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Session 1: Word List

observation

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

synonym : watching, notice, reflection

(1) class **observation** day, (2) **observation** instrument

In the hospital, she will remain under constant **observation**.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

homosexual

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

synonym : gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage

The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

sapiens

n. the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens

synonym : human, Homo sapiens, humankind

(1) fossil Homo **sapiens**, (2) **sapiens** evolution

Homo **sapiens** is the scientific name for modern humans.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym : absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

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.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym : accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

vain

adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful

synonym : conceited, narcissistic, egotistic

(1) **vain** hope, (2) **vain** pursuit

He is in **vain** searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.

sage

n. a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb

synonym : philosopher, scholar, thinker

(1) a **sage** of long ago, (2) a **sage** counselor

He was famous for his **sage** advice to younger entrepreneurs.

noble

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

synonym : dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

(1) a **noble** family, (2) **noble** gas

He is a **noble-minded** man

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym : boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

faculty

n. an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge

synonym : capability, talent, aptitude

(1) a member of the **faculty**, (2) the illative **faculty** of the mind

This university's computer science **faculty** is world

distinguished.

awesome

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

synonym: miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday
There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

cerebral

adj. relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical

synonym: brain, mental, intellectual

(1) **cerebral** palsy, (2) **cerebral** cortex

The patient experienced a **cerebral** hemorrhage and required surgery.

uniquely

adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

synonym: singularly, exclusively, distinctively

(1) play a **uniquely** important role, (2) **uniquely** different

The painting is **uniquely** painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

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.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym: mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

smirk

v. to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner

synonym: grin, sneer, simper

(1) **smirk** confidently, (2) **smirk** after playing a prank

He couldn't help but **smirk** when he heard her absurd excuse.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym: novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

inept

adj. lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy

synonym: incompetent, unskilled, clumsy

(1) **inept** government, (2) socially **inept**

He was **inept** at handling the situation.

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**.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

foolproof

adj. designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong

synonym: infallible, fail-safe, unerring

(1) **foolproof** method, (2) **foolproof** plan

This recipe is **foolproof** and easy to follow, even for inexperienced cooks.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important

difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

humming

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

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

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

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

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.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

synonym: foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner

The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

immune

adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

synonym: resistant, unsusceptible, unaffected

(1) **immune** from criminal prosecution, (2) the cell of the

immune system

The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely **immune**.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

scholar

n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

capable

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

synonym: able, competent, proficient

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

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

consistent

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

synonym: coherent, constant, compatible

(1) do on a **consistent** basis, (2) get **consistent** results

You are not **consistent** in your behavior.

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.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

mortgage

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

synonym : home loan, loan, lien

(1) **mortgage** payment, (2) fixed-rate **mortgage**

They were able to purchase their dream home with a **mortgage** from the bank.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

- rid** v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
synonym : do away with, free, clear
(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.
- hint** n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
synonym : clue, indication, suggestion
(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**
There was no **hint** of a problem.
- prone** adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
synonym : inclined, susceptible, liable
(1) accident- **prone**, (2) **prone** to diarrhea
He was **prone** to making rash decisions.
- stud** n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
synonym : beam, scantling, framing
(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**
He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.
- 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.
- primate** n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
synonym :

ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

distant

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

synonym: far, isolated, remote

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

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

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close

relatives.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

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

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

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

foreclosure

n. the legal process by which a lender repossesses and sells a property or asset due to the borrower's failure to meet loan payments; the act of taking control of or seizing property or assets to satisfy a debt

synonym : repossession, seizure, default

(1) **foreclosure** proceeding, (2) **foreclosure** crisis

The family faced **foreclosure** on their home after falling behind on mortgage payments.

domain

n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

synonym : territory, realm, sphere

(1) **domain** of use, (2) a dependent **domain**

The company's **domain** in the market was expanding to new territories.

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.

methodology

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

synonym : procedure, approach, process

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

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

queue

n. a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available

synonym : range, sequence, waiting line

(1) form a **queue**, (2) **queue** system

There was a long **queue** at the popular attraction.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym : foodstuff, market

(1) the **grocery** business, (2) run a **grocery**

I will go to the **grocery** store to buy food for dinner.

currency

n. a system of money in general use in a particular country
synonym : money, tender, cash

(1) **currency** exchange, (2) digital **currency**

The **currency** used in this country is the Euro.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

token

n. something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept

synonym : symbol, emblem, representation

(1) digital **token**, (2) **token** payment

As a **token** of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.

