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Session 1: Word List

photograph

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

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

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.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym: landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

underwater

adv. below or under the surface of the water

synonym : submerged, undersea, submarine

(1) hold my breath **underwater**, (2) seals sleep **underwater**
He is good at swimming **underwater**.

journalist

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

synonym : reporter, newsperson, press

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

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling
The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

wildlife

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

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

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

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

cease

v. to stop an action or event

synonym: stop, end, terminate

(1) **cease** to exist, (2) **cease** drinking

The company decided to **cease** production of the product.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym: exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

compel

v. to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way

synonym: force, oblige, coerce

(1) **compel** a person to submission, (2) **compel** attention

The strict deadlines will **compel** the team to work efficiently.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

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**.

coverage

n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

synonym: reportage, scope, range

(1) full- **coverage** insurance, (2) contractual **coverage**

The scandal received widespread media **coverage**.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

harp

n. a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers

synonym: lyre, psaltery, clavichord

(1) **harp** strings, (2) Japanese **harp**

She began to play a beautiful melody on her **harp**.

seal

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

synonym: enclose, shut, close

(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**

He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

migrate

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

synonym: relocate, emigrate, roam

(1) **migrate** across borders, (2) **migrate** a service

Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.

arctic

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

synonym: cold, frozen, polar

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

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

gulf *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
synonym: chasm, divide, abyss
(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream
The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

engage *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
synonym: confront, employ, amuse
(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
(2) **engage** a new employee
Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

courtship *n.* the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship
synonym: romance, wooing, lovemaking
(1) traditional **courtship**, (2) romantic **courtship**
The movie depicts an old-fashioned **courtship** between the two main characters.

mating *n.* the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes
synonym: intercourse, copulation, procreation
(1) **mating** season, (2) **mating** behavior
Before copulating with the female, the male bird performs a **mating** dance.

pup *n.* a young dog, seal, or other animals
synonym: puppy, whelp, cub
(1) **pup** company, (2) playful **pup**
The little **pup** was so cute, with big, floppy ears and a wagging tail.

backdrop

n. a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

synonym: background, setting, context

(1) **backdrop** of poverty, (2) perfect **backdrop**

The lush green forest provided a picturesque **backdrop** for the photo shoot.

transient

adj. lasting only for a short time; not permanent or enduring

synonym: temporary, fleeting, passing

(1) **transient** population, (2) **transient** feeling

The hotel is only suitable for **transient** stays, as it does not offer long-term accommodations.

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym: ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

icy

adj. covered with ice or frost; very cold; lacking warmth or friendliness

synonym: frosty, cold, glacial

(1) **icy** clouds, (2) cast **icy** eyes

The **icy** surface of the pond was not safe for skating.

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.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

marine

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

synonym: sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

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

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

mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

slaughter

n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

synonym: thrashing, massacre, carnage

(1) **slaughter** of animals, (2) senseless **slaughter**

The **slaughter** of endangered animals must be stopped.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

aerial

n. a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air

synonym: antenna, skywire, transmitter

(1) **aerial** antenna, (2) **aerial** photography

The **aerial** view from the airplane showed the beautiful landscape below.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym: sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

platform

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

synonym: stage, podium, forum

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

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

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.

nurse

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

synonym : healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

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

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

umbilical

n. relating to a flexible cord-like structure that connects a developing fetus to the placenta in the mother's uterus during pregnancy, called umbilical cord; connected or corresponding closely to something essential, such as a source of nourishment or support

synonym : navel, belly button, cord

(1) **umbilical** blood, (2) **umbilical** hernia

The **umbilical** cord is a vital lifeline between a mother and her unborn baby.

cord

n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

synonym : wire, cable, string

(1) spinal **cord**, (2) electrical **cord**

Your spinal **cord** is located deep within your body.

belly

n. the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft

synonym : stomach, abdomen, gut

(1) the **belly** of the ship, (2) with an empty **belly**

She had a tattoo just above her **belly** button.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym : wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

mortality

n. the quality or state of being subject to death

synonym: fatality

(1) **mortality** due to cancer, (2) lower infant **mortality**

This disease has a high **mortality**.

