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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### chemistry

*n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

(1) professor of **chemistry**, (2) the **chemistry** of soil  
He is familiar with **chemistry** and biology.

### spill

*v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

*synonym*: slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart  
He was determined to **spill** everything.

### incredibly

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

*synonym*: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure  
Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

### distracted

*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

*synonym*: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

## photograph

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

*synonym*: photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

## bay

*n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building

*synonym*: inlet, cove, gulf

(1) **bay** area, (2) the mouth of a **bay**

She walked along the **bay** and collected shells.

## crude

*adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil

*synonym*: unrefined, native, vulgar

(1) price of **crude** oil, (2) **crude** manners

His **crude** jokes made her angry.

## cube

*n.* a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times

*synonym*: block, square, cell

(1) **cube** root, (2) ice **cube**

I cut the cheese into small **cubes** for the salad.

## baggy

*adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

*synonym*: loose, roomy, oversized

(1) **baggy** sweater, (2) **baggy** sweatpants

I prefer **baggy** clothes to tight-fitting ones.

## napalm

*n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage

*synonym* : firebomb, gelignite, jellied gasoline

(1) **napalm** explosion, (2) **napalm** attack

The war zone was devastated by the use of **napalm** bombs.

## burning

*adj.* intense or scorching heat

*synonym* : scorching, blazing, smoldering

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

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

## abstract

*adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

*synonym* : conceptual, theoretical, ideational

(1) an **abstract** noun, (2) **abstract** science

The invention of the camera triggered the development of **abstract** painting.

## consume

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

*synonym* : absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

## population

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

*synonym* : people, inhabitants, folk

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

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

## molecule

*n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

*synonym* : particle, element, atom

(1) small **molecules**, (2) **molecule** behavior

The shape of the DNA **molecule** is a double helix.

## whoosh

*n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

*synonym* : swoosh, swish, whizz

(1) **whoosh** of a falling object, (2) hear a **whoosh**

The **whoosh** of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.

## recommend

*v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

*synonym* : advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

## geopolitical

*adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk

The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

## retina

*n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball

(1) **retinal** cells, (2) **retina** scanner

Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

## stew

*n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

*synonym* : casserole, hotpot

(1) **stew** meat, (2) vegetable **stew**

I made a delicious beef **stew** for dinner tonight.

## hydrocarbon

*n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon

(1) **hydrocarbon** production, (2) **hydrocarbon** molecules in crude oil

Burning **hydrocarbons** releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.

## 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.

## hydrogen

*n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water

(1) **hydrogen** gas, (2) heavy **hydrogen**

The **hydrogen** and the oxygen react and then form water.

## methane

*n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

## intermediate

*adj.* situated between two locations, things, states, etc.; around the middle of a scale of evaluation

*synonym*: middle, medium, central

(1) **intermediate** sanction, (2) **intermediate** level

Purple is **intermediate** between blue and red.

## 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.

## benzene

*n.* a colorless, flammable liquid hydrocarbon compound with a distinctive sweet odor; commonly used as an industrial solvent and as a starting material for the production of various chemicals

*synonym*: benzol, phenyl hydride

(1) **benzene** ring, (2) **benzene** molecule

Exposure to high levels of **benzene** can lead to several health issues.

## carcinogenic

*adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing

*synonym*: cancer-causing, cancerous, malignant

(1) **carcinogenic** chemicals, (2) **carcinogenic** air pollution

Long-term exposure to **carcinogenic** materials can result in serious health problems.

## galumph

*v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way

*synonym*: stomp, clump, lumber

(1) **galumph** across the stage, (2) **galumph** through the woods

I watched the elephant **galumph** across the savannah with grace and power.

## vanadium

*n.* a chemical element with the symbol V and atomic number 23, which is a transition metal that is commonly used in the production of steel and other alloys due to its strength, heat resistance, and ability to improve their properties

*synonym*: V

(1) **vanadium** steel, (2) **vanadium** battery

The **vanadium** coating on the steel made it more resistant to corrosion.

## metal

*n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes

*synonym*: alloy, metalloid

(1) **metal** fabrication, (2) precious **metal**

The construction worker used a **metal** saw to cut through the stubborn sheet metal.

## sulfur

*n.* (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications

(1) **sulfur** dioxide, (2) **sulfur** mine

The **sulfur** emissions from the nearby factory caused the rotten egg smell.

## 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.

## asphalt

*n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

*synonym*: tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

## ingredient

*n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

*synonym*: element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

## disastrous

*adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

*synonym* : catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

## sink

*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

*synonym* : descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

## corral

*n.* a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence

*synonym* : pen, enclosure, yard

(1) **corral** fence, (2) enclose in a **corral**

The farmer used a high **corral** to keep the cattle from wandering off.

## evaporate

*v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

*synonym* : vaporize, disappear, vanish

(1) **evaporate** the water, (2) **evaporate** almost overnight

The sun will **evaporate** the mist.

## toxic

*adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

*synonym* : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

## column

*n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or



stands alone as a monument

*synonym* : line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

## shrimp

*n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs

*synonym* : prawn, langoustine, scampi

(1) **shrimp** cocktail, (2) **shrimp** farming

The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring **shrimp**.

## crucial

*adj.* extremely vital or necessary

*synonym* : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

## whip

*v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

*synonym* : thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

## froth

*n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

*synonym* : foam, lather

(1) beer **froth**, (2) **froth** in the ocean

The cappuccino was topped with **froth**, making it look like a work of art.

## emulsify

*v.* to mix two or more liquids that normally don't dissolve in each other, such as oil and water, by adding an agent that helps to suspend the tiny droplets of one liquid within the other

*synonym*: blend, fuse, mix

(1) **emulsify** fats and proteins, (2) **emulsify** egg yolks

You must first **emulsify** the oil and vinegar to make the salad dressing.

## mayonnaise

*n.* a thick, creamy condiment or sauce made by emulsifying (= the process of mixing two or more immiscible substances to form a stable mixture) egg yolks, oil, vinegar or lemon juice, and seasonings; typically used as a spread, dip, or dressing for salads or sandwiches

(1) **mayonnaise** dressing, (2) homemade **mayonnaise**

My favorite sandwich is a BLT with extra **mayonnaise**.

## triple

*adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

*synonym*: threefold

(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits

His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.

## messy

*adj.* disorganized and untidy

*synonym*: cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

## goo

*n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing

*synonym*: slime, muck, gunk

(1) oozing **goo**, (2) slime **goo**

The science experiment involved mixing various liquids to create a bubbling **goo**.

## handle

*v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

*synonym*: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

## viscous

*adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow

*synonym*: thick, syrupy, goeey

(1) **viscous** flow, (2) highly **viscous** substance

The **viscous** liquid poured slowly from the jar.

## prestige

*n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

*synonym*: honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

## cushion

*n.* a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage

*synonym*: pad, pillow, bolster

(1) **cushion** against inflation, (2) rear seat **cushions**

He placed a **cushion** on the floor for his dog to lie on.

## consistency

*n.* the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions

*synonym*: thickness, firmness, regularity

(1) lack **consistency**, (2) **consistency** of results

There's no **consistency** in his arguments.

## viscosity

*n.* the state or quality of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency; resistance to flow

*synonym*: thickness, consistency, texture

(1) high **viscosity**, (2) dynamic **viscosity**

The **viscosity** of the oil made it difficult to pour.

## chew

*v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

*synonym* : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

## gum

*n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth

*synonym* : mucilage, glue, alveolar arch

(1) bubble **gum**, (2) chewing **gum**

I always like having a pack of **gum** to freshen my breath.

## absolutely

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

*synonym* : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

## explosive

*adj.* easily able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart; sudden and loud

*synonym* : volatile, dangerous, fiery

(1) **explosive** device, (2) an **explosive** personality

This container stores an **explosive** substance.

## supple

*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

*synonym* : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

## chain

*n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

*synonym* : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

## eureka

*n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight

*synonym*: discovery, breakthrough, aha moment

(1) have a **eureka** moment, (2) shout "**eureka!**"

"**Eureka!**" he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.

## suddenly

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

*synonym*: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

## context

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

*synonym*: background, setting, environment

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

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

## origin

*n.* the first existence or beginning of something

*synonym*: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

## rip

*v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

*synonym*: tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

## helpless

*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

*synonym*: defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

## pump

*v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

*synonym*: drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

## specifically

*adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

*synonym*: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically** American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

## diffuse

*adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

*synonym*: spread, scatter

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

## 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.

## supposedly

*adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

*synonym*: seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

## conspiracy

*n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

*synonym*: plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory  
There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

## vicissitude

*n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions

*synonym*: change, fluctuation, variation

(1) navigate the **vicissitudes**, (2) overcome **vicissitudes**  
After many **vicissitudes**, she finally achieved her dream of becoming a successful author.

## perverse

*adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

*synonym*: stubborn, contrary, wicked

(1) **perverse** idea, (2) **perverse** attitude  
His **perverse** sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

## downtown

*adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city

*synonym*: central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic  
He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

## shrine

*n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

*synonym*: altar, temple, monument

(1) **shrine** temple, (2) religious **shrine**  
The holy **shrine** to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

## lame

*adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability

*synonym* : cripple, gimp, hobbled

(1) a **lame** older man, (2) **lame** apology

The **lame** horse was unable to race.

## 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.

## 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.

## dissonance

*n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

*synonym* : conflict, disharmony, disagreement

(1) cognitive **dissonance**, (2) musical **dissonance**

The **dissonance** between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

## con

*n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something

*synonym* : oppose, objection, deception

(1) telemarketing **cons**, (2) the pros and **cons**

The **con** artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.