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.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym : ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

enclosure

n. a wall, fence, or other barriers that surround an area, keeping it separate and protected

synonym: compartment, partition, wall

(1) the **enclosure** of a city, (2) **enclosure** gate

The **enclosure** held several exotic animals, including lions and tigers.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

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

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

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

experiment

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

synonym: experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

fig

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

(1) **fig** marigold, (2) **fig** tree

He ate the dried **figs** he had preserved.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

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

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

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

alpha

n. the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy

synonym: first, beginning, leader

(1) **alpha** particle, (2) **alpha** radiation

The company's new CEO was known for his **alpha** personality.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym: client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym: exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

spontaneously

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

synonym: impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift

occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

marketplace

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

synonym: bazaar, mart, emporium

(1) **marketplace** competition, (2) global **marketplace**

The online **marketplace** offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

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.

hanker

v. to crave, desire, or long for something, typically something that is hard to obtain or attain; to have a strong and persistent desire for something

synonym: yearn, long, crave

(1) **hanker** at the chance, (2) **hanker** for adventure

I **hanker** for a warm cup of tea on a cold, rainy day.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym: dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

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

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

impatience

n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

synonym: restlessness, irritability, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**

The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adviser

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

synonym: consultant, guide, expert

(1) a medical **adviser**, (2) chief **adviser**

After retiring, he continued to be an **adviser** to politicians.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

qualitative

adj. relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors

synonym : subjective, interpretative

(1) **qualitative** analysis, (2) **qualitative** factors

The researchers used a **qualitative** approach to analyze their findings.

quantitative

adj. relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data

synonym : numerical, measurable

(1) **quantitative** tightening, (2) **quantitative** analysis

The **quantitative** research provided statistical evidence to support the hypothesis.

numb

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

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

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.

anecdotal

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

synonym : hearsay, informal, unreliable

(1) **anecdotal** evidence, (2) **anecdotal** example

My friend shared an **anecdotal** story about her experience in customer service.

spontaneous

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

synonym : willing, impulsive, intuitive

(1) a **spontaneous** behavior, (2) **spontaneous** labor

The crowd broke out into **spontaneous** laughter.

larceny

n. the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft

synonym : theft, robbery, stealing

(1) grand **larceny**, (2) commit **larceny**

The suspect was charged with **larceny** for stealing valuable artwork.

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.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

necessarily

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

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

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

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

bailout

n. the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

synonym : help, aid, support

(1) **bailout** bill, (2) **bailout** bottle

Many countries provided a **bailout** to the private sector to

minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

intuition

n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
synonym: instinct, gut feeling, sixth sense

(1) creative **intuition**, (2) **intuition** research

Some studies suggest that people's **intuitions** can be influenced by their experiences and biases.

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.

crisp

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

synonym: breakable, brittle, flaky

(1) the **crisp** air of winter, (2) **crisp** manner

Every day he wears a **crisp** white shirt to the office.

donate

v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

synonym: bestow, contribute, grant

(1) **donate** to charity, (2) **donate** blood to the Red Cross

Our company **donates** to the school endowment fund every year.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

buck

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

synonym : dollar, money, currency

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

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

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.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

bet

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym : stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking;
(mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed
as the ratio of two integers

synonym : illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

averse

adj. feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something

synonym : reluctant, disinclined, unwilling

(1) **averse** to change, (2) **averse** to risk

I am **averse** to making hasty decisions without carefully considering the consequences.

furrow

n. a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face

synonym : groove, trench, rut

(1) ploughed **furrow**, (2) narrow **furrow**

The farmer plowed deep **furrows** in the field before planting his crops.

brow

n. the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

synonym : forehead, hilltop, eyebrow

(1) the **brow** of a hill, (2) furrowed **brow**

She wiped the sweat from her **brow** after finishing the marathon.

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.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

certainty

n. the state of being certain

synonym : inevitability, confidence, assurance

(1) scientific **certainty**, (2) reach **certainty** about the theory

Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into **certainty**.

vary

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

synonym : alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

aversion

n. a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

synonym : dislike, loathing, repulsion

(1) **aversion** therapy, (2) strong **aversion**

Her **aversion** to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at

the zoo.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym: taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

scenario

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

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

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

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

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

excuse

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

synonym: apology, justification, reason

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

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

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**
Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

evaluate

v. to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

synonym: assess, estimate, consider

(1) **evaluate** the grant proposal, (2) **evaluate** a situation
The meeting aims to **evaluate** possible choices.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: turn down, deny, decline

(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company
My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

bonus

n. an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work

synonym: extra, perk, compensation

(1) **bonus** appraisal, (2) annual **bonus**
The committee abolished the controversial **bonus** system.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

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.

take-home

n. the amount of money earned after deducting taxes and other expenses; a task, assignment, or lesson that is meant to be completed or learned outside of a classroom or workplace

synonym:

salary, earnings, income

(1) **take-home** pay, (2) **take-home** exam

The company provided the employees with **take-home** assignments to complete over the weekend.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym: nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