crisis

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

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

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

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

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

degradation

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

synonym: depravity, degeneration, deterioration

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

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

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.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

tuna

n. a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals

(1) **tuna** steak, (2) canned **tuna**

I made a **tuna** sandwich for lunch today.

shark

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

synonym: swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

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**.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

outlet

n. a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

synonym: opening, vent, aperture

(1) an **outlet** for water, (2) media **outlet**

The **outlet** in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

appreciation

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

synonym: recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity

The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

steak

n. a thin slice of meat, typically beef, grilled or fried and served as a main dish

synonym: beef, chop, cutlet

(1) **steak** dinner, (2) salmon **steak**

He ordered a rare **steak** for dinner.

sushi

n. a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

synonym: raw fish, sashimi, nigiri

(1) **sushi** bar, (2) **sushi** roll

I love going out for **sushi** with my friends on Friday nights.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym : splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain

The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

consume

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

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

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

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

terrestrial

adj. of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air

synonym : earthy, earthborn, telluric

(1) **terrestrial** planets, (2) **terrestrial** heat

Terrestrial longitude is measured in degrees east or west of the Prime Meridian.

counterpart

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

synonym : equivalent, analogue, match

(1) **counterpart** agreement, (2) negotiating **counterpart**

His **counterpart** in the other company is responsible for marketing.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym : almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

equator

n. an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

(1) south of the **equator**, (2) above the **equator**

Ecuador is on the **equator**.

pole

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

synonym: rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

crisscross

v. to move or make lines that intersect or cross each other in a pattern resembling a series of X's

(1) **crisscross** over the edges of the walls, (2) **crisscross** my heart

The roads **crisscrossed** through the countryside, creating a beautiful scenic drive.

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.

catching

adj. attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling

synonym: contagious, alluring, captivating

(1) **catching** fire, (2) **catching** disease

The **catching** scent of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym : consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

collapse

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

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

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

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

auction

n. a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding

synonym : sale, vendue, bidding

(1) **auction** house, (2) online **auction**

The antique furniture was sold at **auction** for a high price.

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym : accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

warehouse

n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

synonym : storage, repository, depot

(1) a rental **warehouse**, (2) **warehouse** debt

The fire ruined all the food stored in the **warehouse**.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym : ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

grocery

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

synonym: foodstuff, market

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

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

consequence

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

synonym: result, impact, outcome

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

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

trawl

v. to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

synonym: fish, dredge, drag

(1) **trawl** the Internet for free music, (2) **trawl** for fish

The fisherman used a net to **trawl** the bottom of the river for his catch.

shrimp

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

synonym: prawn, langoustine, scampi

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

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

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym: iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

assembly

n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

synonym: crowd, gathering, mass

(1) **assembly** line, (2) **assembly** hall

This company's **assembly** plant is an enormous facility.

tow

v. to pull or haul something along by means of a rope, chain, or other devices, typically using a vehicle as the source of power

synonym: haul, drag, pull

(1) **tow** a disabled vehicle, (2) **tow** a boat

I had to **tow** my car to the mechanic after it broke down.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym: opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

benthic

adj. relating to or occurring at the bottom of a body of water, especially about the organisms and ecosystems that exist there

synonym : seabed, sea-bottom, oceanic

(1) **benthic** ecosystem, (2) **benthic** sediment

The **benthic** organisms thrive on the deep ocean floor.

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.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

coral

n. a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry

(1) **coral** island, (2) **coral** ornament

She is wearing a **coral** necklace.

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**.

habitat

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

synonym: dwelling, environment, home ground

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

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

fishery

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

synonym: fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

handful

n. a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage

synonym: small number, couple, few

(1) literal **handful**, (2) just a **handful** of participants

She only had a **handful** of pens left in her bag.

deck

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

synonym: platform, veranda, patio

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

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

bycatch

n. the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death

synonym : byproduct, incidental catch

(1) reduce **bycatch**, (2) sustainable **bycatch**

The fishermen were careful to avoid **bycatch** while fishing for tuna in the ocean.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

commerce

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

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

shovel

n. a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular

materials

synonym : excavator, scoop, trowel

(1) snow **shovel**, (2) **shovel** blade

The construction workers used a power **shovel** to dig the foundation for the building.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym : garbage, waste, refuse