## slogan

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



*synonym* : catchphrase, tagline, motto

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

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

## petroleum

*n.* a flammable liquid consisting of a complex mixture of hydrocarbons that occurs naturally in certain rock formations and can also be refined to produce fuels such as gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel

*synonym* : oil, crude oil, fossil fuel

(1) liquefied **petroleum** gas, (2) crude **petroleum**

The country's economy relies heavily on its **petroleum** industry.

## inherent

*adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

*synonym* : intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

## 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.

## independence

*n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

*synonym* : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

## biofuel

*n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

*synonym* : renewable energy, green fuel, alternative fuel

(1) **biofuel** production, (2) **biofuel** technology

The airplane was powered by a **biofuel** made from plant-based materials.

## invention

*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

*synonym* : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## parcel

*n.* something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post

*synonym* : box, packet, container

(1) a **parcel** of lies, (2) **parcel** of land

He runs a **parcel** delivery company.

## moral

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

*synonym* : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

## 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.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work

late into the night.

## **gigantic**

*adj.* extremely large

*synonym* : huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

## **octopus**

*n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

*synonym* : devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

## **finance**

*n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

*synonym* : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

## **gush**

*v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities

*synonym* : jet, burst, flush

(1) **gush** about my love for sports, (2) **gush** out and won't stop

A supertanker continues to **gush** oil off the coast of Spain.

## **journalist**

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

*synonym* : reporter, newsperson, press

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

## filthy

*adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

*synonym* : dirty, grimy, soiled

(1) **filthy** streets, (2) **filthy** language

The hotel room was **filthy** with dirty sheets and stained carpets.

## hillbilly

*n.* someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement

*synonym* : mountain person, rustic, hill person

(1) **hillbilly** music, (2) **hillbilly** community

The **hillbilly** family lived off the land in their rustic cabin.

## problematic

*adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve

*synonym* : inappropriate, inconvenient, worrisome

(1) a **problematic** situation, (2) seems to be highly **problematic**

Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving **problematic** situations within a community.

## chaotic

*adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

*synonym* : disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

## ration

*n.* a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems

*synonym* : quota, allowance, allocation

(1) food **ration**, (2) fuel **ration**

During the war, families were given a monthly **ration** of essential goods to ensure everyone had access to basic necessities.

## 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.

## integrate

*v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

*synonym* : mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

## multinational

*adj.* relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries

*synonym* : international, global, cross-border

(1) **multinational** enterprise, (2) **multinational** team

The **multinational** corporation has offices in over 30 countries.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym* : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## amazing

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

*synonym* : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

## expose

*v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

*synonym* : disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

## antitrust

*adj.* laws or regulations that prevent businesses from engaging in practices that restrict competition, such as price fixing or monopolies

*synonym* : anti-competitive, anti-monopoly, anti-cartel

(1) **antitrust** legislation, (2) **antitrust** policy

The company was found guilty of **antitrust** violations and fined.

## stick

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

*synonym* : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

## thorn

*n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

*synonym* : spike, prickle, spine

(1) **thorn** bush, (2) **thorn** injury

The **thorn** in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

## puffy

*adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;

*synonym* : swollen, distended, inflated

(1) **puffy** off-shore winds, (2) **puffy** eyes

His cheeks looked **puffy** after he overate junk food.

## colorless

*adj.* lacking color; without hue or distinction; uninteresting or bland

*synonym* : pale, drab, dull

(1) **colorless** gas, (2) **colorless** crystals

Water is a **colorless** liquid that is essential for life.

**crease**

*n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

*synonym* : fold, wrinkle, ridge

(1) **crease** in fabric, (2) deep **crease**

The shirt had a noticeable **crease** along the sleeve from being folded.

**pervasive**

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

*synonym* : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

**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.

**sham**

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

*synonym* : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

**obscene**

*adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

*synonym* : improper, nasty, lewd

(1) **obscene** literature, (2) an **obscene** story

He made an **obscene** gesture.

**profit**

*n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

*synonym* : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

## personalize

v. to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

*synonym* : customize, individualize, tailor

(1) **personalize** social media profile, (2) **personalize** my workspace

I like to **personalize** my phone case with a picture of my dog.

## liable

*adj.* having legal responsibility for something or someone

*synonym* : answerable, responsible, accountable

(1) **liable** to taxation, (2) **liable** for all damages

The people are **liable** to tax.

## bunch

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

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

## 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.

## bastardize

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

*synonym* : corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

## operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

*synonym* : work, use, employ



(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

## dependence

*n.* the state or condition of relying or depending on someone or something else; a relationship in which one person or thing is influenced, controlled, or supported by another

*synonym*: reliance, trust, addiction

(1) **dependence** on technology, (2) financial **dependence**

The patient's **dependence** on painkillers became a serious concern for their healthcare team.

## distract

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

*synonym*: divert, preoccupy, confuse

(1) **distract** attention from the real issue, (2) **distract** public opinion

Please don't **distract** me while I'm studying.

## catharsis

*n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

*synonym*: cleansing, purification, purging

(1) **catharsis** of grief, (2) spiritual **catharsis**

Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of **catharsis**, helping to relieve stress and anxiety.

## politically

*adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

## galvanize

*v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

*synonym*: energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

## influence

*n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

*synonym* : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

## 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**.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## stem

*n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

*synonym*: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

## normally

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

*synonym*: commonly, generally, naturally

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

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

## standing

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

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

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

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

## 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.

## voter

*n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

*synonym*: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

## symptom

*n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

*synonym* : sign, manifestation, syndrome

(1) **symptoms** of low testosterone, (2) neurotic **symptoms**

The patient displays a **symptom** of a side effect.

## react

*v.* to take action in response to something

*synonym* : respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

## opposed

*adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

*synonym* : anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

## proactive

*adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.

*synonym* : gung-ho, anticipatory, forward-thinking

(1) **proactive** approach, (2) **proactive** about doing the task

The company implemented **proactive** measures to prevent future issues.

## moratorium

*n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision

*synonym* : suspension, pause, halt

(1) a temporary **moratorium** on evictions, (2) impose **moratorium**

The council has decided to impose a **moratorium** on building new houses in the area.

## drill

*n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

*synonym* : exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

## reservoir

*n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something  
*synonym*: pool, supply, repertoire

(1) a **reservoir** of facts, (2) water **reservoir**

The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground **reservoir**.

## reserve

*v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

*synonym*: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

## 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.

## delta

*n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

*synonym*: floodplain, estuary

(1) river **deltas**, (2) **delta** cone

The Nile **Delta** is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

## essentially

*adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything  
*synonym*: fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

**Essentially**, a society is an organism.

## export

*v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

*synonym* : ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

## import

*v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

*synonym* : bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet

The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

## tight

*adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

*synonym* : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

## regulation

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

*synonym* : constraint, restriction, rule

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

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

## equivalent

*n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

*synonym* : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

## wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

*synonym*: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

**Wrap** the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

## zone

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

*synonym*: area, region, territory

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

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

## relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

*synonym*: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

## degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

*synonym*: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

## entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

*synonym*: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

**Entrepreneurs** willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

## shell

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

*synonym* : ammunition, armor, cover

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

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

## taxpayer

*n.* a person who pays taxes to the government

*synonym* : contributor, payer, financier

(1) **taxpayer** money, (2) delinquent **taxpayer**

As a **taxpayer**, he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.

## tremendous

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

*synonym* : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

## bandit

*n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

*synonym* : robber, thief, outlaw

(1) wilderness **bandit**, (2) notorious **bandit**

A group of armed **bandits** attacked the villagers during the night.

## steppe

*n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

*synonym* : prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**

The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.



## uniform

*adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

*synonym* : livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

## unstable

*adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

*synonym* : shaky, unbalanced, inconsistent

(1) mentally **unstable**, (2) **unstable** weather

The tower proved to be **unstable** in the high wind.

## lane

*n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

*synonym* : roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

## bomb

*n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

*synonym* : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

## platform

*n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

*synonym* : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

## escalate

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

*synonym*: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to

## escalate

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

## involvement

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

*synonym*: participation, engagement, commitment

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

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

## calculate

*v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

*synonym*: compute, figure, estimate

(1) **calculate** the distance, (2) **calculate** his credit score

He couldn't **calculate** the actual value of the artwork.

## consumption

*n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

*synonym*: usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

## diagram

*n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

*synonym*: chart, figure, graph

(1) 3D **diagram**, (2) in a **diagram**

He is drawing a **diagram** illustrating how the equipment operates.

## intense

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

*synonym* : extreme, fierce, harsh

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

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

## industrialize

*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

*synonym* : motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

## resonance

*n.* a deep, full, or reverberating sound or tone; a quality or feeling of a particular emotional or mental vibration or significance; a mutual or sympathetic connection or correspondence between two things

*synonym* : echo, vibration, reverberation

(1) **resonance** frequency, (2) harmonic **resonance**

The singer's voice filled the auditorium with beautiful **resonance**.

## arctic

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

*synonym* : cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

## wildlife

*n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

(1) **wildlife** sanctuary, (2) bird and other **wildlife**

The conservation area has an abundance of **wildlife**.

## refuge

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

from them

*synonym* : shelter, fortress, hide-out

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

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

## sanctuary

*n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse

*synonym* : refuge, safety, haven

(1) an animal **sanctuary**, (2) violate a **sanctuary**

The church offered **sanctuary** to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.

## gasoline

*n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.

*synonym* : gas, petrol, fuel

(1) lead-free **gasoline**, (2) small **gasoline** engine

Luxury cars often require high-octane **gasoline** as fuel.

## refined

*adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

*synonym* : cultured, purified, tasteful

(1) adopt a **refined** attitude, (2) a lot of **refined** sugar

She was highly **refined** in her choice of apparel.

## refine

*v.* to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development

*synonym* : purify, process, improve

(1) **refine** oil, (2) **refine** a language

The company is working to **refine** its production process to be more efficient.