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.

dunce

n. a person who is considered stupid or slow-witted; a person who lacks intelligence or common sense

synonym: dullard, idiot, ignoramus

(1) **dunce** cap, (2) the technology **dunce**

The teacher referred to the struggling student as a **dunce** in front of the class.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

potentially

adv. in a possible state or condition; possibly

synonym : likely, possibly, probably

(1) **potentially** affected, (2) **potentially** lucrative

The organization assisted in the de-escalation of **potentially** violent situations.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

predilection

n. a preference or inclination for something; a liking or fondness for something

synonym : inclination, leaning, preference

(1) **predilection** for chocolate, (2) a strong **predilection** for dogs

Her **predilection** for spicy food made her the go-to person for restaurant recommendations.

fatty

adj. containing a lot of fat

synonym : greasy, oily

(1) less **fatty** meat, (2) **fatty** acid

You should keep away from **fatty** foods.

dessert

n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal

synonym : sweet, cake, confection

(1) **dessert** knife, (2) easy **dessert** recipe

Let's go to an all-you-can-eat **dessert** restaurant.

disgust

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

synonym : nauseate, hate, dislike

(1) public **disgust**, (2) show **disgust** at his actions

He was filled with **disgust** and fear for the threat of war.

perceive

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

synonym : sense, discern, feel

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

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

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym : drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

crisis

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

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

biology

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

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**
In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**
By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

limitation

n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something

synonym: restriction, constraint, burden

(1) impose **limitation**, (2) **limitation** of exercise
Disability is a physical **limitation** to living everyday life.

flap

n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

synonym: winged object, cover, (verb) flutter

(1) the **flap** of wings, (2) **flap** out a candle
The **flap** of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

lens

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

synonym: glass

(1) a convex **lens**, (2) a **lens** with a wide angle
The photographer took this photo using a telephoto **lens**.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

near-sighted

adj. having difficulty seeing objects at a distance; myopic
synonym : myopic, short-sighted

(1) **near-sighted** glasses, (2) **near-sightedness** correction
His **near-sighted** vision made it difficult for him to drive at night.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

irony

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

synonym : sarcasm, cynicism, wit

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

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

achieve

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

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. f__p over the pork chop
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
2. h__e a car by the hour
v. to give somebody a job
3. ex___e for inaction
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
4. have a ne____ve effect
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
5. global mar_____ce
n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
6. an op_____ne remark
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
7. hi_____ht a string in red
v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
8. ca_____e leader
adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
9. not nec_____ly a problem
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
10. 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: 1. flip, 2. hire, 3. excuse, 4. negative, 5. marketplace, 6. opportune, 7. highlight, 8. capable, 9. necessarily, 10. metal

11. qua_____ive analysis *adj.* relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data
12. do___e blood to the Red Cross *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
13. a s___e of long ago *n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb
14. qua_____ve factors *adj.* relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors
15. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
16. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
17. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
18. cr__p manner *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
19. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

ANSWERS: 11. quantitative, 12. donate, 13. sage, 14. qualitative, 15. infinite, 16. achieve, 17. excite, 18. crisp, 19. inspiration

20. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
21. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
22. du__e cap *n.* a person who is considered stupid or slow-witted; a person who lacks intelligence or common sense
23. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
24. f__p out a candle *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion
25. public di_____t *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
26. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
27. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
28. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 20. rub, 21. puzzle, 22. dunce, 23. psychology, 24. flap, 25. disgust, 26. introduction, 27. bias, 28. aspect

29. reach ce_____ty about the theory *n.* the state of being certain
30. av___e to change *adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something
31. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
32. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
33. chief ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
34. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
35. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
36. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
37. bo__s appraisal *n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work
38. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
39. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

ANSWERS: 29. certainty, 30. averse, 31. suppose, 32. achieve, 33. adviser, 34. kingdom, 35. recognize, 36. planet, 37. bonus, 38. relative, 39. comfort

40. ta_____me pay *n.* the amount of money earned after deducting taxes and other expenses; a task, assignment, or lesson that is meant to be completed or learned outside of a classroom or workplace
41. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
42. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
43. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
44. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
45. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
46. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
47. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
48. sm__k after playing a prank *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner

ANSWERS: 40. take-home, 41. opt, 42. patient, 43. addition, 44. institutionalize, 45. possibility, 46. bet, 47. lab, 48. smirk

49. accident-pr__e *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
50. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
51. an____al example *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
52. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
53. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
54. ce____al cortex *adj.* relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical
55. v__y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
56. 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
57. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
58. a medical ad____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject

ANSWERS: 49. prone, 50. relative, 51. anecdotal, 52. population, 53. suppose, 54. cerebral, 55. vary, 56. doll, 57. weird, 58. adviser

59. lim_____on of exercise *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
60. for_____re crisis *n.* the legal process by which a lender repossesses and sells a property or asset due to the borrower's failure to meet loan payments; the act of taking control of or seizing property or assets to satisfy a debt
61. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
62. run a gr_____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
63. spo_____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
64. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
65. class obs_____on day *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
66. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
67. in__t government *adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
68. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
69. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

ANSWERS: 59. limitation, 60. foreclosure, 61. strategy, 62. grocery, 63. spontaneous, 64. obvious, 65. observation, 66. decision, 67. inept, 68. excite, 69. inspiration

70. a di____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
71. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
72. the cell of the im___e system *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
73. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
74. the cr__p air of winter *adj.* hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating
75. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
76. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
77. met_____gy for optimizing *n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
78. fixed-rate mo_____ge *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
79. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
80. business imp_____ce *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

ANSWERS: 70. distant, 71. rely, 72. immune, 73. psychology, 74. crisp, 75. extreme, 76. lab, 77. methodology, 78. mortgage, 79. situ, 80. impatience

81. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
82. the technology du__e *n.* a person who is considered stupid or slow-witted; a person who lacks intelligence or common sense
83. an____al evidence *adj.* based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence
84. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
85. 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
86. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
87. hom____al rights *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
88. a rid____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
89. pe____ve a threat *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
90. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 81. mess, 82. dunce, 83. anecdotal, 84. collapse, 85. metal, 86. crazy, 87. homosexual, 88. ridiculous, 89. perceive, 90. probable

91. us____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
92. 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
93. in_____on research *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
94. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
95. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
96. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
97. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
98. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
99. strong av_____on *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

ANSWERS: 91. useless, 92. economy, 93. intuition, 94. creative, 95. incredibly, 96. decision, 97. normally, 98. irrational, 99. aversion

100. 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
101. ov____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
102. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
103. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
104. do____n of use *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
105. ta_____me exam *n.* the amount of money earned after deducting taxes and other expenses; a task, assignment, or lesson that is meant to be completed or learned outside of a classroom or workplace
106. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
107. di____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 100. economy, 101. overcome, 102. overcome, 103. complicated, 104. domain, 105. take-home, 106. evolutionary, 107. distant

108. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
109. imp_____ce with delays *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
110. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
111. ex_____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
112. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
113. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
114. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
115. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
116. nea_____ted glasses *adj.* having difficulty seeing objects at a distance; myopic
117. form a qu__e *n.* a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available

ANSWERS: 108. decide, 109. impatience, 110. kingdom, 111. exchange, 112. fig, 113. unprecedented, 114. vary, 115. opportune, 116. near-sighted, 117. queue

118. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
119. recover spo_____sly after five days *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
120. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
121. 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
122. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
123. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
124. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
125. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
126. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
127. ev_____te the grant proposal *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something

ANSWERS: 118. rid, 119. spontaneously, 120. chain, 121. stick, 122. collaborate, 123. addition, 124. crisis, 125. humming, 126. risky, 127. evaluate

128. ir__y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
129. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
130. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
131. un____ly different *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
132. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
133. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
134. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
135. furrowed b__w *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
136. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
137. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
138. a spo_____us behavior *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
139. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read

ANSWERS: 128. irony, 129. weird, 130. rub, 131. uniquely, 132. numb, 133. crazy, 134. possibility, 135. brow, 136. extreme, 137. context, 138. spontaneous, 139. apparently

140. a l__s with a wide angle *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
141. a convex l__s *n.* a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation
142. fa__y acid *adj.* containing a lot of fat
143. 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
144. in____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
145. the gr____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
146. fo_____of method *adj.* designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong
147. a dependent do____n *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

ANSWERS: 140. lens, 141. lens, 142. fatty, 143. stick, 144. infinite, 145. grocery, 146. foolproof, 147. domain

148. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
149. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
150. v__n pursuit *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
151. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
152. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
153. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
154. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
155. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
156. digital to__n *n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
157. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 148. institutionalize, 149. complexity, 150. vain, 151. rely, 152. quest, 153. apparently, 154. dumb, 155. hint, 156. token, 157. patient

158. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
159. impose lim_____on *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
160. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
161. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
162. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
163. to__n payment *n.* something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept
164. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
165. pe_____ve light *v.* to become aware or conscious of something through the senses
166. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
167. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
168. nea_____tedness correction *adj.* having difficulty seeing objects at a distance; myopic