(1) **trash** bin, (2) **trash** disposal site

The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of **trash** in the streets.

cascade

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

synonym : waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**

The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

bat

n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

synonym : cane, rod, stick

(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye

The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

ray

n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

synonym : beam, light, glimmer

(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**

Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

flounder

v. to struggle or stumble awkwardly; to move or act clumsily or in confusion; to be in a difficult or uncertain situation

synonym : struggle, stumble, falter

(1) **flounder** with decisions, (2) **flounder** in water
I watched him **flounder** through the difficult math problem, unable to find a solution.

puffy

adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
synonym: swollen, distended, inflated

(1) **puffy** off-shore winds, (2) **puffy** eyes
His cheeks looked **puffy** after he overate junk food.

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.

killing

n. the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

synonym: slaughter, homicide, assassination

(1) **killing** spree, (2) profit- **killing**
The **killing** of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.

wrestling

n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground

synonym: grappling, fighting, brawling

(1) **wrestling** match, (2) arm **wrestling**
He had always been interested in sumo **wrestling** and decided to try it.

notion

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

synonym: idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

thresh

v. to separate the edible parts of grain from the husks or straw by beating or crushing; to strike or beat repeatedly

synonym: threshing, beat, flail

(1) **thresh** wheat, (2) **thresh** the large field of barley

The farmer instructed his workers to **thresh** the harvested crops in the threshing machine.

gill

n. a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide

synonym: respiratory organ, lung

(1) **gill** slits, (2) **gill** apparatus

The fish's **gills** are necessary for extracting oxygen from the water.

pectoral

adj. relating to or located in the chest area, particularly the muscles or organs of the chest; relating to the breast or chest

synonym: chest, breastplate

(1) **pectoral** cross, (2) **pectoral** fins

The athlete wore a **pectoral** muscle brace to protect his injured chest muscle.

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.

visible

adj. capable of being seen; or open to easy view

synonym : clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

crucify

v. to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die

synonym : execute, martyr, nail to cross

(1) **crucify** a criminal, (2) **crucify** him for their actions

The religious leaders wanted to **crucify** the heretic for his teachings.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

conservation

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

synonym : preservation, protection, saving

(1) soil **conservation**, (2) the **conservation** law of physics
The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue
Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

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.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym : ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

longline

n. a type of fishing gear consisting of a long main line with many smaller baited lines attached to it at intervals; a type of clothing or fashion style that is distinguished by long, flowing lines and loose, comfortable shapes

(1) fishing **longline**, (2) **longline** buoy

Longline fishing gear has been criticized for its impact on marine ecosystems.

locate

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

synonym : discover, find, place

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

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

aggregate

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

synonym : total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people

The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

shallow

adj. not having much distance from the top to the bottom

synonym : superficial, external, surface

(1) **shallow** people, (2) **shallow** water

Shallow brooks are noisier than deep rivers.

altitude

n. the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level

synonym : height, elevation, tallness

(1) the meridian **altitude**, (2) low **altitude**

The plane flew at a high **altitude** to avoid turbulence.

dive

v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

synonym : dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff

The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

monster

n. an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

synonym: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

overly

adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

synonym: excessively, too much

(1) **overly** excessive, (2) **overly** unnecessary

The movie was **overly** dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym: terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

strobe

n. a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an

instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals

synonym : flash, flicker

(1) **strobe** flash, (2) **strobe** effect

A **strobe** light lit up the party, creating a pulsing and energetic atmosphere.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

synonym : mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

hammerhead

n. a type of hammer with a head that is wider than the handle; a type of shark with a distinctive hammer-shaped head

(1) **hammerhead** structure, (2) **hammerhead** crane

The **hammerhead** shark is known for its distinctive T-shaped head and unique swimming style.

solitary

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

synonym : lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

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

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

deficient

adj. lacking something needed or normal

synonym : lacking, inadequate, insufficient

(1) **deficient** nutrient, (2) mentally **deficient**

His diet was **deficient** in essential vitamins and minerals.

mate

n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

synonym : companion, partner, spouse

(1) smoking **mate**, (2) dog-loving **mate**

I need to find a **mate** for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

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.