## marine

*adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

*synonym* : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

## terminal

*n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

*synonym*: endpoint, final, concluding

(1) **terminal** disease, (2) a **terminal** syllable

The **terminal** at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

## subsidize

*v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

*synonym*: finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

## transit

*n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

*synonym*: transportation, passage, transfer

(1) a **transit** visa, (2) mass **transit**

Public **transit** is an essential service for many cities.

## opt

*v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities

*synonym*: choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

## forth

*adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

*synonym*: forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand

I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

## fairly

*adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

*synonym* : moderately, reasonably, pretty

(1) **fairly** accurate, (2) have a **fairly** clear view

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

## commute

*v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

*synonym* : travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

## fuel

*n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

*synonym* : energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

## percentile

*n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total

*synonym* : centile, proportion

(1) **percentile** rank, (2) **percentile** distribution

The student scored in the 90th **percentile** on the exam, which means they scored higher than 90% of the other students.

## drain

*v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

*synonym* : draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid

Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

## 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.

## individual

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

*synonym* : person, being, self

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

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

## drawing

*n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

*synonym* : sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

## schematic

*adj.* relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something

*synonym* : diagrammatic, blueprint, structural

(1) **schematic** model, (2) simplified **schematic**

The engineer used a **schematic** diagram to plan out the wiring for the new building.

## reject

*v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

*synonym* : decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

## outweigh

*v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

*synonym* : dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes  
The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

## 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**.

## 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.

## incentive

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

*synonym*: encouragement, inducement, enticement

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

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

## insure

*v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

*synonym*: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

## encourage

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

*synonym*: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

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



behavior

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

## 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**.

## sprawl

*v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

*synonym*: drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres  
The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

## mobility

*n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

*synonym*: flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**  
I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

## shift

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

*synonym*: transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**  
Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

## subsidy

*n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

*synonym*: allowance, grant, sponsorship

(1) inefficient fossil fuel **subsidy**, (2) a **subsidy** for research  
The government provided a considerable **subsidy** to the company.

## 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.

## security

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

*synonym* : safety, protection, stock

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

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

## transport

*n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

*synonym* : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

## gradual

*adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

*synonym* : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

## rail

*n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

*synonym* : bar, beam, (verb) criticize

(1) **rail** system, (2) **rail** against his enemies

The children leaned over the bridge **rail** to watch the fish swimming below.

## no-fly

*n.* a situation in which planes are not allowed to take off or land at a particular airport or in particular airspace; a list

of individuals who are prohibited from flying due to security concerns

*synonym* : restricted zone, no-flight zone, denylist

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

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

## gallon

*n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

(1) 5- **gallon** square can, (2) ten- **gallon** hat

The imperial **gallon** was standardized legally by the British Empire.

## conscious

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

*synonym* : aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

## receipt

*n.* a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something

*synonym* : acknowledgement, record, invoice

(1) a **receipt** slip, (2) **receipt** date

Please make sure to keep your **receipt** as proof of purchase.

## hypothesis

*n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

*synonym* : assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

## warn

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

*synonym* : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan  
I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

## cigarette

*n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

*synonym*: smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

## academy

*n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

*synonym*: school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**

Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

## estimate

*v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

*synonym*: calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

## considerably

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

*synonym*: significantly, substantially, extensively

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

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

## suite

*n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person

*synonym*: set, series, collection

(1) **suite** room, (2) **suite** of products

The presidential **suite** is the most luxurious room in the hotel.

## barrel

*n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

*synonym*: cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

## possibility

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

*synonym*: chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

## grit

*n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

*synonym*: determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. me\_\_y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
2. two op\_\_\_\_d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
3. an ac\_\_\_\_y of music *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
4. heavy hy\_\_\_\_en *n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water
5. im\_\_\_\_t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
6. li\_\_\_\_e to taxation *adj.* having legal responsibility for something or someone
7. variety of ma\_\_\_\_e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
8. me\_\_l fabrication *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 1. messy, 2. opposed, 3. academy, 4. hydrogen, 5. import, 6. liable, 7. marine, 8. metal

9. li\_\_\_e for all damages *adj.* having legal responsibility for something or someone
10. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
11. ex\_\_\_t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
12. a re\_\_\_\_\_ir of facts *n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
13. wilderness ba\_\_\_t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
14. at a un\_\_\_\_\_m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
15. compound the ing\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
16. religious sh\_\_\_e *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship
17. con\_\_\_\_\_cy of results *n.* the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions

ANSWERS: 9. liable, 10. environment, 11. export, 12. reservoir, 13. bandit, 14. uniform, 15. ingredient, 16. shrine, 17. consistency

18. es\_\_\_\_te this chicken to weigh three pounds      *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
19. lead-free ga\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
20. in\_\_\_\_\_te into the existing system      *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
21. delinquent ta\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
22. in\_\_\_\_\_nt risk      *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
23. in\_\_\_\_t in stocks      *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
24. un\_\_\_\_\_le weather      *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
25. gr\_\_\_\_y person      *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
26. 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
27. a tr\_\_\_\_e mirror      *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

ANSWERS: 18. estimate, 19. gasoline, 20. integrate, 21. taxpayer, 22. inherent, 23. invest, 24. unstable, 25. greedy, 26. doll, 27. triple



28. equ\_\_\_\_\_nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
29. in\_\_\_\_\_te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
30. pr\_\_\_\_\_ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
31. the spinal co\_\_\_\_n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
32. em\_\_\_\_\_fy fats and proteins *v.* to mix two or more liquids that normally don't dissolve in each other, such as oil and water, by adding an agent that helps to suspend the tiny droplets of one liquid within the other
33. an arrival pl\_\_\_\_\_rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
34. re\_\_\_\_\_ce frequency *n.* a deep, full, or reverberating sound or tone; a quality or feeling of a particular emotional or mental vibration or significance; a mutual or sympathetic connection or correspondence between two things

ANSWERS: 28. equivalent, 29. integrate, 30. prestige, 31. column, 32. emulsify, 33. platform, 34. resonance

35. su\_\_\_e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
36. common in \_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
37. develop in\_\_\_\_\_e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
38. ha\_\_\_e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
39. vi\_\_\_\_\_s flow *adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow
40. ou\_\_\_\_\_gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
41. fr\_\_h in the ocean *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
42. ga\_\_\_\_\_h through the woods *v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way
43. co\_\_\_\_\_e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
44. an in\_\_\_\_\_ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 35. supple, 36. invention, 37. intense, 38. handle, 39. viscous, 40. outweigh, 41. froth, 42. galumph, 43. commute, 44. incentive

45. w\_\_p into shape      *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
46. national se\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
47. neurotic sy\_\_\_\_ms      *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
48. ca\_\_\_\_\_te the distance      *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
49. musical dis\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
50. legal co\_\_\_\_t      *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
51. a re\_\_\_\_t slip      *n.* a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something
52. a co\_\_\_n of water      *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 45. whip, 46. security, 47. symptom, 48. calculate, 49. dissonance, 50. context, 51. receipt, 52. column

53. absolutely dis\_\_\_\_\_us effect      *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
54. sh\_\_\_\_p cocktail      *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
55. bachelor's de\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
56. pr\_\_\_\_\_le cause of a fire      *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
57. es\_\_\_\_\_te into a major international incident      *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
58. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve device      *adj.* easily able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart; sudden and loud
59. ca\_\_\_\_\_te his credit score      *v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics
60. tre\_\_\_\_\_us popularity      *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
61. co\_\_\_\_\_us effort      *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
62. per\_\_\_\_\_ze my workspace      *v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
63. co\_\_\_\_\_us of having succeeded      *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

ANSWERS: 53. disastrous, 54. shrimp, 55. degree, 56. probable, 57. escalate, 58. explosive, 59. calculate, 60. tremendous, 61. conscious, 62. personalize, 63. conscious

64. mo\_\_l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
65. access to public tr\_\_\_\_\_rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
66. an eligible vo\_\_r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
67. deep cr\_\_\_e *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
68. be\_\_\_\_\_e molecule *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid hydrocarbon compound with a distinctive sweet odor; commonly used as an industrial solvent and as a starting material for the production of various chemicals
69. cr\_\_y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
70. w\_\_n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
71. gi\_\_\_\_\_ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
72. political con\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
73. price of cr\_\_e oil *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
74. neckless sup\_\_\_\_\_ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

ANSWERS: 64. moral, 65. transport, 66. voter, 67. crease, 68. benzene, 69. crazy, 70. warn, 71. gigantic, 72. conspiracy, 73. crude, 74. supposedly

75. th\_\_n bush *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
76. gi\_\_\_\_ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
77. barren st\_\_\_e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
78. pr\_\_\_\_ve approach *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
79. dis\_\_\_\_ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
80. exposure to to\_\_c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
81. national pr\_\_\_\_ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
82. re\_\_t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something
83. a lot of re\_\_\_\_d sugar *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

ANSWERS: 75. thorn, 76. gigantic, 77. steppe, 78. proactive, 79. distracted, 80. toxic, 81. prestige, 82. react, 83. refined

84. become pol\_\_\_\_\_ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
85. c\_\_w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
86. a ba\_\_\_l of beer *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
87. a pro\_\_\_\_\_ic situation *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
88. the re\_\_\_d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
89. l\_\_e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
90. b\_y area *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
91. ou\_\_\_\_\_gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
92. oozing g\_o *n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing
93. reg\_\_\_\_\_on by the government *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
94. ab\_\_\_\_\_ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

ANSWERS: 84. politically, 85. chew, 86. barrel, 87. problematic, 88. reward, 89. lane, 90. bay, 91. outweigh, 92. goo, 93. regulation, 94. abstract