ANSWERS: 158. hire, 159. limitation, 160. risky, 161. introduction, 162. experiment, 163. token, 164. environment, 165. perceive, 166. investor, 167. population, 168. near-sighted

169. narrow fu___w *n.* a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face
170. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
171. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
172. en_____re gate *n.* a wall, fence, or other barriers that surround an area, keeping it separate and protected
173. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
174. a no__e family *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
175. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
176. a drapery sal_____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
177. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
178. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
179. the f__p of wings *n.* a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

ANSWERS: 169. furrow, 170. surprisingly, 171. scenario, 172. enclosure, 173. embarrass, 174. noble, 175. necessarily, 176. salesperson, 177. incredibly, 178. flip, 179. flap

180. pr_____e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
181. play a un_____ly important role *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
182. the en_____re of a city *n.* a wall, fence, or other barriers that surround an area, keeping it separate and protected
183. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
184. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
185. a br____h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
186. pre_____ion for chocolate *n.* a preference or inclination for something; a liking or fondness for something
187. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
188. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
189. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
190. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before

ANSWERS: 180. primate, 181. uniquely, 182. enclosure, 183. specific, 184. biology, 185. branch, 186. predilection, 187. absolute, 188. economical, 189. chain, 190. unprecedented

191. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
192. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
193. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
194. show di____t at his actions *n.* a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval
195. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
196. flexible mi____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
197. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
198. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
199. sc____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
200. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
201. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
202. irr____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
203. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

ANSWERS: 191. opt, 192. doe, 193. probable, 194. disgust, 195. creature, 196. mindset, 197. negative, 198. rip, 199. scholar, 200. dumb, 201. quest, 202. irrational, 203. hint

204. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
205. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
206. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
207. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
208. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
209. sm__k confidently *v.* to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
210. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
211. ha___r at the chance *v.* to crave, desire, or long for something, typically something that is hard to obtain or attain; to have a strong and persistent desire for something

ANSWERS: 204. bet, 205. numb, 206. excuse, 207. branch, 208. puzzle, 209. smirk, 210. ridiculous, 211. hanker

212. v__n hope *adj.* having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful
213. ready to co____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
214. scientific ce____ty *n.* the state of being certain
215. do on a con____nt basis *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
216. a sal____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
217. pre____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
218. commit la____y *n.* the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft
219. write him an answer imm____ly *adv.* now or without delay
220. re____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
221. not no____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
222. socially in__t *adj.* lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
223. cognitive com____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
224. pr__e to diarrhea *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward

ANSWERS: 212. vain, 213. collapse, 214. certainty, 215. consistent, 216. salesperson, 217. predictable, 218. larceny, 219. immediately, 220. reliable, 221. normally, 222. inept, 223. complexity, 224. prone

225. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
226. ba_____t bill *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
227. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
228. pot_____ly affected *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
229. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
230. creative in_____on *n.* the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
231. qua_____ve analysis *adj.* relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors
232. ca_____e worker *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
233. get con_____nt results *adj.* always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.
234. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

ANSWERS: 225. rip, 226. bailout, 227. collaborate, 228. potentially, 229. aspect, 230. intuition, 231. qualitative, 232. capable, 233. consistent, 234. plummet

235. mo____ge payment *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
236. obs_____on instrument *n.* the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone
237. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
238. do___e to charity *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
239. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
240. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
241. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
242. a real estate in____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
243. research met_____gy *n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
244. sa____s evolution *n.* the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens
245. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

ANSWERS: 235. mortgage, 236. observation, 237. context, 238. donate, 239. evolutionary, 240. recognize, 241. biology, 242. investor, 243. methodology, 244. sapiens, 245. fig

246. this shift occurs spo_____sly *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
247. ev_____te a situation *v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
248. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
249. the illative fa_____y of the mind *n.* an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge
250. cu_____cy exchange *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
251. annual bo__s *n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work
252. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
253. a s__e counselor *n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb
254. for_____re proceeding *n.* the legal process by which a lender repossesses and sells a property or asset due to the borrower's failure to meet loan payments; the act of taking control of or seizing property or assets to satisfy a debt

ANSWERS: 246. spontaneously, 247. evaluate, 248. tweak, 249. faculty, 250. currency, 251. bonus, 252. environment, 253. sage, 254. foreclosure

255. ploughed fu___w *n.* a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face
256. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
257. ce_____al palsy *adj.* relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical
258. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
259. digital cu_____cy *n.* a system of money in general use in a particular country
260. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
261. al__a radiation *n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
262. im___e from criminal prosecution *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
263. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
264. qua_____ive tightening *adj.* relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data
265. de_____t knife *n.* a sweet food served as the last course of a meal