Atlantic

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

(1) **Atlantic** breeze, (2) **Atlantic** salmon

The **Atlantic** hurricane season runs from June to November

each year.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym: descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

oceanic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface

synonym: marine, pelagic, sea

(1) **oceanic** climate, (2) **oceanic** exploration

The **oceanic** waves crashed against the shore, creating a mesmerizing sight.

pelagic

adj. relating to or inhabiting the open ocean, specifically referring to marine organisms that live or swim in the upper layers of the water column rather than close to the shore or sea floor

synonym: open-oceanic, oceanic, deep-sea

(1) **pelagic** species, (2) **pelagic** zone

Seabirds like albatrosses are well adapted to life in the **pelagic** environment.

cage

n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept

synonym: enclosure, jail, corral

(1) an insect **cage**, (2) a bird in a **cage**

The trapped bear is running amok in its **cage**.

biology

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

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

nursery

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

synonym : playroom, greenhouse, conservatory

(1) day **nursery**, (2) **nursery** school

I work at the breeding **nursery**, where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

protective

adj. serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury

synonym : defensive, safeguarding, shielding

(1) **protective** coating, (2) **protective** measures

Wearing **protective** gear is crucial for athletes to prevent injuries.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

typical

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

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym : essential, pivotal, vital

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

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

reef

n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

(1) barrier **reef**, (2) coral **reefs**

The vessel ran aground on a **reef**.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

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

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

bulldoze

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

synonym: level, clear, demolish

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

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

resort

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

synonym: vacation spot, hotel, (verb) address

(1) **resort** to desperate measures, (2) a last **resort**

If both countries **resort** to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

leather

n. a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

synonym:

hide, skin, suede

(1) enameled **leather**, (2) **leather** boots

The **leather** jacket was worn in but still comfortable.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym: creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

moonlight

n. the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

synonym: moonshine, moonbeam, moon glow

(1) **moonlight** as a bartender, (2) **moonlight** serenade

The garden looked magical in the **moonlight**, with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.

lineage

n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species

synonym: ancestry, descent, heritage

(1) maternal **lineage**, (2) **lineage** tree

Scientists traced the **lineage** of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.

lifespan

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

synonym: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

nest

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

synonym: roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

condominium

n. a type of real estate property in which individuals own their own living spaces, usually within a larger complex or building where common areas such as pools and hallways are shared; a type of joint ownership arrangement

synonym: apartment, flat, unit

(1) **condominium** complex, (2) luxury **condominium**

I'm considering buying a high-rise **condominium** instead of renting an apartment.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym: seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

endangered

adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

synonym: at risk, threatened, vulnerable

(1) **endangered** species, (2) **endangered** ecosystem

The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of **endangered** animals.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym: calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean

They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

hatchling

n. a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg

synonym : nestling, fledgling, chick

(1) **hatchling** turtle, (2) snake **hatchling**

The mother bird fiercely protected her **hatchlings** and kept them safe in their nest.

saltwater

adj. of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea

synonym : marine, naval, maritime

(1) a **saltwater** fish, (2) **saltwater** crocodile

The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the **saltwater** ecosystem downstream.

perilous

adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

synonym : risky, dangerous, hazardous

(1) **perilous** journey, (2) **perilous** terrain

Climbing the cliff was a **perilous** adventure.

maturity

n. the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions

synonym : adulthood, ripeness, fullness

(1) **maturity** level, (2) financial **maturity**

He showed great **maturity** in handling the difficult situation.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

vulture

n. a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)

synonym : buzzard, scavenger, carrion bird

(1) **vulture** colony, (2) scavenging **vulture**

The **vulture's** sharp eyesight allows it to spot carrion from great distances.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

offshore

adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

synonym : seaward, alongshore

(1) an **offshore** oil field, (2) an **offshore** fund

The company undertakes **offshore** development for software companies in many countries.

compensate

v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

synonym : reimburse, pay, recompense

(1) **compensate** a loss, (2) **compensate** for a car accident

The company offered to **compensate** the employees for the overtime they worked.

clutch

v. to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

synonym : grip, hold, grab

(1) **clutch** at any straw, (2) **clutched** her daughter to her breast

The boy **clutched** his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

overcome

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

synonym : beat, confound, overwhelm

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

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

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym: chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

anthropogenic

adj. relating to or resulting from human activity or influence on the environment or climate

synonym: human-caused, manufactured, artificial

(1) **anthropogenic** impact, (2) **anthropogenic** pollution

Anthropogenic climate change is a significant concern for the future of our planet.

permission

n. consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

synonym: approval, consent, authorization

(1) grant **permission**, (2) **permission** for permanent residence

I asked my boss for **permission** to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

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.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

megafauna

n. a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct

synonym : large animals, large mammals

(1) **megafauna** extinction, (2) **megafauna** fossils

Many prehistoric **megafaunas**, such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym : porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym : different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

- calf** *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
synonym: baby cow, heifer, yearling
(1) baby **calf**, (2) a **calf** elephant
The newborn **calf** stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.
- brink** *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
synonym: edge, verge, threshold
(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**
We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.
- extinction** *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
synonym: disappearance, eradication, annihilation
(1) **extinction** prevention, (2) brink of **extinction**
The **extinction** of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.
- rebound** *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
synonym: spring back, resile, recover
(1) **rebound** from a setback, (2) **rebound** back into positive growth
The basketball bounced off the rim and **rebounded** to the player.
- urban** *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
synonym: metropolitan, civic
(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners
Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.
- sunset** *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated

automatically at the end of a fixed period

synonym: evening, sundown, dusk

(1) **sunset** this function, (2) spectacular **sunset** views

He is in the **sunset** of his life.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym: ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym: scorching, blazing, smoldering

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

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

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym: poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

pharmaceutical

adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

synonym : drug, medication, prescription

(1) major **pharmaceutical** companies, (2) commercial **pharmaceutical** products

She gave money to help set up a **pharmaceutical** laboratory.

flush

v. to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow

synonym : redden, burn, suffuse

(1) the blood **flush** into my face, (2) **flush** the toilet

The girl **flushed** when a young man whistled as she walked by.

reproduction

n. the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work

synonym : procreation, replication, duplication

(1) **reproduction** rate, (2) **reproduction** system

The **reproduction** of the plant depends on the pollinators.

entangle

v. to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape

synonym : ensnare, entrap, involve

(1) **entangle** in wires, (2) emotionally **entangle**

The vines of the plant **entangled** themselves around the trellis.

gear

n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

synonym : equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

entanglement

n. involvement in a complicated or difficult situation; a tangled mass

synonym: snarl, tangle, knot

(1) **entanglement** in conflict, (2) romantic **entanglement**

The **entanglement** of the fishing net was making it difficult for the whales to swim.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym: blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

shed

v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

synonym: discard, drop, cast off

(1) **shed** an old skin, (2) a cow **shed**

He **shed** a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

lobster

n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

synonym: crustacean, crawfish, crayfish

(1) **lobster** dinner, (2) fresh **lobster**

The restaurant served a delicious **lobster**, steamed to perfection.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

crab

n. a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing

synonym : crustacean, shellfish, crusty

(1) **crab** cakes, (2) **crab** legs

I ordered a plate of fresh **crab** at the seafood restaurant.

eventually

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

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

nova

n. a star that suddenly becomes brighter, typically because of an explosion in its interior; a sudden increase or burst of activity or growth

synonym : supernova, exploding star, nova remnant

(1) **nova** explosion, (2) **nova** star

The astronomer spent months studying the **nova's** light spectrum to learn more about its properties.

autopsy

n. a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

synonym : postmortem examination, necropsy, examination

(1) forensic **autopsy**, (2) perform an **autopsy**

The **autopsy** report revealed that the cause of death was a heart attack.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym : affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction

Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things
It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

beleaguer

v. to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering

synonym: besiege, surround, harass

(1) **beleaguer** the project, (2) **beleaguer** her every day
The company has been **beleaguered** with financial difficulties since the market downturn.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym: chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition
It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

Antarctic

n. the southernmost continent surrounding the South Pole; characterized by extremely cold temperatures and a vast ice sheet

synonym: polar region, South Pole

(1) **Antarctic** expedition, (2) **Antarctic** ice sheet

The research team embarked on an expedition to study the wildlife of the **Antarctic** continent.

humming

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

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

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

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

assistant

n. someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

synonym: aide, helper, associate

(1) an unwilling **assistant**, (2) **assistant** professor

An executive **assistant** director administers each branch.

standing

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

synonym: upright, vertical, (noun) position

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

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

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

pilgrim

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

synonym: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

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.

bay

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

synonym : inlet, cove, gulf

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

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

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

reserve

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

synonym : keep, hold, preserve

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

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

overfishing

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

synonym : overharvesting, over-exploitation, depletion

(1) **overfishing** crisis, (2) **overfishing** ban

The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by **overfishing**, causing many species to become endangered.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

progressive

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

synonym : advanced, forward-thinking, modern

(1) **progressive** taxation, (2) **progressive** development

The **progressive** approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym : plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym : variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

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.

snap

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

synonym: break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

predict

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

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

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

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

predate

v. to have existed or happened earlier than something

synonym: foredate, antedate, precede

(1) **predate** A.D. 200., (2) **predate** the modern age

The idea of virtual worlds **predates** computers.

urchin

n. a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines

synonym: mischief, waif, guttersnipe

(1) **urchin** child, (2) street **urchin**

The young boy was an **urchin** wandering the streets without a home.

acre

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

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

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

behold

v. to look at and observe with attention

synonym: see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**

His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

kelp

n. a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters

synonym: seaweed, marine algae

(1) **kelp** forest, (2) giant **kelp**

The coast was lined with beds of **kelp** swaying in the tide.

emerge

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

synonym: arise, occur, appear

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

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

restore

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

synonym: fix, mend, reestablish

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

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

equilibrium

n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

synonym: balance, stability, harmony

(1) **equilibrium** point, (2) political **equilibrium**

The company struggled to maintain an **equilibrium** between its profits and social responsibilities.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym: delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym : settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym : bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

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**.

nudibranch

n. (also known as a "sea slug") a marine mollusk that belongs to the Gastropoda class and has a soft body, often characterized by its brilliant colors and unusual shapes

synonym : sea slug

(1) **nudibrank** species, (2) **nudibrank** exhibit

The new documentary provides a deep dive into **nudibrank** habitats and the threats they face.

encrust

v. to cover or coat something with a crust (= hard outer layer), often as a result of an accumulation of materials over time

synonym : coat, cover

(1) **encrust** coral reef, (2) **encrust** the rim of the glass

The jeweler **encrusted** the crown with a variety of precious stones.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

stormy

adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

synonym : tempestuous, turbulent, choppy

(1) **stormy** relationship, (2) **stormy** weather

The city council meeting was **stormy**, as people argued about a controversial new policy.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym : spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

diver

n. a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

synonym : plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

tolerant

adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

synonym: forgiving, lenient, permissive

(1) a **tolerant** teacher, (2) **tolerant** of his failure

She was known for her **tolerant** attitude toward different cultures.

custodian

n. a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

synonym: caretaker, keeper, guardian

(1) **custodian** bank, (2) **custodian** of the records

The school **custodian** worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. se_____te cream from milk | <i>v.</i> to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different |
| 2. me_____na fossils | <i>n.</i> a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct |
| 3. pr_____ve my strength | <i>v.</i> to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed |
| 4. just a ha_____l of participants | <i>n.</i> a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage |
| 5. env_____nt affairs | <i>n.</i> the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live |
| 6. n__a explosion | <i>n.</i> a star that suddenly becomes brighter, typically because of an explosion in its interior; a sudden increase or burst of activity or growth |
| 7. fr_____e ecosystem | <i>adj.</i> delicate or easily broken or damaged |
| 8. lo_____ty crisis | <i>n.</i> the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service |
| 9. tr_____nt feeling | <i>adj.</i> lasting only for a short time; not permanent or enduring |

ANSWERS: 1. separate, 2. megafauna, 3. preserve, 4. handful, 5. environment, 6. nova, 7. fragile, 8. longevity, 9. transient

10. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
11. the be__y of the ship *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
12. pe_____c zone *adj.* relating to or inhabiting the open ocean, specifically referring to marine organisms that live or swim in the upper layers of the water column rather than close to the shore or sea floor
13. co__l island *n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry
14. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
15. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
16. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
17. commercial fi_____y *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
18. sl_____er of animals *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
19. oc_____c climate *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface

ANSWERS: 10. fortunate, 11. belly, 12. pelagic, 13. coral, 14. amaze, 15. obsess, 16. tide, 17. fishery, 18. slaughter, 19. oceanic

20. st___e effect *n.* a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals
21. financial ma____ty *n.* the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions
22. ca____e connection *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
23. horde of mo____rs *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
24. ex____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
25. ov___y excessive *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
26. opaque to X-r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
27. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 20. strobe, 21. maturity, 22. cascade, 23. monster, 24. explore, 25. overly, 26. ray, 27. planet

28. the con_____ion law of physics *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
29. ma____g season *n.* the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes
30. mi_____e a service *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
31. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
32. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
33. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
34. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
35. perfect ba_____op *n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
36. co___l attention *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
37. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible

ANSWERS: 28. conservation, 29. mating, 30. migrate, 31. celebrate, 32. definitely, 33. disturb, 34. magic, 35. backdrop, 36. compel, 37. emerge

38. coral r__fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
39. co____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
40. forensic au____y *n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)
41. fresh lo____r *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
42. gr__e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
43. be____er the project *v.* to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering
44. b_y area *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
45. co____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
46. 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.

ANSWERS: 38. reef, 39. contrast, 40. autopsy, 41. lobster, 42. graze, 43. beleaguer, 44. bay, 45. confirm, 46. hop

47. spinal c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
48. plant a co___y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
49. equ_____um point *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
50. h__p strings *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
51. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
52. At_____ic breeze *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
53. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
54. en_____le in wires *v.* to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape
55. the Pa_____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

ANSWERS: 47. cord, 48. colony, 49. equilibrium, 50. harp, 51. trash, 52. Atlantic, 53. engage, 54. entangle, 55. pacific

56. an a__e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
57. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
58. b_t an eye *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
59. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
60. An_____ic ice sheet *n.* the southernmost continent surrounding the South Pole; characterized by extremely cold temperatures and a vast ice sheet
61. c__b legs *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
62. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
63. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
64. hands on d__k *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
65. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 56. acre, 57. environment, 58. bat, 59. distinct, 60. Antarctic, 61. crab, 62. essential, 63. suppose, 64. deck, 65. weigh

66. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
67. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
68. sh___p cocktail *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
69. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
70. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
71. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
72. brink of ext_____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
73. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
74. bu_____ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
75. the plus p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

ANSWERS: 66. nation, 67. numb, 68. shrimp, 69. pound, 70. headline, 71. scary, 72. extinction, 73. communal, 74. bulldoze, 75. pole

76. pr_____e the modern age *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
77. ho___r-struck look *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
78. wi_____fe sanctuary *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
79. a g__r change lever *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
80. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
81. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
82. g__l apparatus *n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide
83. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
84. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
85. i_y clouds *adj.* covered with ice or frost; very cold; lacking warmth or friendliness
86. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

ANSWERS: 76. predate, 77. horror, 78. wildlife, 79. gear, 80. encounter, 81. destroy, 82. gill, 83. initially, 84. endangered, 85. icy, 86. abundance

87. 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.
88. br__k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
89. twisty ca___n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
90. arm wr_____ng *n.* a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
91. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
92. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
93. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
94. a mag_____nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
95. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
96. reduce by_____h *n.* the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death
97. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 87. hop, 88. brink, 89. canyon, 90. wrestling, 91. resonate, 92. predict, 93. consequence, 94. magnificent, 95. amazing, 96. bycatch, 97. trap

98. he____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
99. sh____p farming *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
100. ma____g behavior *n.* the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes
101. fl____er with decisions *v.* to struggle or stumble awkwardly; to move or act clumsily or in confusion; to be in a difficult or uncertain situation
102. lo____e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
103. effect of cosmic r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
104. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
105. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
106. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
107. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
108. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
109. ov____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
110. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 98. headline, 99. shrimp, 100. mating, 101. flounder, 102. locate, 103. ray, 104. industrious, 105. swirl, 106. wit, 107. planet, 108. urban, 109. overcome, 110. probable

111. a ro___t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
112. ma_____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
113. wa___r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
114. wa_____se debt *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
115. 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
116. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
117. ext_____on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
118. tr_____nt population *adj.* lasting only for a short time; not permanent or enduring
119. media ou___t *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

