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Session 1: Word List

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym: outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

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

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

consequence

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

synonym: result, impact, outcome

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

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

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

tremendous

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

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

develop

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

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

retrofit

v. to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

synonym : backfit, reconstruct, recycle

(1) **retrofit** an electronic system, (2) **retrofit** applications

A **retrofit** may involve putting in new door jambs.

mall

n. a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses

synonym : shopping center, shopping complex

(1) largest electronic **mall**, (2) **mall** crawler

Many people go to the shopping **mall** to socialize and spend time with friends.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

wetland

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

synonym: bog, marsh, swamp

(1) **wetland** conservation, (2) **wetland** ecosystem

The **wetland** area was home to many different species of birds.

retail

n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

synonym: sales, trade, commerce

(1) **retail** store, (2) a **retail** dealer

The **retail** industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.

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.

sustainable

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

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

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

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

landscape

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

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

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

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

convert

v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action

synonym: alter, remake, transform

(1) **convert** fat into energy, (2) **convert** base 10 to base 16

I want to **convert** my sadness into strength.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

redirect

v. to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction

synonym: turn, divert, steer

(1) **redirect** traffic, (2) **redirect** attention

The government decided to **redirect** funding towards education and healthcare.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym : raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym: metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

dweller

n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

synonym: resident, occupant, inhabitant

(1) city **dweller**, (2) rural **dweller**

The mountain **dweller** lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.

carbon

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

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

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

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

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

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

suburbanite

n. a person who lives in a suburban area, which is often a residential area near a larger city or urban center

synonym: resident, suburban dweller

(1) **suburbanite** neighborhood, (2) upscale **suburbanite**

The **suburbanite** lifestyle is often associated with a car-dependent culture.

detached

adj. no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement

synonym : separated, isolated, impersonal

(1) a **detached** palace, (2) **detached** from reality

Their dream is to buy a **detached** house.

exterior

adj. situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something

synonym : external, outward, outer

(1) glass **exterior**, (2) new **exterior** design

Four **exterior** walls surround the courtyard.

leak

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

synonym : outflow, divulge, disclose

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

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

strict

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

synonym : rigorous, inflexible, relentless

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

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

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**.

greenhouse

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

synonym : conservatory

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

greenhouse gases

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

emission

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

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

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

urbanize

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

synonym: develop, modernize, city-build

(1) **urbanize** a region, (2) **urbanize** transportation systems

The government plans to **urbanize** the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

dependence

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

synonym: reliance, trust, addiction

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

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

fuel

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

synonym: energy, power, gas

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

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

efficiency

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

synonym : effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

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

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

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

sedentary

adj. characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement

synonym : inactive, stationary, immobile

(1) **sedentary** desk job, (2) **sedentary** behavior

His **sedentary** lifestyle and lack of exercise contributed to his declining health.

alarming

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

synonym : forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

obesity

n. the condition of being significantly overweight, typically defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater.

synonym : overweight, corpulence, fattiness

(1) **obesity-related** diseases, (2) suffer from **obesity**

The prevalence of **obesity** has increased significantly in recent years.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation
The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

disease

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

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

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

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

diabetes

n. a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood

(1) juvenile **diabetes**, (2) **diabetes** patient

My father was tested for **diabetes**.

escalate

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

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

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

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

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost
He cannot **afford** a holiday.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym: cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

synonym: growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

qualify

v. to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

synonym: permit, authorize, allow

(1) **qualify** as a candidate, (2) **qualify** for membership

The top three teams in this tournament **qualify** for the Olympics.

wipe

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

synonym: clean, brush, swab

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

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

transport

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

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

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

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

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

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.

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.

gallon

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

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

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

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

leafy

adj. covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that

are broad and flat

synonym: verdant, leaf-covered, foliated

(1) **leafy** canopy, (2) **leafy** suburbs

The neighborhood is known for its **leafy** trees and verdant gardens.

privacy

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

synonym: seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

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

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

soulless

adj. having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling

synonym: heartless, affectless, cold-blooded

(1) he is **soulless** and mechanical, (2) in a **soulless** manner

She is sitting in a tree with a **soulless** look after hearing the news.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

practical

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

synonym: applicable, functional, realistic

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

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

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

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.

demographic

n. a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

(1) **demographic** analyses, (2) **demographic** policy

Several **demographic** indicators correlate with care admission.

shift

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

synonym: transition, change, modification

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

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

dominance

n. the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group

synonym: control, mastery, supremacy

(1) **dominance** of traits, (2) **dominance** relationship

The company has maintained its **dominance** in the market for several years.

retiring

adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

synonym : shy, leaving, quitting

(1) near **retiring** age, (2) a **retiring** pension

The **retiring** CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

gap

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

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

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

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

rear

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

synonym : back, end, behind

(1) the **rear** gate, (2) **rear** children

The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

demography

n. the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics

synonym : population statistics, human ecology

(1) **demography** study, (2) the city's **demography** report

The **demography** of the country is changing rapidly due to migration and the aging population

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

consume

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

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym: roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym: energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

sheer

adj. complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent

synonym: absolute, pure, utter

(1) **sheer** cliff, (2) **sheer** fabric

The **sheer** beauty of the sunset left us in awe.

underperform

v. to perform less successfully or effectively than expected, needed, or desired; to fail to meet one's own or others' expectations or standards

synonym: underachieve, perform poorly, fall short

(1) **underperform** expectations, (2) **underperform** the market

The team **underperformed** in the championship game, leading to their defeat.

asphalt

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

synonym: tar, road surface, blacktop

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

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

indie

adj. (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

synonym: independent, alternative, underground

(1) **indie** music, (2) **indie** film

This restaurant is known for its **indie** approach to cuisine, using locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

postwar

adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

synonym: subsequent, aftermath

(1) **postwar** years, (2) **postwar** society

The **postwar** period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

downtown

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

synonym: central, city-center, urban

(1) **downtown** building, (2) **downtown** traffic

He decided to take a walk **downtown** area to explore the city.

leapfrog

n. a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

synonym: hopping, jumpfrog

(1) **leapfrog** game, (2) **leapfrog** technology

During recess, the children played a game of **leapfrog** in the schoolyard.

sprawl

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

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

locate

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

synonym : discover, find, place

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

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

deck

n. a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

synonym : platform, veranda, patio

(1) **deck** chairs, (2) hands on **deck**

She sat on the ship's **deck**, watching the sunset over the ocean.

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.

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**.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

troupe

n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

synonym: company, ensemble, group

(1) **troupe** rehearsal, (2) circus **troupe**

The theater **troupe** is performing Hamlet this weekend.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym: earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

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.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym: healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

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.

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.

adaptive

adj. capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

synonym : flexible, adjustable, pliant

(1) the **adaptive** coloring, (2) **adaptive** technology

The **adaptive** learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.

reuse

v. to use something again or more than once

synonym : reprocess, recycle, rehash

(1) **reuse** the materials, (2) **reuse** existing knowledge

The supermarket encourages shoppers to **reuse** plastic bags.

swale

n. a shallow depression or low-lying area of land, often found in a landscape with gentle slopes, which may serve to collect water or direct its flow, and they can also be used as a landscaping technique for stormwater management

synonym: ditch, trough, depression

(1) **swale** drainage, (2) roadside **swale**

The construction site implemented a **swale** system to prevent erosion and sediment runoff.

runoff

n. the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome

synonym: drainage, overspill, overflow

(1) agricultural **runoff**, (2) primary **runoff** election

Industrial **runoff** and wind-blown debris are prime examples of pollution.

phoenix

n. a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality

synonym: firebird, mythical bird, rebirth symbol

(1) **phoenix** rising, (2) **phoenix** feather

A local artist created the **phoenix** sculpture in the park.

gourmet

adj. relating to high-quality food, especially that which is prepared with great skill and care; referring to someone who has refined or discerning taste in food

synonym: culinary, epicurean, gastronomic

(1) **gourmet** techniques, (2) **gourmet** coffee

The hotel boasts a **gourmet** restaurant that serves only the finest foods and wines.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym : location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

estate

n. a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation

synonym : property, domain, land

(1) **estate** agent, (2) real **estate** transaction

The wealthy businessman left his entire **estate** to his children when he died.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym : announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

hunger

n. a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition

synonym : appetite, craving, starvation

(1) **hunger** pangs, (2) chronic **hunger**

Many people in the world suffer from **hunger** and malnourishment every day.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

scrape

v. to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

synonym : scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym : reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym : tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

compact

adj. closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual

synonym : packed, tight, consolidated

(1) a **compact** camera, (2) extremely **compact** device

Two countries acted together as if by **compact**.

increment

n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

synonym : increase, expansion, addendum

(1) steady **incremental** growth, (2) small **increments**

The bid **increment** for this auction is \$100.

commons

n. the House of Commons, which is one of the two houses of Parliament; a piece of land or an area set aside for public use, often used for recreation or grazing livestock; a shared or public resource

synonym : park, common land, public space

(1) the creative **commons** license, (2) community **commons**

The tragedy of the **commons** is an economic theory explaining how individual actions can deplete shared resources.

gradual

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

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

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

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

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym : change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym : accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a

resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

residential

adj. relating to, suitable for, or used for living in

synonym : domestic, homely, dwelling

(1) a **residential** district, (2) **residential** property

The city's **residential** area is known for its quiet streets and beautiful homes.

infill

v. to fill in or complete a space, usually by adding material to fill gaps or voids; (noun) the act of filling in or adding material to a space or gap, often used in construction or architecture to describe the process of filling in open spaces in a building or development

synonym : fill in, complete, pack in

(1) **infill** development, (2) **infill** the cavity with a dental filling

The construction workers will **infill** the trench with concrete.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

transit

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

synonym : transportation, passage, transfer

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

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

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.

insert

v. to put something inside something else

synonym : introduce, add, embed

(1) **insert** coin, (2) **insert** a graphic

She **inserted** a new chapter into her manuscript.

apartment

n. a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

synonym : flat, dwelling, unit

(1) rented **apartment**, (2) furnished **apartment**

I am seeking a spacious **apartment** with a balcony and a parking spot.

condo

n. a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed

synonym : apartment, unit, flat

(1) luxury **condo**, (2) **condo** segment

The young couple was searching for their first **condo** in the city.

subdivision

n. a smaller part of something that is divided into such parts

synonym : part, section, branch

(1) an administrative **subdivision**, (2) **subdivision** of cells

The city is divided into several smaller **subdivisions**.

buffer

n. a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage

synonym : cushion, shield, insulation

(1) a **buffer** between the quarreling parents, (2) use a **buffer** to reduce noise

Using a password manager can act as a **buffer** against hackers who try to steal your personal information.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

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.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym : prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line
Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners
The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

funk

n. a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B

synonym : melancholy, depression, gloom

(1) **funk** music, (2) get in a **funk**
When she heard about her friend's illness, she fell into a deep **funk** that lasted for days.

attractive

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

synonym : beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity
The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech

companies.

employ

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

synonym: hire, engage, use

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

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

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

array

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

synonym: collection, display, batch

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

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

turbine

n. a machine that rotates to generate power from fluids such as water or gas

synonym: engine, generator, power plant

(1) **turbine** energy, (2) **turbine** aerofoil

The wind **turbines** were spinning rapidly, generating clean energy for the nearby town.

acre

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

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

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

heyday

n. a period of success or popularity; the peak or prime of something

synonym: prime, zenith, peak

(1) the **heyday** of rock music, (2) high-tech **heyday**

The restaurant was famous in its **heyday** for its delicious food and famous patrons

promenade

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

synonym: stroll, walkway, boulevard

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

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

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym: go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

multistory

adj. referring to a building or structure that has multiple floors or levels; characterized or designed for multiple stories or levels

synonym: multi-level, high-rise, tower

(1) **multistory** mall, (2) **multistory** car park

The **multistory** building had a stunning rooftop garden.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

build-out

n. the process of constructing, expanding, or renovating a physical structure, such as a building or infrastructure for utilities

synonym : expansion, infrastructure, development

(1) restaurant **build-out**, (2) network **build-out**

The company's **build-out** of new stores nationwide allowed them to increase its market reach.

connectivity

n. the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other

synonym : linkage, network

(1) digital **connectivity**, (2) global **connectivity**

The hotel offers high-speed internet **connectivity** for all its guests.

prompt

v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen

synonym : actuate, inspire, incite

(1) **prompt** a feeling of hunger, (2) **prompt** a debate

That incident **prompted** a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.

bulldoze

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

synonym : level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying

They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym: plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

systemic

adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

(1) the **systemic** arteries, (2) **systemic** reforms of the organization

This vaccine causes mild **systemic** side effects.

corridor

n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

synonym: hallway, passageway, aisle

(1) walk along a **corridor**, (2) air **corridor**

The long **corridor** was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

boulevard

n. a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade

synonym: avenue, street, road

(1) tree-lined **boulevard**, (2) residential **boulevard**

The new shopping center is on a bustling **boulevard** in the city's heart.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym: unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

undesirable

adj. not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

synonym : objectionable, distasteful, unwanted

(1) **undesirable** outcome, (2) **undesirable** behavior

The smell of the garbage was very **undesirable**.

dignify

v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant

synonym : elevate, ennoble, honor

(1) **dignify** the role, (2) **dignify** the occasion

It's important to **dignify** other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

densify

v. to make something denser or more compact; to increase the concentration, intensity, or density of something; to bring things closer together

synonym : intensify, compact, strengthen

(1) **densify** soil, (2) **densify** classroom sizes

The city plans to **densify** the downtown area by building taller, more compact buildings.

- flint**
- n.* a hard, gray stone that can produce sparks when struck with steel used historically to start fires; a type of microcrystalline quartz used for making tools, weapons, and jewelry
- synonym*: hardstone, tinder, firestone
- (1) **flint** tools, (2) the **flint** on my lighter
- The archeologist found a **flint** arrowhead on the dig site.
- burgeon**
- v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
- synonym*: flourish, bloom, thrive
- (1) **burgeon** rapidly, (2) **burgeon** from every corner.
- The city's art scene has been **burgeoning** recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.
- movement**
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
- synonym*: motion, progression, action
- (1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
- The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- victory**
- n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
- synonym*: win, triumph, success
- (1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism
- We are optimistic about our final **victory**.
- 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.

restore

v. to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position

synonym: fix, mend, reestablish

(1) **restore** order, (2) **restore** the emperor to the throne

The military regime has promised to **restore** democracy as soon as possible.

ecology

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

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

lakeside

n. (also "lakeshore" or "lakefront") the edge or shore of a lake; an area adjacent to a lake

synonym: shoreline, lakeshore, waterfront

(1) **lakeside** view, (2) **lakeside** cabin

The **lakeside** resort was a perfect destination for a romantic getaway.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym: belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

adjacent

adj. next to, close to, or adjoining something

synonym: next, adjoining, neighboring

(1) **adjacent** to his house, (2) **adjacent** houses

Our country has military alliances with **adjacent** countries.

wavy

adj. characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat

synonym : curly, undulating, rippled

(1) **wavy** pattern, (2) **wavy** sea

The model's hair was long and **wavy**, cascading down her back in soft waves.

creek

n. a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills

synonym : brook, stream, rivulet

(1) **creek** bed, (2) a dry **creek**

The sound of the babbling **creek** provided a soothing backdrop for campers and outdoor enthusiasts.

daylight

n. the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness

synonym : sunlight, daytime, day

(1) **daylight** hours, (2) natural **daylight**

The view of the city skyline from the top of the building looked amazing in the **daylight**.

culvert

n. a tunnel or pipe that carries water or drains under a road or embankment

synonym : drain, tube, pipe

(1) clogged **culvert**, (2) driveway **culvert**

The **culvert** under the road helps redirect water away from the area during heavy rain.

improvisation

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

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

habitat

n. the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs

synonym : dwelling, environment, home ground

(1) a marine **habitat**, (2) threatened **habitat**

The **habitat** of this bird is freshwater areas and saltwater marshes.

metropolitan

adj. of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

synonym : urban, city, municipal

(1) major **metropolitan** area, (2) **metropolitan** city

The city is a true **metropolitan**, with a diverse population and bustling streets.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

slide

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

synonym : glide, drift, drop

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

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

reverse

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

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

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

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

rail

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

synonym: bar, beam, (verb) criticize

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

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

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

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.

viable

adj. capable of being done as intended; able to succeed

synonym: feasible, possible, attainable

(1) achieve a **viable** relationship, (2) develop a **viable** therapy

Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more **viable**.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym: move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

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

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

architectural

adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures

synonym: structural, building, constructive

(1) study **architectural** engineering, (2) beautiful **architectural** landmarks

The **architectural** style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym: objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

faux

adj. not genuine; fake, or artificial; made to resemble something that it is not

synonym: imitation, artificial, simulated

(1) **faux** painting, (2) **faux** fur

She was embarrassed to realize her designer handbag was a **faux** leather knockoff.

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym: immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

phony

adj. not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious

synonym: fake, fraudulent, counterfeit

(1) **phony** excuse, (2) **phony** smile

He's a **phony** salesman who promises things he can't deliver.

hybrid

adj. composed of different elements or mixed characters

synonym: blended, mixed, combined

(1) new **hybrid** system, (2) an interspecific **hybrid**

The mule is a **hybrid** between a male donkey and a female horse.

ratio

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

synonym: proportion, rate, quota

(1) debt-to-income **ratio**, (2) **ratio** of boys to girls

The **ratio** of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

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.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities;
various

synonym : manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents
New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

typical

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

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms
This artwork is **typical** of her work.

wince

v. to make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking
movement due to pain, distress, or embarrassment;
(noun) a facial expression or bodily gesture of pain,
discomfort, or embarrassment in response to an
unpleasant or unwelcome stimulus

synonym : flinch, grimace, twitch

(1) **wince** at the sound, (2) a slight **wince**

He **wincing** as he saw his favorite vase fall and shatter on the
ground.

layout

n. the way in which the parts of something are arranged or
set out

synonym : arrangement, configuration, design

(1) a keyboard **layout**, (2) the **layout** of a book

He designed the **layout** of the office to maximize efficiency.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual
concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise**
anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack
of funds.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

cult

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

synonym: sect, faith, religion

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

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

adolescent

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

synonym: teen, preadult, youth

(1) **adolescent** girl, (2) pre- **adolescent** children

Timely education about birth control might help reduce **adolescent** pregnancies.

zone

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

synonym: area, region, territory

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

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

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym: food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

Session 2: Spelling

1. as____t driveway *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
2. vi____y in the law court *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
3. r__l system *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
4. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
5. agricultural ru____f *n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
6. f__x painting *adj.* not genuine; fake, or artificial; made to resemble something that it is not
7. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
8. dy____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

ANSWERS: 1. asphalt, 2. victory, 3. rail, 4. cult, 5. runoff, 6. faux, 7. fig, 8. dynamic

9. le____og technology *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
10. su____b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
11. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
12. al____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
13. pr____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
14. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. v__y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
16. a two-dimensional ar__y *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
17. furnished ap____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
18. a slight wi__e *v.* to make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement due to pain, distress, or embarrassment; (noun) a facial expression or bodily gesture of pain, discomfort, or embarrassment in response to an unpleasant or unwelcome stimulus

ANSWERS: 9. leapfrog, 10. suburb, 11. protest, 12. alarming, 13. privacy, 14. opportune, 15. vary, 16. array, 17. apartment, 18. wince

19. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
20. co____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
21. primary ru____f election *n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
22. the per____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
23. higher pixel de____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
24. dem____hy study *n.* the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics
25. the ec____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
26. jazz imp____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
27. re____it an electronic system *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
28. population de____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
29. air co____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

ANSWERS: 19. announce, 20. consume, 21. runoff, 22. perspective, 23. density, 24. demography, 25. ecology, 26. improvisation, 27. retrofit, 28. density, 29. corridor

30. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
31. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
32. a res_____al district *adj.* relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
33. fl__t tools *n.* a hard, gray stone that can produce sparks when struck with steel used historically to start fires; a type of microcrystalline quartz used for making tools, weapons, and jewelry
34. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
35. hands on d__k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
36. bu_____ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
37. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
38. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
39. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
40. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 30. optimistic, 31. topic, 32. residential, 33. flint, 34. eventually, 35. deck, 36. bulldoze, 37. gradual, 38. relative, 39. compromise, 40. invest

41. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
42. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
43. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
44. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
45. al_____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
46. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
47. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
48. re_____it applications *v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured
49. ex_____on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
50. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 41. addition, 42. invest, 43. technological, 44. encouraging, 45. alarming, 46. relative, 47. sustainable, 48. retrofit, 49. expansion, 50. economy

51. re____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
52. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
53. do_____ce relationship *n.* the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group
54. 5-ga____n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
55. major met_____tan area *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
56. la_____de view *n.* (also "lakeshore" or "lakefront") the edge or shore of a lake; an area adjacent to a lake
57. sh__r fabric *adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent
58. steady in_____ntal growth *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
59. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
60. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

ANSWERS: 51. rebuild, 52. massive, 53. dominance, 54. gallon, 55. metropolitan, 56. lakeside, 57. sheer, 58. increment, 59. movement, 60. gradual