ANSWERS: 255. furrow, 256. surprisingly, 257. cerebral, 258. creature, 259. currency, 260. mindset, 261. alpha, 262. immune, 263. bias, 264. quantitative, 265. dessert

266. ha___r for adventure *v.* to crave, desire, or long for something, typically something that is hard to obtain or attain; to have a strong and persistent desire for something
267. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
268. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
269. fo_____of plan *adj.* designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong
270. al__a particle *n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
271. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
272. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
273. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

ANSWERS: 266. hanker, 267. creative, 268. planet, 269. foolproof, 270. alpha, 271. stud, 272. specific, 273. embarrass

274. pl____t against other major currencies
v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
275. hu____g bird
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
276. extra b__k
n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
277. de___e a question
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
278. a member of the fa____y
n. an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge
279. have an aw____e birthday
adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
280. rem_____le achievement
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
281. become increasingly com_____ed
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
282. his conclusion was ob____s
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
283. re___e the company
v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
284. tw__k the economy
v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

ANSWERS: 274. plummet, 275. humming, 276. buck, 277. decide, 278. faculty, 279. awesome, 280. remarkable, 281. complicated, 282. obvious, 283. refuse, 284. tweak

285. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
286. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
287. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
288. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
289. av_____on therapy *n.* a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant
290. fossil Homo sa_____s *n.* the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens
291. mar_____ce competition *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
292. us_____s in the kitchen *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
293. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
294. 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

ANSWERS: 285. experiment, 286. crisis, 287. scholar, 288. mess, 289. aversion, 290. sapiens, 291. marketplace, 292. useless, 293. immediately, 294. doll

305. words of co____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
306. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
307. less fa__y meat *adj.* containing a lot of fat
308. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
309. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
310. av___e to risk *adj.* feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something
311. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
312. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
313. no__e gas *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
314. pr_____e sanctuary *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
315. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 305. comfort, 306. highlight, 307. fatty, 308. remarkable, 309. rid, 310. averse, 311. scenario, 312. preference, 313. noble, 314. primate, 315. stud

316. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
317. a strong pre_____ion for dogs *n.* a preference or inclination for something; a liking or fondness for something
318. ba_____t bottle *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
319. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
320. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
321. aw_____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
322. grand la_____y *n.* the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft
323. the b__w of a hill *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
324. hom_____al marriage *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

ANSWERS: 316. strategy, 317. predilection, 318. bailout, 319. economical, 320. exchange, 321. awesome, 322. larceny, 323. brow, 324. homosexual

325. in a pre_____le manner

adj. capable of being known, seen or
declared in advance

326. re___e a request

v. to show that one is not willing to do or
accept something

ANSWERS: 325. predictable, 326. refuse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She had a master's degree in _____.
n. the scientific study of mind and behavior
2. He was _____ to making rash decisions.
adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
3. She is highly _____ of handling multiple tasks at once.
adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
4. We must _____ ourselves of pollution.
v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
5. The _____ held several exotic animals, including lions and tigers.
n. a wall, fence, or other barriers that surround an area, keeping it separate and protected
6. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
7. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
8. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

ANSWERS: 1. psychology, 2. prone, 3. capable, 4. rid, 5. enclosure, 6. necessarily, 7. planet, 8. absolute

9. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
10. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
- adv.* usually; under normal conditions
11. The meeting aims to _____ possible choices.
- v.* to assess or estimate the quality, significance, quantity, or value of something
12. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
13. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.
- n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
14. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
- v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
15. He made a frightful _____ in his room.
- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
16. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

ANSWERS: 9. crisis, 10. normally, 11. evaluate, 12. incredibly, 13. irony, 14. collaborate, 15. mess, 16. highlighted

17. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

18. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

19. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

20. The teacher referred to the struggling student as a _____ in front of the class.

n. a person who is considered stupid or slow-witted; a person who lacks intelligence or common sense

21. 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

22. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

23. As a _____ of appreciation, the teacher gave each student a small gift at the end of the school year.

n. something that serves as a symbol, sign, or expression of something else; a physical object representing a particular idea or concept

24. My friend shared an _____ story about her experience in customer service.

adj. based on personal accounts or stories that may not be verifiable or representative of a larger population; characterized by anecdotes or casual observations rather than scientific data or empirical evidence

ANSWERS: 17. surprisingly, 18. irrational, 19. dumb, 20. dunce, 21. stick, 22. strategy, 23. token, 24. anecdotal

25. The company's new CEO was known for his _____ personality.
- n.* the first letter in the Greek alphabet; in social and group dynamics, the highest or most dominant member of a group or social hierarchy
26. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
- n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
27. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
- n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
28. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
29. I spotted a majestic _____ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.
- n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
30. 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
31. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.
- n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

