, 178. literacy, 179.
killing

180. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
181. ha_____ed connection *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
182. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
183. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
184. 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
185. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
186. ask a co_____se question *v.* to talk informally
187. sc_____ly any interest in public *adv.* hardly or almost not; only just
188. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
189. uns_____ing result *adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

ANSWERS: 180. typical, 181. hardwired, 182. improvisation, 183. nation, 184. economy, 185. typical, 186. converse, 187. scarcely, 188. fundamental, 189. unsurprising

190. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
191. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
192. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
193. the em_____on of light *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
194. 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
195. ma_____a mosquitoes *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
196. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
197. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
198. ambitious ag____a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
199. ag____a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
200. 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: 190. frightening, 191. doll, 192. vertical, 193. emission, 194. killing, 195. malaria, 196. preach, 197. psychology, 198. agenda, 199. agenda, 200. president

201. on a qu__t for happiness	<i>n.</i> a long or challenging search for something
202. inn_____on leader	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
203. env_____nt affairs	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
204. re_____le subscriptions	<i>adj.</i> capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
205. a gas me__r	<i>n.</i> a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
206. chill v__e	<i>n.</i> an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
207. clear si_____st	<i>n.</i> a sign or marker that indicates the direction or location of something often used figuratively to refer to a guide or indicator of progress
208. de_____y the ecosystem	<i>v.</i> to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
209. field of gene th_____y	<i>n.</i> the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
210. wor_____le investment	<i>adj.</i> having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

ANSWERS: 201. quest, 202. innovation, 203. environment, 204. renewable, 205. meter, 206. vibe, 207. signpost, 208. destroy, 209. therapy, 210. worthwhile

211. sc___e resources	<i>adj.</i> not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
212. a pre-election p__l	<i>n.</i> an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
213. gov_____nt funding	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
214. co___t mistakes	<i>v.</i> to do something illegal or wrong
215. pe___e drugs	<i>v.</i> to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way
216. sta_____cs for cancer	<i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
217. thousands of po__ds	<i>n.</i> the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
218. g__f war	<i>n.</i> a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
219. landscape ar_____ct	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
220. d_t blot method	<i>n.</i> a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
221. co_____it in cover-up	<i>adj.</i> involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group

ANSWERS: 211. scarce, 212. poll, 213. government, 214. commit, 215. peddle, 216. statistics, 217. pound, 218. gulf, 219. architect, 220. dot, 221. complicit

222. re_____le energy	<i>adj.</i> capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
223. a sense of wel_____ng	<i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
224. boundless cu_____ty	<i>n.</i> a strong desire to know or learn about something
225. in_____e a lot of paperwork	<i>v.</i> to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
226. d__y the allegations	<i>v.</i> to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
227. st___t compliance regime	<i>adj.</i> strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
228. ec_____cs professor	<i>n.</i> the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
229. en___e in environmental protection activities	<i>v.</i> to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
230. a ha__y-sized bag	<i>adj.</i> valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
231. col_____ve ownership	<i>adj.</i> done or shared by every member of a group of people
232. group of or_____sms	<i>n.</i> a tiny living thing
233. weak fou_____on	<i>n.</i> the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

ANSWERS: 222. renewable, 223. well-being, 224. curiosity, 225. involve, 226. deny, 227. strict, 228. economics, 229. engage, 230. handy, 231. collective, 232. organism, 233. foundation

234. telescopic vi___n	<i>n.</i> the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
235. ad___t a schedule	<i>v.</i> to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
236. ju_____e of Heaven	<i>n.</i> the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
237. a cr__y scheme	<i>adj.</i> stupid or not sensible; very angry
238. recent su___y	<i>n.</i> an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
239. have a ni_____re	<i>n.</i> a very frightening or unpleasant dream
240. environmental sta_____ian	<i>n.</i> a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
241. pr_____le outcome	<i>adj.</i> likely to happen or likely to be true
242. energy-ef_____nt appliances	<i>adj.</i> performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
243. poetic me__r	<i>n.</i> a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