95. do\_\_\_\_wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
96. c\_\_e root *n.* a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times
97. pu\_\_y off-shore winds *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
98. have a fa\_\_\_y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
99. 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
100. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
101. co\_\_\_\_\_e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
102. jou\_\_\_\_\_st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
103. ma\_\_\_e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
104. high ar\_\_\_c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 95. downtown, 96. cube, 97. puffy, 98. fairly, 99. economy, 100. terrifying, 101. consume, 102. journalist, 103. marine, 104. arctic



105. as\_\_\_\_t pavement *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
106. dr\_\_\_\_g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
107. reduce geo\_\_\_\_cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
108. hy\_\_\_\_en gas *n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water
109. con\_\_\_\_bly larger *adv.* to a significant extent or degree; noticeably; substantially
110. tre\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
111. an ob\_\_\_\_e story *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
112. be\_\_\_\_e ring *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid hydrocarbon compound with a distinctive sweet odor; commonly used as an industrial solvent and as a starting material for the production of various chemicals
113. a te\_\_\_\_al syllable *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

ANSWERS: 105. asphalt, 106. drawing, 107. geopolitical, 108. hydrogen, 109. considerably, 110. tremendous, 111. obscene, 112. benzene, 113. terminal

114. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service      *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
115. bas\_\_\_\_\_ze a recipe      *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
116. va\_\_\_\_\_um battery      *n.* a chemical element with the symbol V and atomic number 23, which is a transition metal that is commonly used in the production of steel and other alloys due to its strength, heat resistance, and ability to improve their properties
117. time z\_\_e      *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
118. 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
119. a member of the Ac\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
120. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances      *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
121. st\_\_\_\_\_ng water      *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

ANSWERS: 114. industrialize, 115. bastardize, 116. vanadium, 117. zone, 118. efficient, 119. academy, 120. amazing, 121. standing

122. in\_\_\_e my house against fire      *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
123. ve\_\_\_\_al axis      *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
124. professor of ch\_\_\_\_ry      *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
125. a digital pl\_\_\_\_rm for enterprise      *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
126. p\_\_p a secret out of success      *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
127. pr\_\_\_\_ve about doing the task      *adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.
128. ex\_\_\_e a person to risks      *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
129. food ra\_\_\_n      *n.* a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems

ANSWERS: 122. insure, 123. vertical, 124. chemistry, 125. platform, 126. pump, 127. proactive, 128. expose, 129. ration

130. make a pr\_\_\_t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
131. sh\_\_\_p farming *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
132. ga\_\_\_\_\_ze the country *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
133. for spe\_\_\_\_\_lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
134. slime g\_o *n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing
135. tr\_\_\_e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
136. re\_\_\_\_\_e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
137. an ex\_\_\_\_\_ve personality *adj.* easily able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart; sudden and loud
138. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
139. a cr\_\_\_\_\_l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
140. de\_\_\_e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

ANSWERS: 130. profit, 131. shrimp, 132. galvanize, 133. specifically, 134. goo, 135. triple, 136. reserve, 137. explosive, 138. subsidize, 139. crucial, 140. degree

141. crude pe\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a flammable liquid consisting of a complex mixture of hydrocarbons that occurs naturally in certain rock formations and can also be refined to produce fuels such as gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel
142. re\_\_\_al cells *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
143. ob\_\_\_\_\_e literature *adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex
144. an egg sh\_\_l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
145. he\_\_\_\_\_ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
146. a successful ent\_\_\_\_\_eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
147. test my hyp\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
148. daily co\_\_\_\_\_e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
149. mo\_\_l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
150. c\_\_w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

ANSWERS: 141. petroleum, 142. retina, 143. obscene, 144. shell, 145. helpless, 146. entrepreneur, 147. hypothesis, 148. commute, 149. moral, 150. chew

151. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
152. g\_\_h about my love for sports *v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities
153. reduce me\_\_\_\_\_e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
154. 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
155. seems to be highly pro\_\_\_\_\_ic *adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
156. g\_\_f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
157. vo\_\_r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
158. mul\_\_\_\_\_nal team *adj.* relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
159. d\_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
160. ess\_\_\_\_\_ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
161. complete no\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions

ANSWERS: 151. individual, 152. gush, 153. methane, 154. policy, 155. problematic, 156. gulf, 157. voter, 158. multinational, 159. dot, 160. essentially, 161. normally

162. ind\_\_\_\_\_ized textile production      *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
163. 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
164. financial dep\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* the state or condition of relying or depending on someone or something else; a relationship in which one person or thing is influenced, controlled, or supported by another
165. have a eu\_\_\_\_a moment      *n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
166. ar\_\_\_\_c ice      *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
167. cognitive dis\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds
168. na\_\_\_\_n-state      *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
169. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs      *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
170. a cr\_\_y scheme      *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
171. a China-based jou\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 162. industrialize, 163. movement, 164. dependence, 165. eureka, 166. arctic, 167. dissonance, 168. nation, 169. statistics, 170. crazy, 171. journalist

172. have an in\_\_\_\_\_nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
173. 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
174. re\_\_\_\_\_nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
175. em\_\_\_\_\_fy egg yolks *v.* to mix two or more liquids that normally don't dissolve in each other, such as oil and water, by adding an agent that helps to suspend the tiny droplets of one liquid within the other
176. o\_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
177. violate a sa\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
178. telemarketing c\_ns *n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
179. a ci\_\_\_\_\_te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
180. co\_\_\_\_\_e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
181. as\_\_\_\_\_t driveway *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

ANSWERS: 172. inherent, 173. doll, 174. recommend, 175. emulsify, 176. opt, 177. sanctuary, 178. con, 179. cigarette, 180. consume, 181. asphalt



182. cr\_\_\_e in fabric *n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding
183. dep\_\_\_\_\_ce on technology *n.* the state or condition of relying or depending on someone or something else; a relationship in which one person or thing is influenced, controlled, or supported by another
184. highly vi\_\_\_\_\_s substance *adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow
185. r\_\_l system *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
186. dr\_\_n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
187. dr\_\_n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
188. a civil en\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
189. bring fo\_\_h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
190. venomous oc\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

ANSWERS: 182. crease, 183. dependence, 184. viscous, 185. rail, 186. drain, 187. drain, 188. engineer, 189. forth, 190. octopus

191. va\_\_\_\_um steel *n.* a chemical element with the symbol V and atomic number 23, which is a transition metal that is commonly used in the production of steel and other alloys due to its strength, heat resistance, and ability to improve their properties
192. no\_\_\_y list *n.* a situation in which planes are not allowed to take off or land at a particular airport or in particular airspace; a list of individuals who are prohibited from flying due to security concerns
193. cr\_\_\_e manners *adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
194. fa\_\_\_y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
195. a bold hyp\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
196. re\_\_\_a scanner *n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
197. 5-ga\_\_\_n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
198. ha\_\_\_ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
199. simplified sc\_\_\_\_\_ic *adj.* relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something

ANSWERS: 191. vanadium, 192. no-fly, 193. crude, 194. fairly, 195. hypothesis, 196. retina, 197. gallon, 198. handle, 199. schematic

200. \$30 a ba\_\_\_l  
*n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
201. con\_\_\_\_\_cy theory  
*n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
202. 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
203. re\_\_\_t the proposal  
*v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
204. small ga\_\_\_\_\_ne engine  
*n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.
205. political inv\_\_\_\_\_nt  
*n.* the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something
206. w\_\_ned me of the plan  
*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
207. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
208. hi\_\_\_\_\_ly community  
*n.* someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement

ANSWERS: 200. barrel, 201. conspiracy, 202. carbon, 203. reject, 204. gasoline, 205. involvement, 206. warn, 207. industrious, 208. hillbilly

209. the pros and c\_ns                    *n.*    an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
210. ex\_\_\_t goods                        *v.*    to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
211. disarm the b\_\_b                    *n.*    a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
212. di\_\_\_\_\_ct public opinion           *v.*    to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
213. int\_\_\_\_\_ate level                *adj.* situated between two locations, things, states, etc.; around the middle of a scale of evaluation
214. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs                *n.*    the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
215. gr\_\_\_y for money                    *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
216. wi\_\_\_\_\_fe sanctuary              *n.*    animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
217. per\_\_\_\_\_le rank                    *n.*    a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total

ANSWERS: 209. con, 210. export, 211. bomb, 212. distract, 213. intermediate, 214. environment, 215. greedy, 216. wildlife, 217. percentile



228. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
229. bubble g\_m *n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth
230. ga\_\_\_\_\_ze steel *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
231. advertising sl\_\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
232. 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
233. fi\_\_\_\_\_e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
234. en\_\_\_\_\_er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
235. financial in\_\_\_\_\_ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 228. incredibly, 229. gum, 230. galvanize, 231. slogan, 232. economy, 233. finance, 234. engineer, 235. incentive

236. smokeless f\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
237. co\_\_\_\_\_ss crystals *adj.* lacking color; without hue or distinction; uninteresting or bland
238. car\_\_\_\_\_nic air pollution *adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing
239. ca\_\_\_\_\_is of grief *n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions
240. he\_\_\_\_\_ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
241. river de\_\_as *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
242. better fuel eff\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
243. g\_\_h out and won't stop *v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities
244. ch\_\_n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
245. financial ind\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
246. fi\_\_\_y language *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

ANSWERS: 236. fuel, 237. colorless, 238. carcinogenic, 239. catharsis, 240. helpless, 241. delta, 242. efficiency, 243. gush, 244. chain, 245. independence, 246. filthy

247. re\_\_t against his way of thinking      *v.* to take action in response to something
248. atmospheric me\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
249. liquefied pe\_\_\_\_\_um gas      *n.* a flammable liquid consisting of a complex mixture of hydrocarbons that occurs naturally in certain rock formations and can also be refined to produce fuels such as gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel
250. te\_\_\_\_\_al disease      *n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route
251. bu\_\_\_\_\_g passion      *adj.* intense or scorching heat
252. the ch\_\_\_\_\_c economic situation      *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
253. the pe\_\_\_\_\_ve odor of garlic      *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
254. labor pop\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
255. re\_\_\_e camp      *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
256. per\_\_\_\_\_le distribution      *n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total