ANSWERS: 25. alpha, 26. kingdom, 27. mindset, 28. excuse, 29. buck, 30. metal, 31. preference

32. The _____ research provided statistical evidence to support the hypothesis.

adj. relating to, measuring, or expressing in terms of quantity; involving numerical or statistical data

33. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

34. We are developing a new _____ for assessing marketing measures.

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

35. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

36. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

37. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

38. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

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

39. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

ANSWERS: 32. quantitative, 33. exchange, 34. methodology, 35. quest, 36. excited, 37. creature, 38. humming, 39. Unprecedented

40. My left arm became _____.

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

41. He was filled with _____ and fear for the threat of war.

n. a strong feeling of dislike or disapproval

42. After retiring, he continued to be an _____ to politicians.

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

43. The suspect was charged with _____ for stealing valuable artwork.

n. the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft

44. 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

45. During transit, the stuff may _____ off the luggage tag.

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

46. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

47. The doctor advised him to manage his _____ as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

ANSWERS: 40. numb, 41. disgust, 42. adviser, 43. larceny, 44. chain, 45. rip, 46. investors, 47. impatience

48. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

49. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

50. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

51. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

52. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

53. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

54. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

55. Disability is a physical _____ to living everyday life.

n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something

ANSWERS: 48. risky, 49. introduction, 50. remarkable, 51. useless, 52. specific, 53. stud, 54. recognize, 55. limitation

56. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
57. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
58. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
59. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
60. He was famous for his _____ advice to younger entrepreneurs.
n. a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb
61. The _____ used in this country is the Euro.
n. a system of money in general use in a particular country
62. 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
63. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
64. The company's _____ in the market was expanding to new territories.
n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

ANSWERS: 56. experiments, 57. reliable, 58. puzzle, 59. lab, 60. sage, 61. currency, 62. environment, 63. relatives, 64. domain

65. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

66. Every day he wears a _____ white shirt to the office.

adj. hard, dry, and brittle enough to break easily; cool, fresh, and invigorating

67. Australia is widely _____ as having low levels of corruption.

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

68. The family faced _____ on their home after falling behind on mortgage payments.

n. the legal process by which a lender repossesses and sells a property or asset due to the borrower's failure to meet loan payments; the act of taking control of or seizing property or assets to satisfy a debt

69. The committee abolished the controversial _____ system.

n. an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work

70. The stock prices have _____ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

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

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

72. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 65. tweak, 66. crisp, 67. perceived, 68. foreclosure, 69. bonus, 70. plummeted, 71. distant, 72. patient's

73. The organization assisted in the de-escalation of _____ violent situations.

adv. in a possible state or condition; possibly

74. Many countries provided a _____ to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

n. the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

75. There was no _____ of a problem.

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

76. I decided to _____ for premature retirement.

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

77. You should keep away from _____ foods.

adj. containing a lot of fat

78. Maximum heart rates _____ a lot for each individual.

v. to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

79. I _____ that you know it.

v. to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

80. This university's computer science _____ is world distinguished.

n. an inborn or natural ability to hear, see, think, move, etc.; a department or group of the university concerned with a major division of knowledge

81. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 73. potentially, 74. bailout, 75. hint, 76. opt, 77. fatty, 78. vary, 79. bet, 80. faculty, 81. extreme

82. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
83. Our company _____ to the school endowment fund every year.
v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
84. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
85. The researchers used a _____ approach to analyze their findings.
adj. relating to or involving qualities, such as properties, characteristics, or features, rather than quantities or numbers, often used to describe research or analysis that focuses on subjective or non-measurable factors
86. He was _____ at handling the situation.
adj. lacking skill or aptitude; clumsy
87. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
88. Many scientists study _____ behavior and intelligence.
n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
89. 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

ANSWERS: 82. suppose, 83. donates, 84. scenarios, 85. qualitative, 86. inept, 87. complexity, 88. primate, 89. doll

90. He couldn't help but _____ when he heard her absurd excuse.
v. to smile in a way that suggests one is pleased or amused by someone or something, often in a smug or self-satisfied manner
91. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
92. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
93. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read
94. The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely _____.
adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
95. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
96. The electrical cord _____ combusted.
adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
97. Let's go to an all-you-can-eat _____ restaurant.
n. a sweet food served as the last course of a meal

ANSWERS: 90. smirk, 91. aspects, 92. situ, 93. apparently, 94. immune, 95. Evolutionary, 96. spontaneously, 97. dessert

98. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

99. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

100. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

101. 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

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

103. The farmer plowed deep _____ in the field before planting his crops.

n. a long and narrow groove or trench, typically made in the ground by a plow or a person's fingers; a wrinkle or groove on a person's face

104. You are not _____ in your behavior.

adj. always behaving or happening in the same way, or having the same thoughts, standards, etc.