ANSWERS: 234. vision, 235. adjust, 236. justice, 237. crazy, 238. survey, 239. nightmare, 240. statistician, 241. probable, 242. efficient, 243. meter

244. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
245. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
246. ca____n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
247. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
248. follow si_____sts on roads *n.* a sign or marker that indicates the direction or location of something often used figuratively to refer to a guide or indicator of progress
249. love tr_____le *n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts
250. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
251. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
252. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
253. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 244. fundamental, 245. creative, 246. carbon, 247. scarcity, 248. signpost, 249. triangle, 250. survey, 251. apocalyptic, 252. brain, 253. slightly

254. ancient t__e *n.* a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
255. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
256. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
257. aesthetic po__e *n.* a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
258. blo_____ing allegations *n.* a practice, typically in real estate, where individuals or groups intentionally facilitate the turnover of homes in a neighborhood by using scare tactics or misleading information to induce property sales
259. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
260. chapter he_____g *n.* a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading
261. professional sta_____ians *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
262. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
263. el_____nt writing *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively

ANSWERS: 254. tome, 255. greedy, 256. experiment, 257. poise, 258. blockbusting, 259. emission, 260. heading, 261. statistician, 262. invest, 263. eloquent

264. de_____le effect	<i>adj.</i> worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
265. connecting the d_ts	<i>n.</i> a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
266. re_____er email	<i>n.</i> something that serves to jog or refresh one's memory; a prompt or message that helps to recall or remember something
267. an ap_____ng offer	<i>adj.</i> attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
268. a de_____te scene	<i>adj.</i> deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
269. re_____gn of lifestyle	<i>v.</i> to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
270. em_____ee benefits	<i>n.</i> a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
271. the tr__d away from television	<i>n.</i> a general direction in which something is changing or developing
272. exotic plants in a gre_____se	<i>n.</i> a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
273. half qu_____ty	<i>n.</i> the amount or number of something; magnitude
274. f__m grip	<i>adj.</i> 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

ANSWERS: 264. desirable, 265. dot, 266. reminder, 267. appealing, 268. desolate, 269. redesign, 270. employee, 271. trend, 272. greenhouse, 273. quantity, 274. firm

275. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
276. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
277. re_____gn project *v.* to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again
278. br___e force *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
279. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
280. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
281. deg_____on by heat *n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
282. feel com_____on for the poor *n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
283. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
284. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
285. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
286. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 275. aspiration, 276. emerge, 277. redesign, 278. brute, 279. humming, 280. survive, 281. degradation, 282. compassion, 283. afterward, 284. statistics, 285. sub-Saharan, 286. relation

287. an el_____nt speaker *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
288. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
289. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
290. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
291. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
292. fo_____ht planning *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
293. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
294. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
295. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
296. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
297. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 287. eloquent, 288. reward, 289. involve, 290. improve, 291. deny, 292. foresight, 293. humming, 294. lifetime, 295. cognitive, 296. instrument, 297. outcome

298. the ec____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
299. aerobic or ____sm *n.* a tiny living thing
300. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
301. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
302. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
303. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
304. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
305. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
306. sc_____ly readable *adv.* hardly or almost not; only just
307. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
308. br__e beasts *n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
309. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 298. ecology, 299. organism, 300. ratio, 301. well-being, 302. improve, 303. communal, 304. quarter, 305. communal, 306. scarcely, 307. loop, 308. brute, 309. scarcity

310. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
311. evening pr____de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
312. ve____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
313. health in__x *n.* a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
314. in an ugly m__d *n.* the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind
315. ni____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
316. pro____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
317. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
318. strategic fo____ht *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

ANSWERS: 310. ultimate, 311. promenade, 312. vertical, 313. index, 314. mood, 315. nightmare, 316. progression, 317. destroy, 318. foresight

319. chaotic env_____nt	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
320. the mo__o for safe traffic	<i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
321. customer exp_____cy	<i>n.</i> the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something
322. ready-made ph___es	<i>n.</i> a group of words that mean something specific when used together
323. vi_____ry ideas	<i>adj.</i> having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
324. child we_____e	<i>n.</i> the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
325. with easy po__e	<i>n.</i> a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior
326. g__b an opportunity	<i>v.</i> to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
327. welfare ec_____cs	<i>n.</i> the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
328. de_____le result	<i>adj.</i> worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
329. al_____sm in society	<i>n.</i> the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

ANSWERS: 319. environment, 320. motto, 321. expectancy, 322. phrase, 323. visionary, 324. welfare, 325. poise, 326. grab, 327. economics, 328. desirable, 329. altruism

330. co____se with an acquaintance *v.* to talk informally
331. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
332. gr____y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
333. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
334. fi___e on a picture *v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
335. fi___e on a problem *v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
336. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
337. co_____it behavior *adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
338. b__g a phone down *v.* to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
339. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 330. converse, 331. incredible, 332. greedy, 333. organization, 334. fixate, 335. fixate, 336. numb, 337. complicit, 338. bang, 339. distant

340. Christmas E_e *n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
341. fe____le assumption *adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
342. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
343. permanently ne____l country *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
344. cor_____ne of democracy *n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed
345. he____g font *n.* a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading
346. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 340. eve, 341. feasible, 342. greenhouse, 343. neutral, 344. cornerstone, 345. heading, 346. numb

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
2. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
3. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.
n. the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
4. She is the president of a large international _____.
n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
5. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
6. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
7. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
8. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

ANSWERS: 1. dots, 2. sub-Saharan, 3. ratio, 4. organization, 5. flee, 6. agenda, 7. improve, 8. transition

9. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
10. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
- n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
11. 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
12. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
13. The ___ of the wedding was filled with excitement and anticipation.
- n.* (also as "Eve") the day or period of time immediately preceding a particular event; the biblical figure who was the first woman and wife of Adam, according to the Jewish and Christian faiths
14. She struggled for years to survive without _____.
- n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
15. She enjoyed the opportunity to _____ with a person who spoke her language.
- v.* to talk informally

ANSWERS: 9. graph, 10. justice, 11. economy, 12. invest, 13. eve, 14. welfare, 15. converse

16. The _____ behavior of the football players caused the game to be canceled.
- n.* a violent, wild, or feral animal; a person who is cruel, uncivilized, or lacking in intelligence or sensitivity; a physical force or power
17. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
- n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
18. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
- adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
19. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
20. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
21. The _____ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
- adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
22. 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
23. She employed a rigorous intellectual framework to _____ various categories of literature.
- v.* to break something down into its separate parts to interpret or analyze it; to interpret or analyze a text, an artwork, etc. to show that there is no fixed meaning

ANSWERS: 16. brute, 17. carbon, 18. humming, 19. destroyed, 20. sustainable, 21. visionary, 22. involves, 23. deconstruct

24. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

25. The oil price continued their downward _____.

n. a general direction in which something is changing or developing

26. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

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

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

28. She carefully reviewed the _____ of each section before diving into the research paper.

n. a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading

29. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

30. A legislative speaker should always be _____.

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

31. Fresh water is becoming increasingly _____ in many parts of the world.

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

32. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 24. crazy, 25. trend, 26. compassion, 27. polls, 28. heading, 29. nightmare, 30. neutral, 31. scarce, 32. distant

33. 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

34. His gaffe spoiled the _____ of the dinner party.

n. the way you feel at a particular time; an angry or impatient state of mind

35. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

36. The government voted to _____ the outdated law.

v. to do away with completely; to put an end to

37. He has an _____ to become a doctor.

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

38. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

39. The company is planning to _____ its website.

v. to design something again, especially in a different or modified form; (noun) the process of designing something again

40. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 33. firm, 34. mood, 35. generosity, 36. abolish, 37. aspiration, 38. greedy, 39. redesign, 40. slightly

41. The stock market _____ measures the performance of a group of stocks.
n. a list of items, such as names, subjects, or keywords, that is arranged in a particular order and is usually found at the end of a book or document; a number or symbol that indicates the value or level of something, such as a stock index or a temperature index
42. 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
43. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
44. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
45. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
46. The beachfront property had a _____ location with stunning ocean views.
adj. worth having or achieving; pleasing, attractive, or sought after
47. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
48. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 41. index, 42. government, 43. historic, 44. well-being, 45. skeptic, 46. desirable, 47. relations, 48. creative

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

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

50. The history of _____ dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.

n. the process or art of making movies

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

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

52. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

53. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

54. 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.

55. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

56. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

ANSWERS: 49. psychology, 50. filmmaking, 51. efficient, 52. Communal, 53. modern, 54. president, 55. planet, 56. nudged

57. I spent the whole weekend reading an academic _____ about medieval history.
n. a large, heavy book, usually referring to a scholarly work or reference book
58. With _____ she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.
n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
59. In southward, the average annual water _____ increases.
n. the amount or number of something; magnitude
60. The company adjusted the revenue _____.
adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
61. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
62. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
63. They found a _____ place to play catch.
adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
64. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
65. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

ANSWERS: 57. tome, 58. foresight, 59. quantity, 60. upward, 61. fundamental, 62. footprint, 63. handy, 64. vision, 65. definition,

66. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
- n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
67. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
- adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
68. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
69. 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
70. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
- n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
71. The _____ voyage of the Titanic is a tragic tale of human error and hubris.
- adj.* having a tragic or disastrous destiny or outcome, often due to unfortunate circumstances
72. The company hired a new accountant to handle its _____ needs.
- n.* a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results
73. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 66. lifetime, 67. dominant, 68. Climate, 69. nation, 70. doll, 71. ill-fated, 72. accounting, 73. improvisation

74. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

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

75. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

76. 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

77. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

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

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

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

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

80. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

81. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 74. phrase, 75. instrument, 76. Gulf, 77. emissions, 78. array, 79. frightening, 80. loop, 81. grab

82. His _____ showed highly positive results.
- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
83. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
- n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
84. 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
85. Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor _____.
- n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
86. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
87. Animal desire and preference are always _____ from their behavior.
- v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
88. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
89. The Pythagorean theorem is used to calculate the length of the sides of a right _____.
- n.* a three-sided polygon with three angles; something that has three sides or parts

ANSWERS: 82. experiments, 83. economics, 84. engaged, 85. scarcity, 86. statistics, 87. inferred, 88. ecology, 89. triangle

90. His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical _____.
- n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
91. The _____ on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.
- n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
92. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
- n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
93. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
- n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
94. 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
95. The accomplice was _____ in the crime committed by her partner.
- adj.* involved in or responsible for a wrongful or unethical act, often through inaction or silence; in cooperation with another person or group
96. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

ANSWERS: 90. altruism, 91. meter, 92. mechanisms, 93. curiosity, 94. gross, 95. complicit, 96. scenarios

97. She gave an _____ speech at the graduation ceremony.

adj. able to speak or write clearly and impressively

98. Many people in tropical countries die from _____ every year.

n. a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

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

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

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

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

v. to do something illegal or wrong

102. The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very _____ to readers

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

103. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

adv. after the time mentioned

104. They donated large sums of money for the development of _____.

n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

105. He took a deep breath and recovered a little of his _____.

n. a calm, confident, and graceful manner with control of your feelings or behavior

ANSWERS: 97. eloquent, 98. malaria, 99. denying, 100. probable, 101. committed, 102. appealing, 103. afterward, 104. humanity, 105. poise

106. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
107. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
- adj.* unbelievable; enormous
108. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
109. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.
- v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
110. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.
- n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
111. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
- n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
112. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
113. The city council passed regulations to prevent _____ tactics in local neighborhoods.
- n.* a practice, typically in real estate, where individuals or groups intentionally facilitate the turnover of homes in a neighborhood by using scare tactics or misleading information to induce property sales

ANSWERS: 106. quarter, 107. incredible, 108. brain, 109. adjust, 110. greenhouse, 111. rewards, 112. electrify, 113. blockbusting

114. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
115. Practicing _____ meditation can help reduce stress and improve overall well-being.
- adj.* being conscious or aware of something; paying close attention to what is happening; being focused and attentive in the present moment
116. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
117. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
- n.* a long or challenging search for something
118. Volunteering for a _____ cause is important for building a sense of community.
- adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration
119. Did this response _____ your request?
- v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
120. The street vendor _____ his wares to passing tourists.
- v.* to sell or promote something or spread an idea or story, often in a persistent or aggressive way