ANSWERS: 247. react, 248. methane, 249. petroleum, 250. terminal, 251. burning, 252. chaotic, 253. pervasive, 254. population, 255. refuge, 256. percentile



257. mo\_\_\_n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
258. re\_\_\_e a language *v.* to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development
259. small mo\_\_\_\_\_les *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
260. s\_\_w meat *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion
261. re\_\_\_\_\_nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
262. en\_\_\_\_\_ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
263. w\_\_p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
264. Doppler sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
265. hyd\_\_\_\_\_on production *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
266. hi\_\_\_\_\_ly music *n.* someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement

ANSWERS: 257. modern, 258. refine, 259. molecule, 260. stew, 261. recommend, 262. encourage, 263. wrap, 264. shift, 265. hydrocarbon, 266. hillbilly

267. int\_\_\_\_\_ate sanction *adj.* situated between two locations, things, states, etc.; around the middle of a scale of evaluation
268. a harbor of re\_\_\_e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
269. a company reg\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
270. energy-ef\_\_\_\_\_nt appliances *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
271. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
272. his social st\_\_\_\_\_ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
273. su\_\_\_r dioxide *n.* (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications
274. pe\_\_\_\_\_ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
275. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 267. intermediate, 268. refuge, 269. regulation, 270. efficient, 271. possibility, 272. standing, 273. sulfur, 274. pervasive, 275. terrifying

276. fi\_\_\_y streets *adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene
277. connecting the d\_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
278. r\_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
279. the geo\_\_\_\_\_cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
280. in\_\_\_t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
281. manually op\_\_\_\_\_e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
282. secret ing\_\_\_\_\_nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
283. hear a wh\_\_\_h *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
284. the mouth of a b\_y *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
285. a tr\_\_\_\_\_t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation

ANSWERS: 276. filthy, 277. dot, 278. rip, 279. geopolitical, 280. invest, 281. operate, 282. ingredient, 283. whoosh, 284. bay, 285. transit

286. ind\_\_\_\_\_nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
287. first l\_\_e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
288. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
289. have dis\_\_\_\_\_us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
290. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
291. historical co\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
292. become ess\_\_\_\_\_ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
293. a bu\_\_h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
294. na\_\_\_m explosion *n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage
295. ba\_\_y sweatpants *adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

ANSWERS: 286. independence, 287. lane, 288. gradual, 289. disastrous, 290. photograph, 291. context, 292. essentially, 293. bunch, 294. napalm, 295. baggy

296. enclose in a co\_\_\_l  
*n.* a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence
297. mul\_\_\_\_\_nal enterprise  
*adj.* relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
298. fire st\_\_k  
*v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
299. sp\_\_l a bit of wine  
*v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
300. pe\_\_\_\_\_se attitude  
*adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
301. mass tr\_\_\_\_\_t  
*n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
302. in\_\_\_\_\_e heat  
*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
303. get inc\_\_\_\_\_ly insecure  
*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
304. sy\_\_\_\_\_ms of low testosterone  
*n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
305. spiritual ca\_\_\_\_\_is  
*n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

ANSWERS: 296. corral, 297. multinational, 298. stick, 299. spill, 300. perverse, 301. transit, 302. intense, 303. incredibly, 304. symptom, 305. catharsis

306. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
307. su\_\_e of products *n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person
308. bas\_\_\_\_\_ze culture *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
309. dynamic vi\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency; resistance to flow
310. 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
311. turn out to be all s\_\_m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
312. giant oc\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

ANSWERS: 306. statistics, 307. suite, 308. bastardize, 309. viscosity, 310. carbon, 311. sham, 312. octopus

313. di\_\_\_\_e cloud *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
314. pos\_\_\_\_\_ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
315. en\_\_\_\_\_ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
316. pe\_\_\_\_\_se idea *adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral
317. st\_\_\_e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
318. a l\_\_\_e older man *adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability
319. do\_\_\_\_\_wn building *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
320. pa\_\_\_l of land *n.* something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post
321. di\_\_\_\_e bleeding *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
322. an\_\_\_\_\_st policy *adj.* laws or regulations that prevent businesses from engaging in practices that restrict competition, such as price fixing or monopolies

ANSWERS: 313. diffuse, 314. possibility, 315. encourage, 316. perverse, 317. steppe, 318. lame, 319. downtown, 320. parcel, 321. diffuse, 322. antitrust

323. to es\_\_\_\_te                    *v.*    to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
324. re\_\_\_\_e the right            *v.*    to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
325. a pa\_\_\_\_l of lies            *n.*    something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post
326. fire dr\_\_l                    *n.*    a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
327. shout "eu\_\_\_\_a!"            *n.*    exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight
328. sup\_\_\_\_ly identical        *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
329. re\_\_\_\_t date                *n.*    a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something
330. technical dr\_\_\_\_g            *n.*    the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
331. re\_\_\_\_e oil                 *v.*    to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development
332. s\_\_m from a belief            *n.*    the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

ANSWERS: 323. escalate, 324. reserve, 325. parcel, 326. drill, 327. eureka, 328. supposedly, 329. receipt, 330. drawing, 331. refine, 332. stem



333. die su\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
334. a ti\_\_t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
335. l\_\_e apology *adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability
336. impose mor\_\_\_\_\_um *n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
337. the qu\_\_t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
338. a gr\_\_\_\_\_l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
339. a seafaring na\_\_\_\_n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
340. harmonic re\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* a deep, full, or reverberating sound or tone; a quality or feeling of a particular emotional or mental vibration or significance; a mutual or sympathetic connection or correspondence between two things
341. wh\_\_\_\_h of a falling object *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
342. our school un\_\_\_\_\_m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

ANSWERS: 333. suddenly, 334. tight, 335. lame, 336. moratorium, 337. quest, 338. gradual, 339. nation, 340. resonance, 341. whoosh, 342. uniform

343. lack in mo\_\_\_\_ty                    *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
344. su\_\_\_\_ly attacked by an enemy                    *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
345. su\_\_e room                    *n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person
346. homemade may\_\_\_\_se                    *n.* a thick, creamy condiment or sauce made by emulsifying (= the process of mixing two or more immiscible substances to form a stable mixture) egg yolks, oil, vinegar or lemon juice, and seasonings; typically used as a spread, dip, or dressing for salads or sandwiches
347. es\_\_\_\_te a fair value                    *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
348. student on a ti\_\_t budget                    *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
349. inefficient fossil fuel su\_\_\_\_y                    *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
350. pre-mo\_\_\_\_n agricultural society                    *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times

ANSWERS: 343. mobility, 344. suddenly, 345. suite, 346. mayonnaise, 347. estimate, 348. tight, 349. subsidy, 350. modern

351. the ch\_\_\_\_\_ry of soil      *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
352. tr\_\_\_\_\_rt facilities      *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
353. a temporary mor\_\_\_\_\_um on evictions      *n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
354. navigate the vic\_\_\_\_\_des      *n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions
355. cr\_\_\_\_\_l information      *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
356. beer fr\_\_h      *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
357. manage my fi\_\_\_\_\_es      *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
358. sh\_\_\_e temple      *n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

ANSWERS: 351. chemistry, 352. transport, 353. moratorium, 354. vicissitude, 355. crucial, 356. froth, 357. finance, 358. shrine

359. an\_\_\_\_\_st legislation *adj.* laws or regulations that prevent businesses from engaging in practices that restrict competition, such as price fixing or monopolies
360. on a qu\_\_t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
361. catchy sl\_\_\_n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
362. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
363. de\_\_a cone *n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle
364. mo\_\_\_\_\_le behavior *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
365. biomass f\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
366. gross pr\_\_\_t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
367. water re\_\_\_\_\_ir *n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something
368. th\_\_n injury *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

ANSWERS: 359. antitrust, 360. quest, 361. slogan, 362. industrious, 363. delta, 364. molecule, 365. fuel, 366. profit, 367. reservoir, 368. thorn

369. w\_\_p egg whites      *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
370. ice c\_\_e      *n.* a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times
371. ta\_\_\_\_\_er money      *n.* a person who pays taxes to the government
372. chewing g\_m      *n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth
373. r\_\_l against his enemies      *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
374. lack con\_\_\_\_\_cy      *n.* the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions
375. a mild ci\_\_\_\_\_te      *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
376. or\_\_\_n of information      *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
377. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques      *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 369. whip, 370. cube, 371. taxpayer, 372. gum, 373. rail, 374. consistency, 375. cigarette, 376. origin, 377. invention

378. pol\_\_\_\_\_ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
379. in\_\_\_e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
380. a su\_\_\_\_\_y for research *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
381. r\_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
382. an energy eff\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
383. in a di\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
384. may\_\_\_\_\_se dressing *n.* a thick, creamy condiment or sauce made by emulsifying (= the process of mixing two or more immiscible substances to form a stable mixture) egg yolks, oil, vinegar or lemon juice, and seasonings; typically used as a spread, dip, or dressing for salads or sandwiches
385. di\_\_\_\_\_ct attention from the real issue *v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do
386. pu\_\_y eyes *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
387. high vi\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency; resistance to flow

ANSWERS: 378. politically, 379. insure, 380. subsidy, 381. rip, 382. efficiency, 383. diagram, 384. mayonnaise, 385. distract, 386. puffy, 387. viscosity

388. a s\_\_m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
389. a mollusk sh\_\_l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
390. call fo\_\_h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
391. per\_\_\_\_\_ze social media profile *v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
392. notorious ba\_\_\_t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
393. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
394. na\_\_\_m attack *n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage
395. hyd\_\_\_\_\_on molecules in crude oil *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon

ANSWERS: 388. sham, 389. shell, 390. forth, 391. personalize, 392. bandit, 393. absolutely, 394. napalm, 395. hydrocarbon

396. not no\_\_\_\_ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
397. absolutely op\_\_\_\_d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
398. 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
399. adopt a re\_\_\_\_d attitude *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
400. research on co\_\_\_\_ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
401. cu\_\_\_\_n against inflation *n.* a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage
402. g\_\_t determination *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
403. an animal sa\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
404. sp\_\_\_\_l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
405. precious me\_\_l *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 396. normally, 397. opposed, 398. policy, 399. refined, 400. cognitive, 401. cushion, 402. grit, 403. sanctuary, 404. sprawl, 405. metal



406. the s\_\_m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
407. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
408. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
409. z\_\_e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
410. st\_\_k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
411. p\_\_p blood throughout the body *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
412. racial or\_\_\_n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
413. average fuel con\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
414. designed spe\_\_\_\_\_lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

ANSWERS: 406. stem, 407. photograph, 408. bunch, 409. zone, 410. stick, 411. pump, 412. origin, 413. consumption, 414. specifically

415. major paradigm sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
416. bird and other wi\_\_\_\_\_fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
417. ve\_\_\_\_\_al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
418. su\_\_\_r mine *n.* (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications
419. co\_\_\_\_\_ss gas *adj.* lacking color; without hue or distinction; uninteresting or bland
420. sp\_\_\_l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
421. supply ch\_\_n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
422. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
423. billionaire ent\_\_\_\_\_eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
424. in\_\_\_\_\_ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
425. re\_\_\_e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

ANSWERS: 415. shift, 416. wildlife, 417. vertical, 418. sulfur, 419. colorless, 420. sprawl, 421. chain, 422. individual, 423. entrepreneur, 424. influence, 425. relate

426. bi\_\_\_\_l production *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
427. rear seat cu\_\_\_\_ns *n.* a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage
428. s\_\_k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
429. 3D di\_\_\_\_m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
430. s\_\_k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
431. no\_\_\_\_y area *n.* a situation in which planes are not allowed to take off or land at a particular airport or in particular airspace; a list of individuals who are prohibited from flying due to security concerns
432. me\_\_y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
433. to\_\_c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
434. fuel ra\_\_\_\_n *n.* a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems

ANSWERS: 426. biofuel, 427. cushion, 428. sink, 429. diagram, 430. sink, 431. no-fly, 432. messy, 433. toxic, 434. ration

435. w\_\_p a fish in foil      *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
436. pop\_\_\_\_\_on change      *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
437. re\_\_\_t all imperfect merchandise      *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
438. the con\_\_\_\_\_on of food      *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
439. ev\_\_\_\_\_te almost overnight      *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
440. shopping re\_\_\_ds cards      *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
441. equ\_\_\_\_\_nt in meaning      *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
442. re\_\_\_e a message      *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
443. g\_\_f war      *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
444. 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
445. co\_\_\_l fence      *n.* a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence

ANSWERS: 435. wrap, 436. population, 437. reject, 438. consumption, 439. evaporate, 440. reward, 441. equivalent, 442. relate, 443. gulf, 444. movement, 445. corral

446. se\_\_\_\_\_ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
447. ev\_\_\_\_\_te the water *v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
448. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
449. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
450. g\_\_t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
451. sc\_\_\_\_\_ic model *adj.* relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something
452. mentally un\_\_\_\_\_le *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
453. op\_\_\_\_\_e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
454. the dr\_\_l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

ANSWERS: 446. security, 447. evaporate, 448. absolutely, 449. amazing, 450. grit, 451. schematic, 452. unstable, 453. operate, 454. drill

455. atomic b\_\_bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
456. pr\_\_\_\_\_le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
457. get dis\_\_\_\_\_ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
458. ga\_\_\_\_\_h across the stage *v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way
459. bi\_\_\_\_\_l technology *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
460. inv\_\_\_\_\_nt in criminal activity *n.* the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something
461. in\_\_\_\_\_ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
462. improve co\_\_\_\_\_ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
463. vegetable s\_\_w *n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

ANSWERS: 455. bomb, 456. probable, 457. distracted, 458. galumph, 459. biofuel, 460. involvement, 461. influence, 462. cognitive, 463. stew

464. sp\_\_l my heart  
*v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
465. bu\_\_\_\_g desire  
*adj.* intense or scorching heat
466. improve social mo\_\_\_\_ty  
*n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
467. su\_\_\_e muscles  
*adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
468. con\_\_\_\_\_bly improve  
*adv.* to a significant extent or degree; noticeably; substantially

ANSWERS: 464. spill, 465. burning, 466. mobility, 467. supple, 468. considerably

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ignition of \_\_\_\_\_ gas in the plant killed five employees.
  - n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH<sub>4</sub> with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
  
2. He was reluctant to leave his comfort \_\_\_\_\_ and try something new.
  - n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
  
3. He deals \_\_\_\_\_ with his employees.
  - adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
  - n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
  
5. The patient's \_\_\_\_\_ on painkillers became a serious concern for their healthcare team.
  - n.* the state or condition of relying or depending on someone or something else; a relationship in which one person or thing is influenced, controlled, or supported by another
  
6. He is drawing a \_\_\_\_\_ illustrating how the equipment operates.
  - n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
  
7. The speaker mounted the \_\_\_\_\_ and started to speak.
  - n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 1. methane, 2. zone, 3. fairly, 4. chain, 5. dependence, 6. diagram, 7. platform



8. The engineer used a \_\_\_\_\_ diagram to plan out the wiring for the new building.

*adj.* relating to or in the form of a scheme or diagram; showing the structure or organization of something

9. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.

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

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ emissions from the nearby factory caused the rotten egg smell.

*n.* (also sulphur) a chemical element with the symbol S and atomic number 16, found in many minerals and sulfur compounds, often used in the production of fertilizers, rubber, paper, and other industrial applications

11. His \_\_\_\_\_ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

*adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding

12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

*n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

13. A supertanker continues to \_\_\_\_\_ oil off the coast of Spain.

*v.* to flow or pour out rapidly and in large quantities

14. Who answers \_\_\_\_\_ knows little.

*adv.* quickly and unexpectedly

15. As a \_\_\_\_\_ he felt his money was wasted on unnecessary government projects.

*n.* a person who pays taxes to the government

ANSWERS: 8. schematic, 9. amazing, 10. sulfur, 11. cognitive, 12. possibility, 13. gush, 14. suddenly, 15. taxpayer,

16. I decided to \_\_\_\_ for premature retirement.

*v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities

17. 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

18. This newspaper is supposed to be \_\_\_\_\_ neutral.

*adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

19. A smaller car will \_\_\_\_\_ less fuel.

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

20. Governments \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy generation in various ways.

*v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

21. 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

22. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink \_\_\_\_ on a white surface.

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

23. They have no \_\_\_\_\_ to win the game.

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

ANSWERS: 16. opt, 17. efficiency, 18. politically, 19. consume, 20. subsidize, 21. movement, 22. dots, 23. incentive

24. There are various hypotheses concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.  
*n.* the first existence or beginning of something
25. The nations of South East Asia will quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and catch up with the West.  
*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
26. He runs a \_\_\_\_\_ delivery company.  
*n.* something wrapped in paper so that it can be carried or sent by post
27. The country holds dominant \_\_\_\_\_ power over its neighbors.  
*adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
28. You can easily \_\_\_\_\_ seats over the telephone.  
*v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
29. 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
30. It's important to understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of a situation before making a decision.  
*n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
31. My dog loves to \_\_\_\_\_ on bones.  
*v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

ANSWERS: 24. origin, 25. industrialize, 26. parcel, 27. geopolitical, 28. reserve, 29. doll, 30. context, 31. chew

32. She was highly \_\_\_\_\_ in her choice of apparel.

*adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

33. We all should learn how to \_\_\_\_\_ stress.

*v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

34. He made an \_\_\_\_\_ gesture.

*adj.* offensive, rude, or disgusting, usually because of being related to sex

35. Could you help me \_\_\_\_\_ some furniture?

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

36. 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

37. The \_\_\_\_\_ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

*n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

38. Her new documentary earned her an \_\_\_\_\_ Award.

*n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

39. Ethics deals with \_\_\_\_\_ conduct.

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

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

ANSWERS: 32. refined, 33. handle, 34. obscene, 35. shift, 36. invest, 37. fuel, 38. Academy, 39. moral, 40. statistics

41. 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
42. The rain and thunder are \_\_\_\_\_ today.
- adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
43. The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
44. The country experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ increase in population.
- adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
45. 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
46. The former emperor had a particular \_\_\_\_\_ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
47. I attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
48. He is \_\_\_\_\_ nominated for a Nobel Prize.
- adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

ANSWERS: 41. environment, 42. crazy, 43. shrimp, 44. gradual, 45. nation, 46. influence, 47. warn, 48. supposedly

49. Exposure to high levels of \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to several health issues.
- n.* a colorless, flammable liquid hydrocarbon compound with a distinctive sweet odor; commonly used as an industrial solvent and as a starting material for the production of various chemicals
50. He lit a \_\_\_\_\_ and leaned against the wall.
- n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
51. We do not want to \_\_\_\_\_ the text's original meaning through poor translations.
- v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
52. The \_\_\_\_\_ and the oxygen react and then form water.
- n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water
53. The revitalization of technology companies is \_\_\_\_\_ to the country's growth.
- adj.* extremely vital or necessary
54. How did he \_\_\_\_\_ to your idea?
- v.* to take action in response to something
55. I'm strongly \_\_\_\_\_ to that plan.
- adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
56. You \_\_\_\_\_ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 49. benzene, 50. cigarette, 51. bastardize, 52. hydrogen, 53. crucial, 54. react, 55. opposed, 56. stick