105. The patient experienced a _____ hemorrhage and required surgery.

adj. relating to the brain or intellect; intellectual or studious rather than emotional or physical

ANSWERS: 98. refuse, 99. doe, 100. inspiration, 101. context, 102. probable, 103. furrows, 104. consistent, 105. cerebral

106. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

107. Homo _____ is the scientific name for modern humans.

n. the species of modern humans, Homo sapiens

108. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

109. Her _____ for spicy food made her the go-to person for restaurant recommendations.

n. a preference or inclination for something; a liking or fondness for something

110. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

111. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

112. The online _____ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

113. There is a lot of _____ nature and food in Hawaii.

adj. inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

114. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 106. negative, 107. sapiens, 108. rely, 109. predilection, 110. salesperson, 111. infinite, 112. marketplace, 113. awesome, 114. crazy

115. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

116. She wiped the sweat from her _____ after finishing the marathon.

n. the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

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

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

118. I am _____ to making hasty decisions without carefully considering the consequences.

adj. feeling strong dislike, opposition, or reluctance towards something; having a strong inclination against or avoidance of something

119. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

120. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

121. The _____ of the tent was open, letting in the fresh air.

n. a piece of material attached to a garment, sail, or aircraft which flaps in the wind; (verb) to move in a wavy pattern or with an up-and-down motion

122. There was a long _____ at the popular attraction.

n. a line of people or vehicles, especially one that forms outside a place of entertainment or a public building, waiting for something to become available

ANSWERS: 115. figs, 116. brow, 117. population, 118. averse, 119. institutionalize, 120. ridiculous, 121. flap, 122. queue

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

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

124. The law was repealed to protect the rights of _____ citizens.

- adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

125. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.

- v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

126. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

127. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.

- adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

128. 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

129. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

- n. professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

130. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

- n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 123. achieve, 124. homosexual, 125. overcome, 126. decide, 127. spontaneous, 128. economy, 129. scholar, 130. decision

131. The company provided the employees with _____ assignments to complete over the weekend.

n. the amount of money earned after deducting taxes and other expenses; a task, assignment, or lesson that is meant to be completed or learned outside of a classroom or workplace

132. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

133. In the hospital, she will remain under constant _____.

n. the act or activity of carefully examining or monitoring something or someone

134. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

135. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

136. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

137. He is in _____ searching for a new job since he has no experience in the field.

adj. having an excessively high opinion of oneself; excessively concerned with one's appearance or achievements; producing no result or effect, or being unsuccessful

138. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance

ANSWERS: 131. take-home, 132. creative, 133. observation, 134. flipped, 135. rubbed, 136. economical, 137. vain, 138. predictable

139. I will go to the _____ store to buy food for dinner.

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

140. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

141. He is a _____ man

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

142. His _____ vision made it difficult for him to drive at night.

adj. having difficulty seeing objects at a distance; myopic

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

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

144. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

145. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

146. The painting is _____ painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

147. Her _____ to snakes made her avoid the reptile exhibit at the zoo.

n. a strong dislike or reluctance towards something or someone; a feeling of extreme distaste or aversion towards something or someone unpleasant

ANSWERS: 139. grocery, 140. comfort, 141. noble-minded, 142. near-sighted, 143. biology, 144. weird, 145. embarrass, 146. uniquely, 147. aversion

148. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
v. to give somebody a job
149. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
adv. now or without delay
150. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
151. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
152. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into _____.
n. the state of being certain
153. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
154. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
155. Some studies suggest that people's _____ can be influenced by their experiences and biases.
n. the ability to understand or know something without reasoning or evidence; a feeling that guides a person to do or believe something without fully understanding why
156. I _____ for a warm cup of tea on a cold, rainy day.
v. to crave, desire, or long for something, typically something that is hard to obtain or attain; to have a strong and persistent desire for something

ANSWERS: 148. hire, 149. immediately, 150. collapsed, 151. addition, 152. certainty, 153. obvious, 154. possibility, 155. intuitions, 156. hanker

157. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

158. This recipe is _____ and easy to follow, even for inexperienced cooks.

adj. designed to prevent mistakes or errors; infallible; incapable of going wrong

159. They were able to purchase their dream home with a _____ from the bank.

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

160. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

161. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

162. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

163. The photographer took this photo using a telephoto _____.

n. a transparent optical device with curved sides, used in an optical instrument that makes objects seem larger, smaller, clearer, etc.; (metaphor) the basic thoughts or mindsets through which someone sees or understands the environment or situation

ANSWERS: 157. opportune, 158. foolproof, 159. mortgage, 160. bias, 161. branch, 162. complicated, 163. lens

ANSWERS: