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Session 1: Word List

upfront

adj. frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

synonym: honest, authentic, fair

(1) an **upfront** tone, (2) pay **upfront**

He was very **upfront** with him about his intentions.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym: calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

context

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

synonym: background, setting, environment

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

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

passion

n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
synonym : fervor, zeal, ardor

(1) **passion** hobby, (2) **passion** drive

Her **passion** for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

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.

initiative

n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

synonym : enterprise, drive, ambition

(1) a peace **initiative**, (2) take **initiative**

The teacher's **initiative** to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.

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.

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.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack
The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

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.

convince v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

meaningful *adj.* having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile

synonym: significant, consequential, essential

(1) a **meaningful** outcome, (2) make the accord **meaningful**
She cast a **meaningful** glance at me.

unfortunately *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

surround v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace
On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

- par** *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
synonym: equality, standard, balance
(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**
Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.
- fortunate** *adj.* having good luck or lucky
synonym: fortuitous, lucky, blessed
(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person
He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.
- emphasis** *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
synonym: priority, stress, focus
(1) **emphasis** on color, (2) lay great **emphasis** on policy
The spotlight gave the central figure increased **emphasis**.
- fanatic** *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
synonym: zealous, extremist, passionate
(1) **fanatic** about germs, (2) **fanatic** devotion
The **fanatic** supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.
- exposed** *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
synonym: endangered, revealed, disclosed
(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock
Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.
- curiosity** *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty
(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**
We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

instill

v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
synonym: implant, ingrain, inculcate

(1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye
The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work in her students.

junk

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

synonym: trash, debris, waste

(1) **junk** mail, (2) hunk of **junk**
I need to clear out some of the **junk** in my garage.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology
Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

inviting

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

synonym: attractive, tempting, alluring

(1) **inviting** scent, (2) **inviting** atmosphere
The **inviting** aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym: idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup
It was his first **romantic** love.

classic

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

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

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

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

compose

v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it

synonym: compile, constitute, build

(1) **compose** an essay, (2) **compose** my thoughts

The structure is **composed** of three main components.

lune

n. a crescent or crescent-shaped object; (of astronomy) the shape of the illuminated portion of the moon that is visible from Earth, particularly during the first or last quarter phases

synonym: crescent, half-moon, sickle

(1) **lune** shape, (2) **lune** phase

The **lune** pendant around her neck shimmered, reflecting the soft glow of the lamplight.

exposure

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

synonym: vulnerability, disclosure, uncovering

(1) a southern **exposure**, (2) the **exposure** of a fraud

The long **exposure** to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

waltz

n. a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

synonym: ballroom dance, tango, foxtrot

(1) **waltz** music, (2) elegant **waltz**

The dancers practiced the steps of the **waltz** meticulously to perfect their performance.

overture

n. an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion

synonym: prelude, introduction, opening

(1) musical **overture**, (2) diplomatic **overture**

The orchestra began its performance with a stunning **overture** that set the tone for the rest of the concert.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

synonym: extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

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.

- yell** v. to shout in a sudden and loud way
synonym: shout, scream, cry
(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can
When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.
- contribute** v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
synonym: donate, devote, commit
(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,
(2) **contribute** to society
Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.
- accessible** *adj.* capable of being reached, easily got, or seen
synonym: affordable, available, unrestricted
(1) a town **accessible** by rail, (2) **accessible** to pity
He is an **accessible** and genial man.
- 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.
- necessarily** *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically
(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true
This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.
- incredibly** *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily
(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

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.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

awesome

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

synonym : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

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.

intense

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

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

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

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

plethora

n. an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something

synonym : abundance, excess, surplus

(1) **plethora** of information, (2) **plethora** of opportunities

The restaurant's menu offered a **plethora** of options for vegetarians.

myriad

adj. a very large number

synonym : numerous, countless, infinite

(1) **myriad** differences, (2) a **myriad** of choices

The artist featured **myriad** colors and patterns, creating a vibrant and dynamic piece.

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.

accessibility

n. the quality or state of being easily approached, used, or understood; the ease with which something can be accessed, reached, or utilized; the extent to which something is designed or adapted for use by people with disabilities

synonym : access, availability, approachability

(1) **accessibility** features, (2) wheelchair **accessibility**

The website's **accessibility** features make it easy for visually

impaired users to navigate.