ANSWERS: 114. movement, 115. mindful, 116. innovation, 117. quest, 118. worthwhile, 119. satisfy, 120. peddled

121. Many charities focus on improving _____ rates in underprivileged communities.
- n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
122. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
123. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
124. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
- n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
125. Product development is a _____ effort.
- adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
126. It is not _____ and inefficient to complete many tasks at once.
- adj.* capable of being or likely to be made, done, or achieved
127. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
- n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
128. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 121. literacy, 122. motto, 123. numb, 124. outcome, 125. collective, 126. feasible, 127. foundation, 128. survey

129. She tends to _____ on small details, often losing sight of the bigger picture.
- v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
130. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.
- adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
131. The sticky notes served as helpful _____ of important tasks that needed to be completed.
- n.* something that serves to jog or refresh one's memory; a prompt or message that helps to recall or remember something
132. The event required _____ attire, so he wore a suit and tie.
- adj.* following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
133. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
- adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
134. The music festival had a great _____ with everyone enjoying the performances and having a good time.
- n.* an atmosphere or feeling that is conveyed through a place, situation, or group of people; characteristic energy or mood
135. Effective communication is often considered the _____ of a successful team.
- n.* a fundamental or essential element or component of something; a basis or foundation upon which something is built or developed

ANSWERS: 129. fixate, 130. horizontal, 131. reminders, 132. formal, 133. cognitive, 134. vibe, 135. cornerstone

136. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
- n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
137. We are developing a new _____ for assessing marketing measures.
- n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
138. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
139. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
- v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
140. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.
- n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
141. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.
- adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
142. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.
- n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern

ANSWERS: 136. curve, 137. methodology, 138. bubble, 139. preached, 140. efficiency, 141. apocalyptic, 142. promenade

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

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

144. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

145. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

146. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

147. We _____ ever used AEDs.

adv. hardly or almost not; only just

148. The _____ on the hiking trail helped guide hikers toward the correct path.

n. a sign or marker that indicates the direction or location of something often used figuratively to refer to a guide or indicator of progress

149. 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

150. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 143. fins, 144. ultimate, 145. engineer, 146. vertical, 147. scarcely, 148. signpost, 149. policy, 150. architect

151. A diversified plant species generally enhances beneficial _____ populations.
n. a tiny living thing
152. My father tried to _____ mathematics into my head since childhood.
v. to hit or cause to hit something in a way that makes a loud noise
153. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
v. to build again or anew
154. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
155. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
156. 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
157. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
158. The deserted island was _____ and uninhabited.
adj. deserted, barren, or lonely; causing a feeling of sadness or hopelessness
159. The firm employs several _____ to develop a recommendation engine.
n. a person who studies or is an expert in statistics

ANSWERS: 151. organism, 152. bang, 153. rebuild, 154. paved, 155. inspired, 156. pounds, 157. survive, 158. desolate, 159. statisticians

160. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
161. I spotted a majestic _____ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.
- n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
162. Many researchers are monitoring environmental _____ in real-time through satellites.
- n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
163. 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
164. This artwork is _____ of her work.
- adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
165. 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
166. The production of _____ fuels requires massive volumes of fresh water.
- adj.* capable of being renewed, extended, or replaced
167. The _____ outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.
- adj.* not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

ANSWERS: 160. environment, 161. buck, 162. degradation, 163. employee, 164. typical, 165. killing, 166. renewable, 167. unsurprising

168. The instinct to protect one's offspring is _____ into many animal species.
adj. built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
169. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
170. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
171. There is a high _____ for the new product to exceed sales targets.
n. the anticipation, belief, or likelihood of something happening or occurring in the future; the state of expecting or looking forward to something
172. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
v. to move out of or away from something and become visible
173. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

ANSWERS: 168. hardwired, 169. progression, 170. strict, 171. expectancy, 172. emerged, 173. therapy