61. rural dw_____r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
62. natural da_____ht *n.* the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness
63. le__y suburbs *adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat
64. bu_____n from every corner. *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
65. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
66. tu_____e aerofoil *n.* a machine that rotates to generate power from fluids such as water or gas
67. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
68. emissions of gre_____se gases *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
69. di_____y the role *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
70. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
71. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

ANSWERS: 61. dweller, 62. daylight, 63. leafy, 64. burgeon, 65. affordable, 66. turbine, 67. tremendous, 68. greenhouse, 69. dignify, 70. shift, 71. transfer

72. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
73. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
74. do____wn building *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
75. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
76. the gr____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
77. financial dep_____ce *n.* the state or condition of relying or depending on someone or something else; a relationship in which one person or thing is influenced, controlled, or supported by another
78. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
79. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
80. science of ec____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

ANSWERS: 72. communal, 73. improvisation, 74. downtown, 75. process, 76. grocery, 77. dependence, 78. population, 79. technological, 80. ecology

81. the r__r gate *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
82. sp___l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
83. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
84. small in_____nts *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
85. und_____le outcome *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance
86. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
87. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
88. ra__o of boys to girls *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal
89. the sy_____ic arteries *adj.* affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society

ANSWERS: 81. rear, 82. sprawl, 83. gap, 84. increment, 85. undesirable, 86. diet, 87. church, 88. ratio, 89. systemic

99. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
100. at____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
101. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
102. und_____orm the market *v.* to perform less successfully or effectively than expected, needed, or desired; to fail to meet one's own or others' expectations or standards
103. sh__r cliff *adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent
104. st__t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
105. make dr____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
106. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
107. in____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
108. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
109. ad____nt houses *adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something

ANSWERS: 99. bunch, 100. attract, 101. transformation, 102. underperform, 103. sheer, 104. strict, 105. dramatic, 106. encouraging, 107. inhabit, 108. urban, 109. adjacent

110. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
111. dep_____ce on technology *n.* the state or condition of relying or depending on someone or something else; a relationship in which one person or thing is influenced, controlled, or supported by another
112. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
113. ten-ga___n hat *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
114. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
115. de_____ed from reality *adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
116. w__y pattern *adj.* characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat
117. a re___l dealer *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets
118. f__k music *n.* a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B

ANSWERS: 110. stream, 111. dependence, 112. trigger, 113. gallon, 114. generation, 115. detached, 116. wavy, 117. retail, 118. funk

119. co_____t fat into energy *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
120. threatened ha_____t *n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
121. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
122. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
123. chronic hu___r *n.* a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition
124. do_____ce of traits *n.* the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group
125. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
126. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
127. tu_____e energy *n.* a machine that rotates to generate power from fluids such as water or gas
128. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
129. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew

ANSWERS: 119. convert, 120. habitat, 121. infrastructure, 122. aspect, 123. hunger, 124. dominance, 125. reverse, 126. expand, 127. turbine, 128. strategy, 129. rebuild

130. met_____tan city *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
131. co_____t base 10 to base 16 *v.* to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
132. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
133. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
134. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
135. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
136. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
137. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
138. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
139. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
140. sc___e a hole in the ground *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
141. d__k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure

ANSWERS: 130. metropolitan, 131. convert, 132. gap, 133. tremendous, 134. fuel, 135. construct, 136. strategy, 137. sociologist, 138. announce, 139. communal, 140. scrape, 141. deck

142. sy____ic reforms of the organization
adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
143. tr____r a biochemical response
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
144. po____r years
adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
145. b__m in sales
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
146. ca____n dioxide
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
147. co____ct a 3D image
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
148. co__o segment
n. a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed
149. the em____on of light
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
150. in__l the cavity with a dental filling
v. to fill in or complete a space, usually by adding material to fill gaps or voids; (noun) the act of filling in or adding material to a space or gap, often used in construction or architecture to describe the process of filling in open spaces in a building or development

ANSWERS: 142. systemic, 143. trigger, 144. postwar, 145. boom, 146. carbon, 147. construct, 148. condo, 149. emission, 150. infill

151. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
152. m__l crawler *n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
153. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
154. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
155. the creative co_____s license *n.* the House of Commons, which is one of the two houses of Parliament; a piece of land or an area set aside for public use, often used for recreation or grazing livestock; a shared or public resource
156. se_____ry behavior *adj.* characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement
157. pr_____al English *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
158. in___t a graphic *v.* to put something inside something else
159. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
160. le__y canopy *adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat

ANSWERS: 151. adapt, 152. mall, 153. revenue, 154. develop, 155. commons, 156. sedentary, 157. practical, 158. insert, 159. increasingly, 160. leafy

161. re_____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
162. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
163. em____y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
164. ph_____x rising *n.* a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality
165. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
166. es_____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
167. an ar__y of troops *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
168. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
169. luxury co__o *n.* a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed
170. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
171. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 161. reverse, 162. underestimate, 163. employ, 164. phoenix, 165. increasingly, 166. escalate, 167. array, 168. predict, 169. condo, 170. typical, 171. property

172. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
173. new ex_____or design *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something
174. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
175. he is so_____ss and mechanical *adj.* having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling
176. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
177. pr____t a debate *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
178. a keyboard la____t *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
179. hu____r pangs *n.* a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition
180. l__k a classified memo *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

ANSWERS: 172. mathematics, 173. exterior, 174. strip, 175. soulless, 176. nurse, 177. prompt, 178. layout, 179. hunger, 180. leak

181. vi____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
182. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
183. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
184. near re_____ng age *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
185. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
186. re_____ct attention *v.* to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction
187. a dr_____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
188. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
189. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
190. di_____es patient *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
191. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city

ANSWERS: 181. victory, 182. boost, 183. approve, 184. retiring, 185. contribution, 186. redirect, 187. dramatic, 188. landscape, 189. underestimate, 190. diabetes, 191. urban

192. da____ht hours *n.* the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness
193. sub_____on of cells *n.* a smaller part of something that is divided into such parts
194. travel des_____on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
195. in____t coin *v.* to put something inside something else
196. r__l against his enemies *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
197. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
198. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
199. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
200. ac____e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
201. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
202. to es_____te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

ANSWERS: 192. daylight, 193. subdivision, 194. destination, 195. insert, 196. rail, 197. fig, 198. protest, 199. shift, 200. accuse, 201. attract, 202. escalate

203. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
204. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
205. sw__e drainage *n.* a shallow depression or low-lying area of land, often found in a landscape with gentle slopes, which may serve to collect water or direct its flow, and they can also be used as a landscaping technique for stormwater management
206. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
207. pr_____de in the park *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
208. se_____ry desk job *adj.* characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement
209. exotic plants in a gre_____se *n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in
210. suffer from ob_____y *n.* the condition of being significantly overweight, typically defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater.
211. qu_____y as a candidate *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

ANSWERS: 203. zone, 204. architecture, 205. swale, 206. expand, 207. promenade, 208. sedentary, 209. greenhouse, 210. obesity, 211. qualify

212. city dw_____r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
213. rented ap_____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
214. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
215. clogged cu_____t *n.* a tunnel or pipe that carries water or drains under a road or embankment
216. go_____t coffee *adj.* relating to high-quality food, especially that which is prepared with great skill and care; referring to someone who has refined or discerning taste in food
217. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
218. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
219. ph_____x feather *n.* a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality
220. the ad_____ve coloring *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
221. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

ANSWERS: 212. dweller, 213. apartment, 214. generation, 215. culvert, 216. gourmet, 217. transformation, 218. extreme, 219. phoenix, 220. adaptive, 221. efficiency

222. a photo st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
223. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
224. in__e music *adj.* (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture
225. new hy___d system *adj.* composed of different elements or mixed characters
226. re_____e order *v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
227. roadside sw___e *n.* a shallow depression or low-lying area of land, often found in a landscape with gentle slopes, which may serve to collect water or direct its flow, and they can also be used as a landscaping technique for stormwater management
228. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
229. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
230. 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

ANSWERS: 222. studio, 223. improve, 224. indie, 225. hybrid, 226. restore, 227. swale, 228. inhabit, 229. strip, 230. decide

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| 231. dem_____ic analyses | <i>n.</i> | a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc. |
| 232. a sonic b__m | <i>n.</i> | a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound |
| 233. the local chamber of co_____ce | <i>n.</i> | the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale |
| 234. driveway cu_____t | <i>n.</i> | a tunnel or pipe that carries water or drains under a road or embankment |
| 235. largest electronic m__l | <i>n.</i> | a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses |
| 236. the he___y of rock music | <i>n.</i> | a period of success or popularity; the peak or prime of something |
| 237. run a gr_____y | <i>n.</i> | a shop that sells food and other household items |
| 238. tax re_____e | <i>n.</i> | the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business |
| 239. effects of cl_____e change | <i>n.</i> | the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period |
| 240. eve_____ly succeed | <i>adv.</i> | finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on |
| 241. em___y job seekers | <i>v.</i> | to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of |
| 242. mul_____ry mall | <i>adj.</i> | referring to a building or structure that has multiple floors or levels; characterized or designed for multiple stories or levels |

ANSWERS: 231. demographic, 232. boom, 233. commerce, 234. culvert, 235. mall, 236. heyday, 237. grocery, 238. revenue, 239. climate, 240. eventually, 241. employ, 242. multistory

243. in st___t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
244. res_____al property *adj.* relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
245. as_____t pavement *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
246. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
247. b__k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
248. gain pr_____al experience *adj.* of or connected with actual use or real situation rather than with theory and ideas
249. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
250. achieve a vi___e relationship *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
251. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
252. und_____le behavior *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

ANSWERS: 243. strict, 244. residential, 245. asphalt, 246. climate, 247. buck, 248. practical, 249. commerce, 250. viable, 251. transport, 252. undesirable

253. get in a f__k *n.* a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B
254. wi__e at the sound *v.* to make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement due to pain, distress, or embarrassment; (noun) a facial expression or bodily gesture of pain, discomfort, or embarrassment in response to an unpleasant or unwelcome stimulus
255. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
256. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
257. ex___d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
258. in a so_____ss manner *adj.* having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling
259. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
260. 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
261. trespass on a person's pr_____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

ANSWERS: 253. funk, 254. wince, 255. addition, 256. footprint, 257. extend, 258. soulless, 259. consume, 260. buck, 261. privacy

262. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
263. a tr_____t visa *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
264. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
265. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
266. tr___e rehearsal *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
267. ur_____ze a region *v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
268. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
269. upscale sub_____te *n.* a person who lives in a suburban area, which is often a residential area near a larger city or urban center
270. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
271. sl___e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
272. pre-ado_____nt children *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

ANSWERS: 262. opportune, 263. transit, 264. mention, 265. locate, 266. troupe, 267. urbanize, 268. efficiency, 269. suburbanite, 270. transfer, 271. slide, 272. adolescent

273. re_____e the emperor to the throne *v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
274. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
275. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
276. pr_____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
277. real es_____e transaction *n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation
278. evening pr_____de *n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
279. develop a vi_____e therapy *adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
280. a marine ha_____t *n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
281. cr__k bed *n.* a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills

ANSWERS: 273. restore, 274. zone, 275. landscape, 276. proclaim, 277. estate, 278. promenade, 279. viable, 280. habitat, 281. creek

282. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
283. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
284. use a bu____r to reduce noise *n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
285. di_____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
286. glass ex_____or *adj.* situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something
287. pr____t a feeling of hunger *v.* to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
288. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
289. lo____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
290. att_____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
291. debt-to-income ra__o *n.* the relative size or amount of one thing to another, typically expressed in the form of a fraction or decimal

ANSWERS: 282. movement, 283. emission, 284. buffer, 285. diverse, 286. exterior, 287. prompt, 288. sustainable, 289. locate, 290. attractive, 291. ratio

292. la____de cabin *n.* (also "lakeshore" or "lakefront") the edge or shore of a lake; an area adjacent to a lake
293. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
294. a dy____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
295. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
296. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
297. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
298. tree-lined bo_____rd *n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
299. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
300. restaurant bu_____ut *n.* the process of constructing, expanding, or renovating a physical structure, such as a building or infrastructure for utilities
301. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 292. lakeside, 293. afford, 294. dynamic, 295. institutionalize, 296.

footprint, 297. optimistic, 298. boulevard, 299. diet, 300. build-out, 301. process

302. di____y the occasion *v.* to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
303. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
304. a re____ng pension *adj.* withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved
305. beautiful arc_____ral landmarks *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
306. the city's dem_____hy report *n.* the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics
307. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
308. a de____ed palace *adj.* no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
309. romantic des_____ons *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
310. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
311. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
312. bu____ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

ANSWERS: 302. dignify, 303. afford, 304. retiring, 305. architectural, 306. demography, 307. probable, 308. detached, 309. destination, 310. fuel, 311. improve, 312. bulldoze

313. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
314. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
315. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
316. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
317. go_____t techniques *adj.* relating to high-quality food, especially that which is prepared with great skill and care; referring to someone who has refined or discerning taste in food
318. dem_____ic policy *n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.
319. tr_____m an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
320. a bu___r between the quarreling parents *n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
321. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
322. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
323. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 313. nurse, 314. extend, 315. studio, 316. accuse, 317. gourmet, 318. demographic, 319. transform, 320. buffer, 321. compromise, 322. typical, 323. bunch

324. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
325. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
326. ph__y excuse *adj.* not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious
327. industrial ex_____on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
328. le____og game *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
329. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
330. an a__e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
331. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
332. att_____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
333. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 324. carbon, 325. contribution, 326. phony, 327. expansion, 328. leapfrog, 329. instance, 330. acre, 331. property, 332. attractive, 333. instance

334. l__k data *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
335. high-tech he___y *n.* a period of success or popularity; the peak or prime of something
336. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
337. extremely co_____t device *adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual
338. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
339. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
340. 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
341. sc___e meat off a bone *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

ANSWERS: 334. leak, 335. heyday, 336. democracy, 337. compact, 338. refer, 339. disease, 340. economy, 341. scrape

342. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
343. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
344. the la____t of a book *n.* the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
345. ob_____y-related diseases *n.* the condition of being significantly overweight, typically defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater.
346. re_____ct traffic *v.* to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction
347. digital con_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other
348. po_____r society *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
349. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 342. hop, 343. probable, 344. layout, 345. obesity, 346. redirect, 347. connectivity, 348. postwar, 349. develop

350. r__r children *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
351. su___b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
352. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
353. an administrative sub_____on *n.* a smaller part of something that is divided into such parts
354. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
355. a dry cr__k *n.* a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills
356. sub_____te neighborhood *n.* a person who lives in a suburban area, which is often a residential area near a larger city or urban center
357. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
358. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
359. study arc_____ral engineering *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures

ANSWERS: 350. rear, 351. suburb, 352. mention, 353. subdivision, 354. ugly, 355. creek, 356. suburbanite, 357. church, 358. aspect, 359. architectural

360. ur____ze transportation systems *v.* to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns
361. in____l development *v.* to fill in or complete a space, usually by adding material to fill gaps or voids; (noun) the act of filling in or adding material to a space or gap, often used in construction or architecture to describe the process of filling in open spaces in a building or development
362. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
363. half-a__e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
364. driving di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
365. in__e film *adj.* (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

ANSWERS: 360. urbanize, 361. infill, 362. infrastructure, 363. acre, 364. distance, 365. indie

366. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
367. the fl__t on my lighter *n.* a hard, gray stone that can produce sparks when struck with steel used historically to start fires; a type of microcrystalline quartz used for making tools, weapons, and jewelry
368. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
369. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
370. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
371. f__x fur *adj.* not genuine; fake, or artificial; made to resemble something that it is not
372. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
373. community co_____s *n.* the House of Commons, which is one of the two houses of Parliament; a piece of land or an area set aside for public use, often used for recreation or grazing livestock; a shared or public resource
374. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

ANSWERS: 366. institutionalize, 367. flint, 368. topic, 369. unintended, 370. consequence, 371. faux, 372. disease, 373. commons, 374. plow

375. juvenile di____es *n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
376. an interspecific hy____d *adj.* composed of different elements or mixed characters
377. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
378. an in____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
379. ma____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
380. de____y classroom sizes *v.* to make something denser or more compact; to increase the concentration, intensity, or density of something; to bring things closer together
381. bo__t flexibility *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
382. global con_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other
383. the st____m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
384. de____t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
385. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 375. diabetes, 376. hybrid, 377. architecture, 378. instant, 379. massive, 380. densify, 381. boost, 382. connectivity, 383. stream, 384. depart, 385. refer

386. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
387. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
388. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
389. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
390. rec_____ct the original text *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
391. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
392. we_____d conservation *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
393. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
394. re__e the materials *v.* to use something again or more than once
395. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
396. re___l store *n.* the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

ANSWERS: 386. sociologist, 387. ugly, 388. wipe, 389. depart, 390. reconstruct, 391. slide, 392. wetland, 393. cult, 394. reuse, 395. mathematics, 396. retail

397. mul_____ry car park *adj.* referring to a building or structure that has multiple floors or levels; characterized or designed for multiple stories or levels
398. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
399. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
400. circus tr____e *n.* a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production
401. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
402. we_____d ecosystem *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
403. es____e agent *n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation
404. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
405. re__e existing knowledge *v.* to use something again or more than once
406. ad_____ve technology *adj.* capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions

ANSWERS: 397. multistory, 398. extreme, 399. transport, 400. troupe, 401. affordable, 402. wetland, 403. estate, 404. population, 405. reuse, 406. adaptive

407. pr____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
408. do____wn traffic *adv.* in or towards the central area of a town or city
409. w__y sea *adj.* characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat
410. residential bo____rd *n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
411. mass tr____t *n.* the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
412. rec____ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
413. a per____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
414. ad____nt to his house *adj.* next to, close to, or adjoining something
415. unintended con____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
416. bu____n rapidly *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
417. social di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 407. proclaim, 408. downtown, 409. wavy, 410. boulevard, 411. transit, 412. reconstruct, 413. perspective, 414. adjacent, 415. consequence, 416. burgeon, 417. distance

418. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
419. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
420. ado_____nt girl *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
421. walk along a co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
422. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
423. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
424. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
425. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
426. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
427. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
428. qu_____y for membership *v.* to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege
429. ph__y smile *adj.* not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious

ANSWERS: 418. wipe, 419. unintended, 420. adolescent, 421. corridor, 422. sprawl, 423. instant, 424. transform, 425. adapt, 426. diverse, 427. hop, 428. qualify, 429. phony

430. de___e a question

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

ANSWERS: 430. decide

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ industry has been affected by the rise of online shopping.
n. the sale of goods or services to consumers, especially in small quantities, either directly to the end customer or through retail outlets

2. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

3. The _____ building had a stunning rooftop garden.
adj. referring to a building or structure that has multiple floors or levels; characterized or designed for multiple stories or levels

4. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.
n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

5. We are optimistic about our final _____.
n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

6. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.
v. to improve, raise, or increase something

7. Our country has military alliances with _____ countries.
adj. next to, close to, or adjoining something

8. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
v. to live in a specific location; to reside

ANSWERS: 1. retail, 2. expand, 3. multistory, 4. suburbs, 5. victory, 6. boost, 7. adjacent, 8. inhabit

9. The _____ of the country is changing rapidly due to migration and the aging population
- n.* the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics
10. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
11. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
- n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
12. The _____ area was home to many different species of birds.
- adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
13. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.
- n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
14. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.
- adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
15. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
- v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
16. The _____ effect is a phenomenon that happens naturally.
- n.* a building with walls and roof made chiefly of transparent material, such as glass, for growing plants in

ANSWERS: 9. demography, 10. probable, 11. nurse, 12. wetland, 13. Sociologist, 14. strict, 15. reversed, 16. greenhouse

17. The tragedy of the _____ is an economic theory explaining how individual actions can deplete shared resources.
- n.* the House of Commons, which is one of the two houses of Parliament; a piece of land or an area set aside for public use, often used for recreation or grazing livestock; a shared or public resource
18. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
- n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
19. The _____ resort was a perfect destination for a romantic getaway.
- n.* (also "lakeshore" or "lakefront") the edge or shore of a lake; an area adjacent to a lake
20. He cannot _____ a holiday.
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
21. The hotel offers high-speed internet _____ for all its guests.
- n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other
22. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.
- adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
23. The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the _____.
- n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

ANSWERS: 17. commons, 18. population, 19. lakeside, 20. afford, 21. connectivity, 22. dynamic, 23. plow

24. We had a _____ time yesterday.

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

25. The top three teams in this tournament _____ for the Olympics.

v. to reach the standard or fulfill the requirement of ability or knowledge needed to do a particular job or receive a particular benefit or privilege

26. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

27. The young couple was searching for their first _____ in the city.

n. a type of housing where each unit is individually owned, while common areas are jointly owned and managed

28. They _____ the old building to make way for a new one.

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

29. The company has maintained its _____ in the market for several years.

n. the state or quality of being the most powerful or influential person or group

30. The government plans to _____ the rural area by building more housing units and improving transportation infrastructure.