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.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym : anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread
People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

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.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym: hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym: instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym: opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

lofty

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

synonym: high, elevated, grand

(1) a **lofty** peak, (2) **lofty** ambitions

His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym: brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

courageous

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

synonym : brave, valiant, fearless

(1) make a **courageous** decision, (2) **courageous** rescue attempt

He was a **courageous** soldier who had served his country with honor.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

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

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

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym : forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

impressive

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

synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

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

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

penetration

n. the act or process of penetrating or entering something, often forcefully or with difficulty; the depth or extent to which something has been entered or understood

synonym : infiltration, entry, invasion

(1) **penetration** testing, (2) market **penetration**

The spy's mission was to gather intelligence on enemy territories through covert **penetration**.

scorecard

n. a written or printed card or document used to record and keep track of scores, especially in sports competitions or games; a summary or evaluation of performance, progress, or achievements in a specific area

synonym : score, tally, record

(1) performance **scorecard**, (2) marketing **scorecard**

The teacher handed out the **scorecards** for the final exam.

relate

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

synonym : connect, link, associate

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

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

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym : obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym : characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

statistics

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

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment

are genuine problems.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
synonym : terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

progression

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

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

phenomenal

adj. extremely good or impressive; outstanding

synonym : extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

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

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

doable

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

synonym : realizable, accomplishable, achievable

(1) make a **doable** plan, (2) **doable** in daily life

This project is **doable** despite the tight schedule.

timeframe

n. a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task

synonym : timespan, duration, period

(1) short **timeframe**, (2) realistic **timeframe**

We need to set a **timeframe** for completing this project.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

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.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

president

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

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

moving

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

doll

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

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

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

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

broadband

n. a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer

(1) mobile **broadband**, (2) fiber-optic **broadband**

I need to upgrade my Internet plan to get faster **broadband** speeds.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

logarithmic

adj. of or relating to logarithms (= the exponent that shows how many times a number has to be multiplied by itself to produce a given number)

synonym : exponential, logarithmical

(1) a **logarithmic** table, (2) **logarithmic** function

The **logarithmic** scale of the graph made it easier to compare the different values.

horizontal

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

synonym : even, lying, parallel

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

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

motto

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

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

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

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

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

synonym: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

segment

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

synonym: section, part, division

(1) **segment** analysis, (2) market **segment**

The report divided the data into **segments** based on age, gender, and income level.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

elementary

adj. relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

synonym : fundamental, basic, primary

(1) **elementary** math, (2) **elementary** level

Elementary school students must learn basic math and reading skills.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym : enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

challenging

adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle

synonym : difficult, demanding, arduous

(1) **challenging** task, (2) mentally **challenging**

The advanced math problem was **challenging**, but the student was determined to solve it.

underdeveloped

adj. not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement

synonym : unadvanced, immature, backward

(1) an **underdeveloped** child, (2) remain **underdeveloped**

Many people in **underdeveloped** countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

reliability

n. the quality of being able to be trusted or believed in doing what someone desires or requires

synonym: dependability, trustability, solidness

(1) improve **reliability**, (2) **reliability** test

The incident threw questions on her motivations and **reliability**.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym: approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym: insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

commoditize

v. to turn something into a commodity, typically by reducing its uniqueness or value and making it widely available

synonym: commercialize, standardize

(1) **commoditize** technology, (2) **commoditize** intellectual property

Amazon's strategy is to **commoditize** goods and services to win over customers with lower prices.

operate

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

synonym : work, use, employ

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

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

machinery

n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

synonym : apparatus, appliance, equipment

(1) heavy **machinery**, (2) inactive **machinery**

The **machinery** of audit formally issued a business improvement order.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym : especially, particularly, notably

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

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

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym : exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

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.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym: nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

integrate

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

synonym: mix, merge, combine

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

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

end-to-end

adj. extending the full length of something, from one end to the other; covering the entire process or procedure without interruption or disconnect

synonym: continuous, uninterrupted, seamless

(1) **end-to-end** testing, (2) **end-to-end** supply chain

Our company offers **end-to-end** solutions for businesses looking to streamline their operations.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

objective

n. a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

synonym : goal, purpose, aim

(1) **objective** assessment, (2) financial **objective**

The study's main **objective** is to identify risk factors for heart disease.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

hardware

n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

synonym : gear, apparatus, gadget

(1) the **hardware** department, (2) a vast inventory of **hardware**

The mouse and keyboard are essential **hardware** for operating a PC.

dialect

n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

synonym :

accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

parachute

n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

(1) **parachute** troops, (2) golden **parachute**

This training includes emergency escape drills with **parachutes**.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

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.

outfit

n. a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.

synonym: ensemble, set, suit

(1) camping **outfit**, (2) a construction **outfit**

I need to buy a new **outfit** for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

laboratory

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

synonym: lab, workshop, testing room

(1) **laboratory** accident, (2) anthropology **laboratory**

Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a **laboratory**.

cape

n. a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym: shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) **cape** cod, (2) red **cape**

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

capability

n. the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function

synonym: ability, capacity, competence

(1) **capability** assessment, (2) technological **capability**

The company's pricing strategy limits its **capability** to compete with other businesses in the market.

deploy

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

synonym: set up, expand, launch

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

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

laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

electronics

n. the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

synonym: technology, gadgets, circuitry

(1) **electronics** industry, (2) **electronics** store

The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge **electronics**.

microprocessor

n. a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit

synonym: IC, chip, microchip

(1) **microprocessor** chip, (2) dedicated **microprocessor**

As a result of improvements in **microprocessor** performance, many consumer electronics products are now Internet-connected.

creative

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

synonym : imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

achieve

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

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym : electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

recharge

v. to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep

synonym : renew, refresh, replenish

(1) **recharge** brain and body, (2) **recharge** energy

He needed to **recharge** his phone before the meeting.

engineer

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

synonym : architect, creator, builder

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

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

innovation

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

innovative

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

(1) use of **innovative** technology, (2) stylistically **innovative** works

The Prime Minister stressed the need to create **innovative** industries.

passionate

adj. showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief

synonym : ardent, fervent, intense

(1) **passionate** speech, (2) **passionate** kiss

Their **passionate** argument lasted for hours, neither willing to back down.

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.

efficient

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

synonym : productive, effective, competent

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

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

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.

humanity

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

synonym: humankind, society, human race

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**

They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym: battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

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.

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.

lab

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

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

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

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

thrill

n. a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion

synonym: exhilaration, delight, rush

(1) the **thrill** of speed, (2) incredible **thrill**

Skydiving is an overwhelming **thrill** for many people.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

presentation

n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

synonym: exhibition, display, speech

(1) **presentation** skills, (2) **presentation** slides

She gave a fantastic **presentation** at the conference and received a standing ovation.

spreadsheet

n. a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

(1) a **spreadsheet** program, (2) plug numbers into a **spreadsheet**

I accidentally deleted all the contents of the **spreadsheet**.

numb

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

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

civilization

n. a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

synonym: society, culture, community

(1) **civilization** decline, (2) lost **civilization**

The rise and fall of **civilizations** can be studied through history and archaeology.

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.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

fin

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

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym : completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym : daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
2. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
3. elevate edu_____al standards *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
4. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
5. 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
6. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
7. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
8. ro_____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
9. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
10. an und_____ped child *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
11. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

ANSWERS: 1. innovative, 2. appreciate, 3. educational, 4. innovation, 5. contribution, 6. architecture, 7. affordable, 8. roughly, 9. engineer, 10. underdeveloped, 11. fortune

12. make a do___e plan *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
13. de___y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
14. lab_____ry accident *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
15. lay great em_____is on policy *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
16. ch_____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
17. pas_____te speech *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
18. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
19. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
20. mobile br_____nd *n.* a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer

ANSWERS: 12. doable, 13. deploy, 14. laboratory, 15. emphasis, 16. charity, 17. passionate, 18. chart, 19. ecosystem, 20. broadband

21. inactive ma_____ry *n.* a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
22. lost civ_____ion *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
23. a construction ou____t *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.
24. edu_____al system *adj.* relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
25. in st____t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
26. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
27. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
28. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
29. a my____d of choices *adj.* a very large number
30. market pen_____on *n.* the act or process of penetrating or entering something, often forcefully or with difficulty; the depth or extent to which something has been entered or understood

ANSWERS: 21. machinery, 22. civilization, 23. outfit, 24. educational, 25. strict, 26. innovation, 27. generation, 28. motto, 29. myriad, 30. penetration

31. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
32. mass of hu_____ty *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
33. de____e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
34. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
35. hu_____ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
36. a spr_____et program *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
37. pa_____te troops *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
38. em____k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
39. cha_____ng task *adj.* difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
40. 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

ANSWERS: 31. contribute, 32. humanity, 33. define, 34. aim, 35. humanity, 36. spreadsheet, 37. parachute, 38. embark, 39. challenging, 40. economy

41. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
42. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
43. em_____is on color *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
44. acc_____ity features *n.* the quality or state of being easily approached, used, or understood; the ease with which something can be accessed, reached, or utilized; the extent to which something is designed or adapted for use by people with disabilities
45. anthropology lab_____ry *n.* a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab
46. do___e in daily life *adj.* possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true
47. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
48. hunk of j__k *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
49. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

ANSWERS: 41. dump, 42. partnership, 43. emphasis, 44. accessibility, 45. laboratory, 46. doable, 47. doll, 48. junk, 49. contest

50. a log_____ic table *adj.* of or relating to logarithms (= the exponent that shows how many times a number has to be multiplied by itself to produce a given number)
51. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
52. the th___l of speed *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
53. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
54. thin-and-light la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
55. ob_____ve assessment *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
56. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
57. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

ANSWERS: 50. logarithmic, 51. decide, 52. thrill, 53. integrate, 54. laptop, 55. objective, 56. invention, 57. progression

58. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
59. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
60. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
61. minority di_____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
62. phe_____al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
63. camping ou_____t *n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.
64. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
65. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
66. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
67. de_____y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
68. 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

ANSWERS: 58. unfortunately, 59. surround, 60. fortune, 61. dialect, 62. phenomenal, 63. outfit, 64. anticipate, 65. government, 66. remarkable, 67. deploy, 68. generation

69. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
70. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
71. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
72. fa_____c devotion *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
73. in_____ng atmosphere *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
74. fa_____c about germs *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
75. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
76. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something

ANSWERS: 69. intent, 70. sensitive, 71. addition, 72. fanatic, 73. inviting, 74. fanatic, 75. software, 76. operate

77. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
78. make the accord mea_____ul *adj.* having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile
79. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
80. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
81. a cl_____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
82. re_____ge brain and body *v.* to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep
83. pay up_____t *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
84. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
85. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
86. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
87. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

ANSWERS: 77. addition, 78. meaningful, 79. fin, 80. regardless, 81. classic, 82. recharge, 83. upfront, 84. complexity, 85. dump, 86. technological, 87. manufacture

88. re____ge energy *v.* to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep
89. 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
90. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
91. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
92. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
93. aw____e mental faculty *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
94. 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
95. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 88. recharge, 89. develop, 90. app, 91. launch, 92. numb, 93. awesome, 94. architectural, 95. technological

96. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
97. pre_____ion skills *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
98. the ha_____re department *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
99. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
100. di_____l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
101. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
102. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
103. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
104. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
105. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
106. marketing sc_____rd *n.* a written or printed card or document used to record and keep track of scores, especially in sports competitions or games; a summary or evaluation of performance, progress, or achievements in a specific area

ANSWERS: 96. ecosystem, 97. presentation, 98. hardware, 99. impressive, 100. distill, 101. motto, 102. tremendous, 103. emerging, 104. critic, 105. unfortunately, 106. scorecard

107. diplomatic ov____re *n.* an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion
108. ant_____te your kind cooperation *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance
109. phe_____al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
110. elegant wa__z *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
111. wa__z music *n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure
112. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
113. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
114. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
115. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

ANSWERS: 107. overture, 108. anticipate, 109. phenomenal, 110. waltz, 111. waltz, 112. architecture, 113. embark, 114. impressive, 115. contest

116. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
117. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
118. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
119. st____t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
120. red c___e *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
121. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
122. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
123. ele_____ry level *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
124. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
125. 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

ANSWERS: 116. necessarily, 117. surround, 118. efficient, 119. strict, 120. cape, 121. exciting, 122. involve, 123. elementary, 124. define, 125. develop

126. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
127. fiber-optic br_____nd *n.* a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer
128. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
129. mo___g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
130. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
131. ele_____cs industry *n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems
132. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
133. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
134. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
135. com_____ze technology *v.* to turn something into a commodity, typically by reducing its uniqueness or value and making it widely available
136. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 126. awful, 127. broadband, 128. population, 129. moving, 130. incredibly, 131. electronics, 132. environment, 133. population, 134. excite, 135. commoditize, 136. president

137. c__e cod *n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water
138. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
139. log_____ic function *adj.* of or relating to logarithms (= the exponent that shows how many times a number has to be multiplied by itself to produce a given number)
140. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
141. in___t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
142. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
143. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
144. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
145. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
146. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
147. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 137. cape, 138. incredible, 139. logarithmic, 140. graduated, 141. intent, 142. nation, 143. involve, 144. government, 145. manufacture, 146. communal, 147. circumstance

148. in_____l confidence *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
149. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
150. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
151. an aw___l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
152. improve rel_____ty *n.* the quality of being able to be trusted or believed in doing what someone desires or requires
153. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
154. 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
155. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
156. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
157. dedicated mic_____sor *n.* a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit
158. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

ANSWERS: 148. instill, 149. contribute, 150. represent, 151. awful, 152. reliability, 153. par, 154. connectivity, 155. afford, 156. numb, 157. microprocessor, 158. emerging

159. a mea_____ul outcome *adj.* having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile
160. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
161. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
162. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
163. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
164. pl_____ra of opportunities *n.* an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
165. 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
166. a local di_____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
167. ex_____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 159. meaningful, 160. institute, 161. statistics, 162. achieve, 163. creative, 164. plethora, 165. connectivity, 166. dialect, 167. excite

168. for spe_____lly American customers
adv. only associated with or meant for one thing
169. j__k mail
n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
170. golden pa_____te
n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
171. manually op_____e a machine
v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
172. se_____t analysis
n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
173. co_____al swimming pool
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
174. boundless cu_____ty
n. a strong desire to know or learn about something
175. ask ch_____y
n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
176. beat com_____or offer
n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
177. se_____ve documents
adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

ANSWERS: 168. specifically, 169. junk, 170. parachute, 171. operate, 172. segment, 173. communal, 174. curiosity, 175. charity, 176. competitor, 177. sensitive

178. my___d differences *adj.* a very large number
179. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
180. realistic ti_____me *n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task
181. 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
182. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
183. funny an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
184. 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
185. IT inf _____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
186. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

ANSWERS: 178. myriad, 179. integrate, 180. timeframe, 181. economy, 182. frank, 183. anecdote, 184. refer, 185. infrastructure, 186. tremendous

187. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
188. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
189. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
190. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
191. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
192. buy the company's st___e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
193. im___y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
194. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
195. big, b___d piano sounds *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

ANSWERS: 187. complexity, 188. invention, 189. regardless, 190. statistics, 191. relate, 192. stake, 193. imply, 194. context, 195. bold

196. ele_____ry math *adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects
197. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
198. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
199. ba_____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
200. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
201. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
202. 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.
203. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
204. technological cap_____ty *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function

ANSWERS: 196. elementary, 197. chart, 198. curiosity, 199. battery, 200. opportune, 201. engineer, 202. hop, 203. critic, 204. capability

205. fo___r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
206. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
207. heir ap_____nt *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
208. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
209. musical ov_____re *n.* an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion
210. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
211. pl_____ra of information *n.* an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
212. 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
213. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 205. foster, 206. exposed, 207. apparent, 208. disconnect, 209. overture, 210. lab, 211. plethora, 212. contribution, 213. intense

214. plug numbers into a spr_____et *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
215. performance sc_____rd *n.* a written or printed card or document used to record and keep track of scores, especially in sports competitions or games; a summary or evaluation of performance, progress, or achievements in a specific area
216. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
217. of____d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
218. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
219. pas_____te kiss *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
220. im__y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
221. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
222. market se_____t *n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
223. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 214. spreadsheet, 215. scorecard, 216. necessarily, 217. offend, 218. fin, 219. passionate, 220. imply, 221. graduated, 222. segment, 223. discuss

224. execution by burning at a st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
225. a peace ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
226. crack of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
227. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
228. hor_____al lines *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
229. 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.
230. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
231. mic_____sor chip *n.* a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit
232. acc_____le to pity *adj.* capable of being reached, easily got, or seen
233. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 224. stake, 225. initiative, 226. dawn, 227. lab, 228. horizontal, 229. hop, 230. exposed, 231. microprocessor, 232. accessible, 233. appreciate

234. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
235. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
236. the ex_____re of a fraud *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
237. cou_____us rescue attempt *adj.* able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
238. re____e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
239. 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
240. a southern ex_____re *n.* the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret
241. civ_____ion decline *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

ANSWERS: 234. institute, 235. partnership, 236. exposure, 237. courageous, 238. relate, 239. refer, 240. exposure, 241. civilization

242. an up_____t tone *adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance
243. wheelchair acc_____ity *n.* the quality or state of being easily approached, used, or understood; the ease with which something can be accessed, reached, or utilized; the extent to which something is designed or adapted for use by people with disabilities
244. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
245. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
246. take ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
247. of____d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
248. 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
249. financial ob_____ve *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

ANSWERS: 242. upfront, 243. accessibility, 244. romantic, 245. creative, 246. initiative, 247. offend, 248. architectural, 249. objective

250. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
251. personal an____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
252. co____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
253. di____l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
254. pre____ion slides *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
255. 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
256. hor____al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
257. a dry ba____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
258. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
259. fo____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
260. end____nd testing *adj.* extending the full length of something, from one end to the other; covering the entire process or procedure without interruption or disconnect

ANSWERS: 250. eager, 251. anecdote, 252. convince, 253. distill, 254. presentation, 255. decide, 256. horizontal, 257. battery, 258. accident, 259. fortunate, 260. end-to-end

261. an advertising me___m *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
262. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
263. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
264. end_____nd supply chain *adj.* extending the full length of something, from one end to the other; covering the entire process or procedure without interruption or disconnect
265. Chinese cl_____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
266. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
267. la___h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
268. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
269. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

ANSWERS: 261. medium, 262. industrious, 263. progression, 264. end-to-end, 265. classic, 266. remarkable, 267. launch, 268. judge, 269. infrastructure

270. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
271. pen_____on testing *n.* the act or process of penetrating or entering something, often forcefully or with difficulty; the depth or extent to which something has been entered or understood
272. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
273. co_____e an essay *v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
274. ele_____cs store *n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems
275. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
276. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
277. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
278. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
279. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
280. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 270. convince, 271. penetration, 272. president, 273. compose, 274. electronics, 275. yell, 276. frank, 277. mention, 278. exciting, 279. accident, 280. intense

281. fo___r two kids v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
282. co_____e my thoughts v. to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
283. a_m to be a nurse v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
284. bring my la___p n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
285. re_____nt by a diagram v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
286. use of inn_____ve technology adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
287. l__e phase n. a crescent or crescent-shaped object; (of astronomy) the shape of the illuminated portion of the moon that is visible from Earth, particularly during the first or last quarter phases
288. ro_____ic movies adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
289. ind_____us worker adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
290. heavy ma_____ry n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something

ANSWERS: 281. foster, 282. compose, 283. aim, 284. laptop, 285. represent, 286. innovative, 287. lune, 288. romantic, 289. industrious, 290. machinery

291. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
292. a town acc_____le by rail *adj.* capable of being reached, easily got, or seen
293. com_____ze intellectual property *v.* to turn something into a commodity, typically by reducing its uniqueness or value and making it widely available
294. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
295. incredible th___l *n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
296. killer a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
297. a joint ve_____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
298. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
299. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
300. ap_____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly

ANSWERS: 291. achieve, 292. accessible, 293. commoditize, 294. software, 295. thrill, 296. app, 297. venture, 298. nation, 299. circumstance, 300. apparent

301. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
302. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
303. have an aw_____e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
304. the wan light of d__n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
305. l__e shape *n.* a crescent or crescent-shaped object; (of astronomy) the shape of the illuminated portion of the moon that is visible from Earth, particularly during the first or last quarter phases
306. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
307. in_____l medication into my eye *v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
308. cap_____ty assessment *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
309. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
310. pa_____n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
311. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 301. context, 302. discuss, 303. awesome, 304. dawn, 305. lune, 306. bold, 307. instill, 308. capability, 309. affordable, 310. passion, 311. fortunate

312. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
313. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
314. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
315. rel_____ty test *n.* the quality of being able to be trusted or believed in doing what someone desires or requires
316. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
317. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
318. in_____ng scent *adj.* having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate
319. a vast inventory of ha_____re *n.* durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems
320. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
321. lo__y ambitions *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
322. a lo__y peak *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

ANSWERS: 312. specifically, 313. solid, 314. incredible, 315. reliability, 316. solid, 317. efficient, 318. inviting, 319. hardware, 320. mention, 321. lofty, 322. lofty

323. ea__r anticipation	<i>adj.</i> showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
324. domestic com_____or	<i>n.</i> a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
325. get inc_____ly insecure	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
326. pa_____n hobby	<i>n.</i> intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
327. op_____ne occasion	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
328. ju__e a competition	<i>n.</i> a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
329. y__l for help	<i>v.</i> to shout in a sudden and loud way
330. mo___g ceremony	<i>adj.</i> causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
331. make a cou_____us decision	<i>adj.</i> able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching
332. env_____nt affairs	<i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
333. me___m color	<i>adj.</i> of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 323. eager, 324. competitor, 325. incredibly, 326. passion, 327. opportune, 328. judge, 329. yell, 330. moving, 331. courageous, 332. environment, 333. medium

334. ro____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
335. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
336. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
337. mentally cha_____ng *adj.* difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
338. short ti_____me *n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task
339. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
340. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
341. remain und_____ped *adj.* not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement
342. ve_____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring

ANSWERS: 334. roughly, 335. doll, 336. afford, 337. challenging, 338. timeframe, 339. disconnect, 340. par, 341. underdeveloped, 342. venture

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.
n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

2. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.
adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

3. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

4. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

5. The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the _____ release.
n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

6. Our company offers _____ solutions for businesses looking to streamline their operations.
adj. extending the full length of something, from one end to the other; covering the entire process or procedure without interruption or disconnect

7. He is an _____ and genial man.
adj. capable of being reached, easily got, or seen

ANSWERS: 1. dialect, 2. awful, 3. fins, 4. relate, 5. app's, 6. end-to-end, 7. accessible

8. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
9. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
10. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.
v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
11. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
12. The orchestra began its performance with a stunning _____ that set the tone for the rest of the concert.
n. an introduction or opening to something, particularly a musical or theatrical performance; a proposal or gesture made as an opening move in negotiations or discussion
13. 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
14. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
15. The mouse and keyboard are essential _____ for operating a PC.
n. durable tools, machinery, and other equipment; the physical and electronic parts of a computer or other electronic systems

ANSWERS: 8. convince, 9. exciting, 10. distill, 11. environment, 12. overture, 13. generation, 14. intense, 15. hardware

16. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

17. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

18. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

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

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

20. The _____ supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.

adj. characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

21. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

22. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

23. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 16. stake, 17. graduated, 18. anecdotes, 19. awesome, 20. fanatic, 21. innovation, 22. sensitive, 23. fortunate

24. The spotlight gave the central figure increased _____.
- n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
25. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.
- adj.* not expensive and able to pay
26. The structure is _____ of three main components.
- v.* to write music, poetry, or formal writing; to constitute or make up a whole, or a specified part of it
27. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
- n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
28. We need to set a _____ for completing this project.
- n.* a period of time within which something is planned to be done or must be accomplished; a specified or estimated duration for completing a project or task
29. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
30. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
- adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
31. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 24. emphasis, 25. affordable, 26. composed, 27. charity, 28. timeframe, 29. define, 30. roughly, 31. context

32. This star is _____ to the naked eye.

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

33. He needed to _____ his phone before the meeting.

v. to restore the energy or power of something by supplying it with more energy or power; to refresh or renew oneself by rest or sleep

34. The website's _____ features make it easy for visually impaired users to navigate.

n. the quality or state of being easily approached, used, or understood; the ease with which something can be accessed, reached, or utilized; the extent to which something is designed or adapted for use by people with disabilities

35. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

36. As a result of improvements in _____ performance, many consumer electronics products are now Internet-connected.

n. a computer component containing all the functions of the central processing unit

37. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.

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

38. We had a _____ time yesterday.

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

ANSWERS: 32. apparent, 33. recharge, 34. accessibility, 35. launch, 36. microprocessor, 37. classic, 38. tremendous

39. His _____ goals were admirable but unrealistic.

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

40. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.

adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.

41. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

42. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

43. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

44. This training includes emergency escape drills with _____.

n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

45. We would _____ an early reply.

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

46. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

47. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.

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

ANSWERS: 39. lofty, 40. innovative, 41. educational, 42. incredibly, 43. judge, 44. parachutes, 45. appreciate, 46. venture, 47. integrate

48. The _____ aroma of freshly baked bread drew me into the bakery.

adj. having an attractive or tempting quality that draws people in; encouraging or alluring in a way that makes people want to take part or participate

49. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

50. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.

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

51. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

52. The _____ scale of the graph made it easier to compare the different values.

adj. of or relating to logarithms (= the exponent that shows how many times a number has to be multiplied by itself to produce a given number)

53. The long _____ to the air tarnished the antique tableware.

n. the state of being in a particular situation or place where there is no protection from or guarantee to something harmful; the disclosure of something secret

54. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

55. The incident threw questions on her motivations and _____.

n. the quality of being able to be trusted or believed in doing what someone desires or requires

ANSWERS: 48. inviting, 49. bold, 50. horizontal, 51. incredible, 52. logarithmic, 53. exposure, 54. engineer, 55. reliability

56. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
57. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
58. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.
- n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
59. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
60. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.
- n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
61. The study's main _____ is to identify risk factors for heart disease.
- n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
62. I accidentally deleted all the contents of the _____.
- n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
63. The company's pricing strategy limits its _____ to compete with other businesses in the market.
- n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function

ANSWERS: 56. involves, 57. motto, 58. curiosity, 59. complexity, 60. battery, 61. objective, 62. spreadsheet, 63. capability

64. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
65. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
66. 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
67. The teacher's _____ to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.
- n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
68. The artist featured _____ colors and patterns, creating a vibrant and dynamic piece.
- adj.* a very large number
69. 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
70. The superhero wore a flowing _____ as part of their costume.
- n.* a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

ANSWERS: 64. president, 65. nation, 66. develop, 67. initiative, 68. myriad, 69. infrastructure, 70. cape

71. I need to upgrade my Internet plan to get faster _____ speeds.
- n.* a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer
72. Skydiving is an overwhelming _____ for many people.
- n.* a feeling of extreme and sudden excitement and pleasure; to cause someone to feel sudden intense sensation or emotion
73. 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
74. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
75. My left arm became _____.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
76. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.
- v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
77. 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: 71. broadband, 72. thrill, 73. economy, 74. intent, 75. numb, 76. disconnect, 77. mentioned

78. The teacher handed out the _____ for the final exam.

- n.* a written or printed card or document used to record and keep track of scores, especially in sports competitions or games; a summary or evaluation of performance, progress, or achievements in a specific area

79. The athlete's _____ performance broke all previous records.

- adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

80. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.

- v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way

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

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

82. We ____ for an overseas expansion.

- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

83. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

84. 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

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

- n.* a state of being equal to someone or something

ANSWERS: 78. scorecards, 79. phenomenal, 80. yelled, 81. efficient, 82. aim, 83. institutes, 84. connectivity, 85. par

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

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

87. This project is _____ despite the tight schedule.

adj. possible to do; capable of existing, taking place, or proving true

88. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

89. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

90. Many people in _____ countries need clean water or proper healthcare access.

adj. not fully developed or mature; lacking in progress or advancement

91. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

92. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

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

93. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

94. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

ANSWERS: 86. remarkable, 87. doable, 88. government, 89. passion, 90. underdeveloped, 91. Communal, 92. impressive, 93. contribute, 94. partnership

95. We _____ on a new project.

- v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

96. The news of her promotion _____ her.

- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

97. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

- v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

98. 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.

99. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.

- n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

100. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

- v. to be all around something or somebody

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

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

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

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

103. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.

- n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

ANSWERS: 95. embarked, 96. excited, 97. manufactured, 98. hopped, 99. architecture, 100. surround, 101. population, 102. statistics, 103. contest

104. 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

105. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

106. She cast a _____ glance at me.

adj. having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile

107. The report divided the data into _____ based on age, gender, and income level.

n. a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

108. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.

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

109. His rude comments _____ many people at the party.

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

110. The _____ pendant around her neck shimmered, reflecting the soft glow of the lamplight.

n. a crescent or crescent-shaped object; (of astronomy) the shape of the illuminated portion of the moon that is visible from Earth, particularly during the first or last quarter phases

111. He cannot _____ a holiday.

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

ANSWERS: 104. decide, 105. eager, 106. meaningful, 107. segments, 108. lab, 109. offended, 110. lune, 111. afford

112. I need to clear out some of the _____ in my garage.

- n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

113. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.

- n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

114. The company _____ him after several years of service.

- v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

115. The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge _____.

- n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

116. It was his first _____ love.

- adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

117. _____ school students must learn basic math and reading skills.

- adj.* relating to the first principles or fundamental parts of a subject; fundamental or basic, often used to refer to a school or level of education that covers the fundamental principles of various subjects

118. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

- adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

ANSWERS: 112. junk, 113. laptop, 114. dumped, 115. electronics, 116. romantic, 117. Elementary, 118. exposed

119. 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
120. 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
121. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
122. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
123. 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
124. This pie _____ represents our market share.
- n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
125. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.
- v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
126. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.
- v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

ANSWERS: 119. contribution, 120. architectural, 121. achieve, 122. opportune, 123. refer, 124. chart, 125. imply, 126. anticipate

127. The advanced math problem was _____ but the student was determined to solve it.
adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
128. The restaurant's menu offered a _____ of options for vegetarians.
n. an overabundance or excess of something; a state of having too much of something
129. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.
adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
130. The _____ of audit formally issued a business improvement order.
n. a group of large machines or the components of a machine that make it work; social institution functions or structure for doing something
131. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
132. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
133. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
134. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 127. challenging, 128. plethora, 129. medium, 130. machinery, 131. unfortunately, 132. Emerging, 133. accident, 134. creative

135. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

136. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

137. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

138. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

139. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

140. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

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

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

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

142. 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.

143. He was a _____ soldier who had served his country with honor.

adj. able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

ANSWERS: 135. Technological, 136. invention, 137. represent, 138. solid-state, 139. frank, 140. progression, 141. humanity, 142. strict, 143. courageous

144. I need to buy a new _____ for the wedding I'm attending next weekend.
- n.* a set of clothing worn together, typically for a particular occasion or activity; any cohesive unit such as a company, military, etc.
145. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
146. The rise and fall of _____ can be studied through history and archaeology.
- n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
147. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
- v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
148. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
149. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
150. She gave a fantastic _____ at the conference and received a standing ovation.
- n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

ANSWERS: 144. outfit, 145. addition, 146. civilizations, 147. fostering, 148. discuss, 149. industrious, 150. presentation

151. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
152. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.
- n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
153. The spy's mission was to gather intelligence on enemy territories through covert _____.
- n.* the act or process of penetrating or entering something, often forcefully or with difficulty; the depth or extent to which something has been entered or understood
154. This accident was something that happened _____.
- adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
155. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
156. Their _____ argument lasted for hours, neither willing to back down.
- adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
157. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.
- adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
158. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
- n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 151. software, 152. competitors, 153. penetration, 154. necessarily, 155. fortune, 156. passionate, 157. moving, 158. circumstances

159. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

160. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

161. Missile assaults on the capital continued around _____.

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

162. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

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

163. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.

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

164. Animal protection groups call for an end to animal testing in a _____.

n. a workplace for doing scientific research or teaching science; a lab

165. Amazon's strategy is to _____ goods and services to win over customers with lower prices.

v. to turn something into a commodity, typically by reducing its uniqueness or value and making it widely available

166. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

ANSWERS: 159. regardless, 160. ecosystem, 161. dawn, 162. operate, 163. deployed, 164. laboratory, 165. commoditize, 166. specifically

167. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

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

168. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

169. The teacher attempted to _____ the importance of hard work in her students.

- v.* to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually

170. The dancers practiced the steps of the _____ meticulously to perfect their performance.

- n.* a ballroom dance in triple time that originated in Vienna and is characterized by a flowing, graceful style and a strong accent on the first beat of each measure

171. He was very _____ with him about his intentions.

- adj.* frank and honest; (adverb) (of payment) in advance

ANSWERS: 167. doll, 168. critics, 169. instill, 170. waltz, 171. upfront