57. Enhanced rail \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for our business.

*n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

58. I was so \_\_\_\_\_ by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

*adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

59. I found an old \_\_\_\_\_ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

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

60. The \_\_\_\_\_ liquid poured slowly from the jar.

*adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow

61. His \_\_\_\_\_ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

*adj.* disorganized and untidy

62. The children leaned over the bridge \_\_\_\_\_ to watch the fish swimming below.

*n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

63. The Nile \_\_\_\_\_ is a rich and fertile region that has supported agriculture for thousands of years.

*n.* a triangular area of low and flat land that is formed when a river flows into a larger body of water and deposits sediment; an object shaped like an equilateral triangle

ANSWERS: 57. transportation, 58. distracted, 59. photograph, 60. viscous, 61. messy, 62. rail, 63. Delta

64. The company \_\_\_\_\_ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.
- v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
65. The company is working to \_\_\_\_\_ its production process to be more efficient.
- v.* to make something more pure, polished, cultured, or effective; to improve, perfect, or enhance through a process of purification or development
66. Night fishing has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
67. The church offered \_\_\_\_\_ to refugees fleeing from war-torn countries.
- n.* a place of refuge or safety, especially for victims of persecution or abuse
68. The lush vegetation \_\_\_\_\_ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
- v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
69. The airplane was powered by a \_\_\_\_\_ made from plant-based materials.
- n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
70. I always like having a pack of \_\_\_\_ to freshen my breath.
- n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth
71. He found that it is difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ socially.
- v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

ANSWERS: 64. rejected, 65. refine, 66. rewards, 67. sanctuary, 68. sprawls, 69. biofuel, 70. gum, 71. integrate



72. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
73. His cheeks looked \_\_\_\_\_ after he overate junk food.
- adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
74. The council has decided to impose a \_\_\_\_\_ on building new houses in the area.
- n.* a temporary suspension or delay of an activity or process, often as a result of an official agreement or decision
75. Direct democracy is effective in quickly resolving \_\_\_\_\_ situations within a community.
- adj.* full of difficulties; difficult to deal with or solve
76. The use of cluster \_\_\_\_\_ is strictly prohibited by international law.
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
77. \_\_\_\_\_ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
- v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
78. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the local government in the project has been critical to its success.
- n.* the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something
79. He decided to take a walk \_\_\_\_\_ area to explore the city.
- adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city

ANSWERS: 72. finance, 73. puffy, 74. moratorium, 75. problematic, 76. bombs, 77. Wrap, 78. involvement, 79. downtown

80. The \_\_\_\_\_ corporation has offices in over 30 countries.

*adj.* relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries

81. The cappuccino was topped with \_\_\_\_\_ making it look like a work of art.

*n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

82. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

83. The outermost electron \_\_\_\_\_ determines the chemical properties of an atom.

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

84. The company \_\_\_\_\_ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

*v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

85. Suspicion and worry were \_\_\_\_\_ in our minds.

*adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

86. The situation quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and turned violent.

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

87. This business yields little \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

ANSWERS: 80. multinational, 81. froth, 82. steppe, 83. shell, 84. imports, 85. pervasive, 86. escalated, 87. profit

88. The \_\_\_\_\_ horse was unable to race.

*adj.* having a limp or difficulty walking due to an injury or disability

89. The new marketing campaign \_\_\_\_\_ increased sales for the company.

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

90. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

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

91. " \_\_\_\_\_ he exclaimed, finally solving the problem.

*n.* exclamation of triumph on discovering something; realization or sudden insight

92. The holy \_\_\_\_\_ to the local saint was a popular place for pilgrims to visit.

*n.* a place considered holy because of its association with a deity or a sacred person or relic or because it is a place of pilgrimage or worship

93. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

*v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

94. The presidential \_\_\_\_\_ is the most luxurious room in the hotel.

*n.* a set of rooms designated for a particular purpose or activity, especially a set of rooms in a hotel or private residence used as a living unit; a musical composition of several movements only loosely connected; the group following and attending to some important person

95. Burning \_\_\_\_\_ releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.

*n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon

ANSWERS: 88. lame, 89. considerably, 90. bunch, 91. Eureka!", 92. shrine, 93. relate, 94. suite, 95. hydrocarbons

96. 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
97. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ of silence about illegal police interrogation.
- n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
98. I pushed \_\_\_\_\_ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
- adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
99. The conservation area has an abundance of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
100. This country has a nationally \_\_\_\_\_ culture.
- adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
101. Public \_\_\_\_\_ is an essential service for many cities.
- n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
102. Direct lighting is preferable to \_\_\_\_\_ lighting when reading.
- adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
103. I like to \_\_\_\_\_ my phone case with a picture of my dog.
- v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

ANSWERS: 96. economy, 97. conspiracy, 98. forth, 99. wildlife, 100. uniform, 101. transit, 102. diffuse, 103. personalize

104. Water is a \_\_\_\_\_ liquid that is essential for life.

*adj.* lacking color; without hue or distinction; uninteresting or bland

105. I cut the cheese into small \_\_\_\_\_ for the salad.

*n.* a three-dimensional shape with six square faces that are all equal in size; (of mathematics) the result of multiplying the number by itself three times

106. The people are \_\_\_\_\_ to tax.

*adj.* having legal responsibility for something or someone

107. This evidence supports the big-bang \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

108. Luxury cars often require high-octane \_\_\_\_\_ as fuel.

*n.* a volatile flammable liquid obtained from petroleum, used mainly as a fuel in car engines, etc.

109. Please don't \_\_\_\_\_ me while I'm studying.

*v.* to draw someone's attention away from what they are trying to do

110. The airport implemented a \_\_\_\_\_ zone during the presidential visit.

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

111. I will \_\_\_\_\_ my car before I go on a road trip.

*v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

ANSWERS: 104. colorless, 105. cubes, 106. liable, 107. hypothesis, 108. gasoline, 109. distract, 110. no-fly, 111. insure

112. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time yesterday.

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

113. The ladder leaned against the \_\_\_\_\_ surface of the building.

*adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

114. The data he prepared was completely \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

115. This machine is too difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ for me.

*v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something

116. The shape of the DNA \_\_\_\_\_ is a double helix.

*n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

117. The hotel room was \_\_\_\_\_ with dirty sheets and stained carpets.

*adj.* dirty or unclean, often to an extreme or offensive degree; morally offensive or obscene

118. The abandoned ship slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_ into the murky waters of the harbor.

*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

119. The country's economy relies heavily on its \_\_\_\_\_ industry.

*n.* a flammable liquid consisting of a complex mixture of hydrocarbons that occurs naturally in certain rock formations and can also be refined to produce fuels such as gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel

ANSWERS: 112. tremendous, 113. vertical, 114. sham, 115. operate, 116. molecule, 117. filthy, 118. sink, 119. petroleum

120. The newspaper devoted several \_\_\_\_\_ to the affair.

*n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

121. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

*adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

122. This ad campaign is aimed \_\_\_\_\_ at young women.

*adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

123. 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

124. We \_\_\_\_\_ taking media training every six months.

*v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

125. A group of armed \_\_\_\_\_ attacked the villagers during the night.

*n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

126. He became \_\_\_\_\_ that he was being followed.

*adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

127. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 120. columns, 121. probable, 122. specifically, 123. efficient, 124. recommend, 125. bandits, 126. conscious, 127. industrious

128. The war zone was devastated by the use of \_\_\_\_\_ bombs.

- n.* a highly flammable substance consisting of a petroleum jelly thickened with a chemical compound, used in warfare to create a highly incendiary weapon capable of causing extensive fire damage

129. They \_\_\_\_\_ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

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

130. His \_\_\_\_\_ behavior led him to steal from the company.

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

131. The building's \_\_\_\_\_ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

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

132. The \_\_\_\_\_ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

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

133. The \_\_\_\_\_ in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

- n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

134. The \_\_\_\_\_ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

ANSWERS: 128. napalm, 129. encouraged, 130. greedy, 131. security, 132. regulation, 133. thorn, 134. engineer



135. That statement by the prime minister drew \_\_\_\_\_ international criticism.  
*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
136. She has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ and determination to succeed.  
*n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
137. The farmer used a high \_\_\_\_\_ to keep the cattle from wandering off.  
*n.* a pen or enclosure for livestock, especially cattle or horses; an area surrounded by a fence
138. The \_\_\_\_\_ artist convinced the older woman to give him her life savings.  
*n.* an argument opposed to a proposal; a swindle in which you cheat at gambling or persuade a person to buy worthless property; (verb) to be against or opposed to something
139. The imperial \_\_\_\_\_ was standardized legally by the British Empire.  
*n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
140. The university has great \_\_\_\_\_ in the academic community.  
*n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
141. The government provided a considerable \_\_\_\_\_ to the company.  
*n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
142. He couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ the actual value of the artwork.  
*v.* to judge or find out the amount or number of something by using mathematics

ANSWERS: 135. intense, 136. grit, 137. corral, 138. con, 139. gallon, 140. prestige, 141. subsidy, 142. calculate

143. The European Central Bank is Europe's \_\_\_\_\_ of the Federal Reserve.  
*n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
144. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
145. His \_\_\_\_\_ jokes made her angry.  
*adj.* being in an unrefined or natural state; (noun) the unprocessed form of oil
146. He was determined to \_\_\_\_\_ everything.  
*v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
147. I have limited \_\_\_\_\_ in my arms.  
*n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
148. You must first \_\_\_\_\_ the oil and vinegar to make the salad dressing.  
*v.* to mix two or more liquids that normally don't dissolve in each other, such as oil and water, by adding an agent that helps to suspend the tiny droplets of one liquid within the other
149. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ take a vacation in the middle of summer.  
*adv.* usually; under normal conditions
150. Many people find that physical exercise provides a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ helping to relieve stress and anxiety.  
*n.* a release or purging of emotional or psychological tension, often through artistic or creative experiences or expressions

ANSWERS: 143. equivalent, 144. terrifying, 145. crude, 146. spill, 147. mobility, 148. emulsify, 149. normally, 150. catharsis,

151. Please make sure to keep your \_\_\_\_\_ as proof of purchase.

*n.* a written or printed statement acknowledging that something has been paid for or received; the act of receiving something

152. I made a delicious beef \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner tonight.

*n.* a dish consisting of meat and vegetables simmered in liquid typically served hot as a main course or soup; a state of mental or emotional agitation or confusion

153. The national election was held amid \_\_\_\_\_ security.

*adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

154. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the \_\_\_\_\_ climate.

*adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

155. Some of the emigres sought \_\_\_\_\_ in this country.

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

156. There's no \_\_\_\_\_ in his arguments.

*n.* the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions

157. 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

158. He placed a \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor for his dog to lie on.

*n.* a soft, padded object that is used to make a hard surface more comfortable or to protect an object from damage

ANSWERS: 151. receipt, 152. stew, 153. tight, 154. arctic, 155. refuge, 156. consistency, 157. Gulf, 158. cushion

159. The road crew was laying fresh \_\_\_\_\_ on the highway.
- n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
160. Long-term exposure to \_\_\_\_\_ materials can result in serious health problems.
- adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing
161. I feel so \_\_\_\_\_ without you.
- adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
162. The construction worker used a \_\_\_\_\_ saw to cut through the stubborn sheet metal.
- n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes
163. The emission of hazardous substances has \_\_\_\_\_ effects on the ecology of a region.
- adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
164. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
165. The patient displays a \_\_\_\_\_ of a side effect.
- n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

ANSWERS: 159. asphalt, 160. carcinogenic, 161. helpless, 162. metal, 163. disastrous, 164. invention, 165. symptom

166. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ clothes to tight-fitting ones.

*adj.* loose-fitting or puffed out in shape, typically about clothing

167. This container stores an \_\_\_\_\_ substance.

*adj.* easily able or likely to shatter violently or burst apart; sudden and loud

168. We \_\_\_\_\_ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

*v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

169. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

170. The company implemented \_\_\_\_\_ measures to prevent future issues.

*adj.* acting in advance to deal with an expected difficulty or to take advantage of an opportunity.

171. The invention of the camera triggered the development of \_\_\_\_\_ painting.

*adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence

172. During transit, the stuff may \_\_\_\_ off the luggage tag.

*v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

173. The shirt had a noticeable \_\_\_\_\_ along the sleeve from being folded.

*n.* a line or mark made by folding or wrinkling a surface or material; a slight ridge or fold in fabric or paper caused by pressing or folding

174. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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

ANSWERS: 166. baggy, 167. explosive, 168. estimated, 169. incredibly, 170. proactive, 171. abstract, 172. rip, 173. crease, 174. individual,

175. We walked along a muddy \_\_\_\_\_ to reach the farm.

- n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

176. He had to \_\_\_\_\_ two hours each way to get to work.

- v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

177. \_\_\_\_\_ a society is an organism.

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

178. The \_\_\_\_\_ coating on the steel made it more resistant to corrosion.

- n.* a chemical element with the symbol V and atomic number 23, which is a transition metal that is commonly used in the production of steel and other alloys due to its strength, heat resistance, and ability to improve their properties

179. The science experiment involved mixing various liquids to create a bubbling \_\_\_\_.

- n.* a sticky or slimy substance, often of indeterminate or unknown composition; a slang term used to describe something messy, chaotic, or confusing

180. She is talented at \_\_\_\_\_ and has won several awards for her artwork.

- n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

181. The ballerina's \_\_\_\_\_ movements left the audience mesmerized.

- adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

182. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.

- n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

ANSWERS: 175. lane, 176. commute, 177. Essentially, 178. vanadium, 179. goo, 180. drawing, 181. supple, 182. whoosh

183. One rotten apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

184. The \_\_\_\_\_ concert was packed with fans.

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

185. \_\_\_\_\_ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

*n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

186. The \_\_\_\_\_ family lived off the land in their rustic cabin.

*n.* someone who is from a rural or mountainous region, especially in the southern United States; a person who is considered unsophisticated or lacking in refinement

187. In just four years, the \_\_\_\_\_ has doubled.

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

188. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport is where passengers catch their flights.

*n.* a building or place where buses, trains, or airplanes stop and where passengers or goods can be picked up or dropped off; (adjective) of or situated at the ends of a delivery route

189. Seals and whales are \_\_\_\_\_ animals beloved by the people.

*adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

190. Foreign TV crews and \_\_\_\_\_ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

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

ANSWERS: 183. barrel, 184. standing, 185. Entrepreneurs, 186. hillbilly, 187. population, 188. terminal, 189. marine, 190. journalists

191. I watched the elephant \_\_\_\_\_ across the savannah with grace and power.

- v.* to move or run in a clumsy, heavy, or noisy manner, often with exaggerated movements; to proceed or act in a carefree or ungainly way

192. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.

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

193. His coach is a \_\_\_\_\_ Olympic champion.

- adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

194. The country \_\_\_\_\_ a large amount of agricultural products.

- v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

195. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a \_\_\_\_\_ inferno.

- adj.* intense or scorching heat

196. He experienced nausea after eating live \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

197. In our country, water \_\_\_\_\_ usually decreases during the winter.

- n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

198. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

- n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

ANSWERS: 191. galumph, 192. modern, 193. triple, 194. exports, 195. burning, 196. octopus, 197. consumption, 198. dissonance



199. The election administration nullified the election results because of \_\_\_\_\_ fraud.

*n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

200. My favorite sandwich is a BLT with extra \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a thick, creamy condiment or sauce made by emulsifying (= the process of mixing two or more immiscible substances to form a stable mixture) egg yolks, oil, vinegar or lemon juice, and seasonings; typically used as a spread, dip, or dressing for salads or sandwiches

201. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

202. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

203. During the war, families were given a monthly \_\_\_\_\_ of essential goods to ensure everyone had access to basic necessities.

*n.* a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems

204. A rose has thorns on its \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

205. He was alert and could not \_\_\_\_\_ any critical information out of him.

*v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

ANSWERS: 199. voter, 200. mayonnaise, 201. toxic, 202. absolutely, 203. ration, 204. stem, 205. pump

206. The company spent months researching and testing different brand \_\_\_\_\_ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.
- n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
207. Honesty is an \_\_\_\_\_ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
- adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
208. The advantages would undoubtedly \_\_\_\_\_ the disadvantages.
- v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
209. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the oil made it difficult to pour.
- n.* the state or quality of being thick, sticky, and semi-fluid in consistency; resistance to flow
210. That newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ a political scandal in a big way.
- v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
211. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ reform.
- adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
212. 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

ANSWERS: 206. slogans, 207. inherent, 208. outweigh, 209. viscosity, 210. exposed, 211. chaotic, 212. policy

213. Damage to the \_\_\_\_\_ may play a role in the development of glaucoma.  
*n.* the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
214. He is familiar with \_\_\_\_\_ and biology.  
*n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
215. Push the button and let the water \_\_\_\_\_ away.  
*v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
216. After many \_\_\_\_\_ she finally achieved her dream of becoming a successful author.  
*n.* a change or variation in circumstances or fortune, often characterized by ups and downs, fluctuations, or unexpected shifts; a succession of changing or alternating events or conditions
217. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a \_\_\_\_\_ appetite.  
*adj.* extremely large
218. That adventurer traveled in \_\_\_\_\_ of buried treasure.  
*n.* a long or challenging search for something
219. The tower proved to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the high wind.  
*adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
220. Several military \_\_\_\_\_ programs have become popular methods of exercise.  
*n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

ANSWERS: 213. retina, 214. chemistry, 215. drain, 216. vicissitudes, 217. gigantic, 218. quest, 219. unstable, 220. drill

221. She walked along the \_\_\_\_ and collected shells.

- n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building

222. The sun will \_\_\_\_\_ the mist.

- v.* to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

223. The company was found guilty of \_\_\_\_\_ violations and fined.

- adj.* laws or regulations that prevent businesses from engaging in practices that restrict competition, such as price fixing or monopolies

224. His \_\_\_\_\_ sense of humor made many people uncomfortable.

- adj.* showing a deliberate and stubborn desire to go against what is expected or desired; contrary; willfully disobedient or immoral

225. The motivational speech \_\_\_\_\_ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

- v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

226. Purple is \_\_\_\_\_ between blue and red.

- adj.* situated between two locations, things, states, etc.; around the middle of a scale of evaluation

227. There is nothing more valuable than \_\_\_\_\_ and freedom.

- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

228. The machine pumps up crude oil from a deep underground \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a natural or artificial lake used to store water for community use; a large or extra supply of something

ANSWERS: 221. bay, 222. evaporate, 223. antitrust, 224. perverse, 225. galvanized, 226. intermediate, 227. independence, 228. reservoir

229. The jockey \_\_\_\_\_ the horse hard to take first place.

- v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

230. Greed is the primary \_\_\_\_\_ in the making of criminals.

- n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

231. The singer's voice filled the auditorium with beautiful \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a deep, full, or reverberating sound or tone; a quality or feeling of a particular emotional or mental vibration or significance; a mutual or sympathetic connection or correspondence between two things

232. She received her \_\_\_\_\_ in psychology from the university.

- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

233. 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

234. The student scored in the 90th \_\_\_\_\_ on the exam, which means they scored higher than 90% of the other students.

- n.* a measure of position in a frequency distribution expressed as a percentage of the total

ANSWERS: 229. whipped, 230. ingredient, 231. resonance, 232. degree, 233. carbon, 234. percentile