v. to make an area more urban in character or nature, often through the development and expansion of cities or towns

31. The company is undergoing an _____ opening new locations in several states.

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

ANSWERS: 24. tremendous, 25. qualify, 26. massive, 27. condo, 28. bulldozed, 29. dominance, 30. urbanize, 31. expansion,

32. This vaccine causes mild _____ side effects.
adj. affecting or related to the whole of something, especially the human body or a society
33. Four _____ walls surround the courtyard.
adj. situated in or suitable for the outdoors or outside of something
34. Their dream is to buy a _____ house.
adj. no longer connected or joined; showing lack of emotional involvement
35. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
36. It's important to _____ other people's opinions and not dismiss them without consideration.
v. to make something worthy of respect or honor; to elevate or give importance to something that may otherwise be considered insignificant
37. Timely education about birth control might help reduce _____ pregnancies.
n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
38. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
39. The theater _____ is performing Hamlet this weekend.
n. a group of actors, dancers, or performers who work together as a team, typically in a theatrical or musical production

ANSWERS: 32. systemic, 33. exterior, 34. detached, 35. addition, 36. dignify, 37. adolescent, 38. architecture, 39. troupe

40. The city's _____ area is known for its quiet streets and beautiful homes.
adj. relating to, suitable for, or used for living in
41. I want to _____ my sadness into strength.
v. to have a talk with someone; (adjective) reversed in order, relation, or action
42. The mountain _____ lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.
n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
43. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.
v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
44. The model's hair was long and _____ cascading down her back in soft waves.
adj. characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat
45. The supermarket encourages shoppers to _____ plastic bags.
v. to use something again or more than once
46. This artwork is _____ of her work.
adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
47. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
48. The construction site implemented a _____ system to prevent erosion and sediment runoff.
n. a shallow depression or low-lying area of land, often found in a landscape with gentle slopes, which may serve to collect water or direct its flow, and they can also be used as a landscaping technique for stormwater management

ANSWERS: 40. residential, 41. convert, 42. dweller, 43. approve, 44. wavy, 45. reuse, 46. typical, 47. departed, 48. swale

49. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

50. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

51. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

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

52. The city is divided into several smaller _____.

n. a smaller part of something that is divided into such parts

53. 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

54. The city plans to _____ the downtown area by building taller, more compact buildings.

v. to make something denser or more compact; to increase the concentration, intensity, or density of something; to bring things closer together

55. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

56. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

ANSWERS: 49. extend, 50. density, 51. transportation, 52. subdivisions, 53. decide, 54. densify, 55. infrastructure, 56. consequences

57. Industrial _____ and wind-blown debris are prime examples of pollution.
- n.* the occurrence of surplus liquid such as water that exceeds the limit or capacity; another competition, election, race, etc., following a tie or inconclusive outcome
58. The view of the city skyline from the top of the building looked amazing in the _____.
- n.* the natural light produced by the sun during the day, especially in contrast to artificial light or darkness
59. My father was tested for _____.
- n.* a medical condition in which the body cannot produce enough insulin to control the glucose levels in the blood
60. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
61. The city's art scene has been _____ recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.
- v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
62. Two countries acted together as if by _____.
- adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual
63. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.
- v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

ANSWERS: 57. runoff, 58. daylight, 59. diabetes, 60. constructs, 61. burgeoning, 62. compact, 63. wipe

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

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

65. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

66. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

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

67. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite _____.

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

68. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

69. The smell of the garbage was very _____.

adj. not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

70. The children leaned over the bridge _____ to watch the fish swimming below.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 64. grocery, 65. perspective, 66. disease, 67. alarming, 68. church, 69. undesirable, 70. rail, 71. vary

72. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

73. The neighborhood is known for its _____ trees and verdant gardens.

adj. covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat

74. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

75. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

76. The government decided to _____ funding towards education and healthcare.

v. to change the direction or course of something; to send in a different direction

77. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.

adv. more and more

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

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

79. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 72. attractive, 73. leafy, 74. strip, 75. transformed, 76. redirect, 77. increasingly, 78. array, 79. boom

80. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
81. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
82. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
- n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
83. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
84. Many people go to the shopping _____ to socialize and spend time with friends.
- n.* a large, enclosed shopping center that typically contains many stores, restaurants, and other businesses
85. The boardwalk by the beach was a beautiful _____ for tourists and locals alike.
- n.* a stroll or walk, often taken in a public place or park; a public place for walking or strolling, often filled with shops or vendors; a dance movement in which the partners move around the floor in a circle or similar pattern
86. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

ANSWERS: 80. predict, 81. gap, 82. generation, 83. eventually, 84. mall, 85. promenade, 86. Democracy

87. The restaurant was famous in its _____ for its delicious food and famous patrons
n. a period of success or popularity; the peak or prime of something
88. That incident _____ a nationwide chain reaction regarding the crackdown on illegal groups.
v. to make someone decide to or try to do something, or to make something happen
89. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.
n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
90. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
91. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
92. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
93. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
94. The _____ under the road helps redirect water away from the area during heavy rain.
n. a tunnel or pipe that carries water or drains under a road or embankment

ANSWERS: 87. heyday, 88. prompted, 89. privacy, 90. extreme, 91. protest, 92. locate, 93. relatives, 94. culvert

95. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

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

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

97. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

98. The _____ CEO passed on the reins to his successor.

adj. withdrawing from a position or activity, or becoming more secluded or reserved

99. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.

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

100. The third season of the anime show has been _____.

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

101. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

102. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

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

ANSWERS: 95. bunch, 96. leaked, 97. refer, 98. retiring, 99. improvisation, 100. announced, 101. aspects, 102. develop

103. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

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

104. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.

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

105. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

- adj.* not expensive and able to pay

106. The sound of the babbling _____ provided a soothing backdrop for campers and outdoor enthusiasts.

- n.* a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills

107. This restaurant is known for its _____ approach to cuisine, using locally sourced and sustainable ingredients.

- adj.* (short for independent) relating to a style or genre of music, film, or literature that is produced without the backing or support of a major commercial company, often associated with a DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos or subculture

108. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

- adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

109. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.

- v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

ANSWERS: 103. cult, 104. escalated, 105. affordable, 106. creek, 107. indie, 108. dramatic, 109. proclaimed

110. Several _____ indicators correlate with care admission.

- n.* a statistic characterizing that describes people or groups of people based on their age, sex, income, etc.

111. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

- v.* to make or become better

112. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

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

113. The team _____ in the championship game, leading to their defeat.

- v.* to perform less successfully or effectively than expected, needed, or desired; to fail to meet one's own or others' expectations or standards

114. They've decided to _____ a ruined castle.

- v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

115. She _____ a new chapter into her manuscript.

- v.* to put something inside something else

116. Many people in the world suffer from _____ and malnourishment every day.

- n.* a strong desire or craving for something; a feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food; a chronic condition of insufficient food intake and malnutrition

117. His _____ lifestyle and lack of exercise contributed to his declining health.

- adj.* characterized by or involving a lot of sitting or little physical activity; inactive or lacking in exercise or movement

ANSWERS: 110. demographic, 111. improve, 112. process, 113. underperformed, 114. reconstruct, 115. inserted, 116. hunger, 117. sedentary

118. 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

119. The _____ of water to sugar in the recipe is 1:2.

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

120. She is sitting in a tree with a _____ look after hearing the news.

adj. having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling

121. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

122. The city is a true _____ with a diverse population and bustling streets.

adj. of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country

123. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

124. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

125. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

ANSWERS: 118. buck, 119. ratio, 120. soulless, 121. accused, 122. metropolitan, 123. adapt, 124. compromised, 125. opportune

126. The _____ lifestyle is often associated with a car-dependent culture.
- n.* a person who lives in a suburban area, which is often a residential area near a larger city or urban center
127. 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.)
128. She sat on the ship's _____ watching the sunset over the ocean.
- n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
129. The wealthy businessman left his entire _____ to his children when he died.
- n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation
130. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
- n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
131. The new shopping center is on a bustling _____ in the city's heart.
- n.* a wide street or avenue, often lined with trees and featuring multiple lanes of traffic, sidewalks, and sometimes a central median or promenade
132. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
133. The government is eager to _____ international investment.
- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

ANSWERS: 126. suburbanite, 127. institutionalize, 128. deck, 129. estate, 130. topic, 131. boulevard, 132. landscape, 133. attract

134. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
135. Using a password manager can act as a _____ against hackers who try to steal your personal information.
- n.* a device, material, or person that reduces the impact or effect of an external force or provides protection against harm or damage
136. The imperial _____ was standardized legally by the British Empire.
- n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
137. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.
- n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
138. The military regime has promised to _____ democracy as soon as possible.
- v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
139. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
- n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
140. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.
- n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
141. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 134. movement, 135. buffer, 136. gallon, 137. efficiency, 138. restore, 139. transformations, 140. figs, 141. Climate

142. The _____ style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.
adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
143. She was embarrassed to realize her designer handbag was a _____ leather knockoff.
adj. not genuine; fake, or artificial; made to resemble something that it is not
144. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
145. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
146. The _____ beauty of the sunset left us in awe.
adj. complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent
147. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
148. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
149. The hotel boasts a _____ restaurant that serves only the finest foods and wines.
adj. relating to high-quality food, especially that which is prepared with great skill and care; referring to someone who has refined or discerning taste in food

ANSWERS: 142. architectural, 143. faux, 144. footprint, 145. commerce, 146. sheer, 147. encouraging, 148. carbon, 149. gourmet

150. The player quickly went to the _____ side of the defender.

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

151. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

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

152. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

153. A local artist created the _____ sculpture in the park.

n. a mythical bird that is said to live for several hundred years before dying in flames and then rising again from its ashes; a symbol of rebirth, regeneration, or immortality

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

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

155. The _____ of this bird is freshwater areas and saltwater marshes.

n. the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs

156. He decided to take a walk _____ area to explore the city.

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

157. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

158. When she heard about her friend's illness, she fell into a deep _____ that lasted for days.

n. a feeling of sadness or depression; a low or unenergetic mood; a type of music that combines jazz, soul, and R and B

ANSWERS: 150. rear, 151. fuel, 152. Communal, 153. phoenix, 154. employ, 155. habitat, 156. downtown, 157. urban, 158. funk

159. The long _____ was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.
- n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
160. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
- v.* to build again or anew
161. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
162. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
- adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
163. Male gorillas with good drumming skills are more _____.
- adj.* capable of being done as intended; able to succeed
164. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
165. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
166. The archeologist found a _____ arrowhead on the dig site.
- n.* a hard, gray stone that can produce sparks when struck with steel used historically to start fires; a type of microcrystalline quartz used for making tools, weapons, and jewelry

ANSWERS: 159. corridor, 160. rebuild, 161. instances, 162. ugly, 163. viable, 164. ecology, 165. distance, 166. flint

167. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
168. 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
169. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.
n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
170. Public _____ is an essential service for many cities.
n. the act or process of passing through or across a place or state; transportation
171. The _____ learning system adjusts the difficulty level of the lessons based on the student's performance.
adj. capable of adjusting to new situations or changing conditions
172. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
173. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
174. He's a _____ salesman who promises things he can't deliver.
adj. not genuine; counterfeit; insincere; pretentious

ANSWERS: 167. sprawls, 168. economy, 169. contribution, 170. transit, 171. adaptive, 172. hopped, 173. emissions, 174. phony

175. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.
adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time
176. The prevalence of _____ has increased significantly in recent years.
n. the condition of being significantly overweight, typically defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or greater.
177. The wind _____ were spinning rapidly, generating clean energy for the nearby town.
n. a machine that rotates to generate power from fluids such as water or gas
178. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
179. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
adj. not planned or meant
180. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.
n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
181. He designed the _____ of the office to maximize efficiency.
n. the way in which the parts of something are arranged or set out
182. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

ANSWERS: 175. sustainable, 176. obesity, 177. turbines, 178. streams, 179. unintended, 180. destination, 181. layout, 182. optimistic

183. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

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

184. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

185. The company's _____ of new stores nationwide allowed them to increase its market reach.

n. the process of constructing, expanding, or renovating a physical structure, such as a building or infrastructure for utilities

186. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

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

187. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.

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

188. Her concept is highly _____ and helpful.

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

189. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

190. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

191. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 183. gradual, 184. instant, 185. build-out, 186. consume, 187. acres, 188. practical, 189. underestimated, 190. diverse, 191. mentioned

192. He _____ as he saw his favorite vase fall and shatter on the ground.

- v.* to make a slight involuntary grimace or shrinking movement due to pain, distress, or embarrassment; (noun) a facial expression or bodily gesture of pain, discomfort, or embarrassment in response to an unpleasant or unwelcome stimulus

193. He _____ the mud off his boots before entering the house.

- v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

194. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.

- v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

195. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.

- n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

196. A _____ may involve putting in new door jambs.

- v.* to put a new component or accessory into a machine that did not initially have it when manufactured

197. During recess, the children played a game of _____ in the schoolyard.

- n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

198. The patient's _____ on painkillers became a serious concern for their healthcare team.

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

ANSWERS: 192. winced, 193. scraped, 194. transferred, 195. revenue, 196. retrofit, 197. leapfrog, 198. dependence

199. The mule is a _____ between a male donkey and a female horse.
adj. composed of different elements or mixed characters
200. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
201. The road crew was laying fresh _____ on the highway.
n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
202. The construction workers will _____ the trench with concrete.
v. to fill in or complete a space, usually by adding material to fill gaps or voids;
(noun) the act of filling in or adding material to a space or gap, often used in construction or architecture to describe the process of filling in open spaces in a building or development
203. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
204. He has a flair for _____.
n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
205. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 199. hybrid, 200. slide, 201. asphalt, 202. infill, 203. triggered, 204. mathematics, 205. invest

206. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

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

207. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

208. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

209. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

210. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

211. The bid _____ for this auction is \$100.

n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

212. The _____ period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

213. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

214. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

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

ANSWERS: 206. shift, 207. diet, 208. strategy, 209. property, 210. Technological, 211. increment, 212. postwar, 213. studio, 214. zone

215. I am seeking a spacious _____ with a balcony and a parking spot.

- n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

ANSWERS: 215. apartment