ANSWERS: 111. robust, 112. mangrove, 113. wander, 114. warehouse, 115. efficient, 116. solid, 117. extinction, 118. transient, 119. outlet

120. interstate co_____ce
121. lo_____ne buoy
122. t_w a boat
123. a joy to be___d
124. su_____e you're right
125. th___h wheat
126. magnetic st__l
127. high ar___c
128. res_____ce to insulin
129. soil con_____ion
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
- n.* a type of fishing gear consisting of a long main line with many smaller baited lines attached to it at intervals; a type of clothing or fashion style that is distinguished by long, flowing lines and loose, comfortable shapes
- v.* to pull or haul something along by means of a rope, chain, or other devices, typically using a vehicle as the source of power
- v.* to look at and observe with attention
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
- v.* to separate the edible parts of grain from the husks or straw by beating or crushing; to strike or beat repeatedly
- n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
- adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
- n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

ANSWERS: 120. commerce, 121. longline, 122. tow, 123. behold, 124. suppose, 125. thresh, 126. steel, 127. arctic, 128. resistance, 129. conservation

130. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
131. co__l ornament *n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry
132. salmon st__k *n.* a thin slice of meat, typically beef, grilled or fried and served as a main dish
133. su____t this function *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
134. low al____de *n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level
135. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
136. snow sh____l *n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
137. fishing lo____ne *n.* a type of fishing gear consisting of a long main line with many smaller baited lines attached to it at intervals; a type of clothing or fashion style that is distinguished by long, flowing lines and loose, comfortable shapes
138. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
139. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 130. overcome, 131. coral, 132. steak, 133. sunset, 134. altitude, 135. biology, 136. shovel, 137. longline, 138. largely, 139. involve

140. professional di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
141. ca_____ng disease *adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling
142. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
143. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
144. sh_____w people *adj.* not having much distance from the top to the bottom
145. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
146. st__g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
147. re_____d back into positive growth *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
148. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
149. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
150. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 140. diver, 141. catching, 142. population, 143. commerce, 144. shallow, 145. consequence, 146. sting, 147. rebound, 148. standing, 149. incredible, 150. locate

151. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
152. ant_____nic pollution *adj.* relating to or resulting from human activity or influence on the environment or climate
153. ha_____ng turtle *n.* a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg
154. be___d the sunrise *v.* to look at and observe with attention
155. vu_____e colony *n.* a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)
156. baby c__f *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
157. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
158. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
159. st___y weather *adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
160. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
161. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

ANSWERS: 151. gulf, 152. anthropogenic, 153. hatchling, 154. behold, 155. vulture, 156. calf, 157. predict, 158. preserve, 159. stormy, 160. odds, 161. crawl

162. po____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
163. rep_____ion system *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
164. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
165. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
166. giant k__p *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
167. above the eq_____r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
168. accurately po____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
169. a man-eating sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
170. lo_____r dinner *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

ANSWERS: 162. portray, 163. reproduction, 164. essentially, 165. photograph, 166. kelp, 167. equator, 168. portray, 169. shark, 170. lobster

171. ham_____ad structure *n.* a type of hammer with a head that is wider than the handle; a type of shark with a distinctive hammer-shaped head
172. barrier r__f *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
173. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
174. um_____al blood *n.* relating to a flexible cord-like structure that connects a developing fetus to the placenta in the mother's uterus during pregnancy, called umbilical cord; connected or corresponding closely to something essential, such as a source of nourishment or support
175. mo_____r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
176. fi_____y management *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
177. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
178. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 171. hammerhead, 172. reef, 173. recognize, 174. umbilical, 175. monster, 176. fishery, 177. fin, 178. background

179. shrine for pi_____ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
180. 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
181. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
182. a bull wh__e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
183. ce__e drinking *v.* to stop an action or event
184. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
185. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
186. a fur s__l *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
187. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
188. deg_____on by heat *n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
189. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

ANSWERS: 179. pilgrim, 180. cape, 181. magnificent, 182. whale, 183. cease, 184. disappear, 185. marine, 186. seal, 187. unique, 188. degradation, 189. diversity

190. a sa_____er fish *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
191. metallic sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
192. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
193. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
194. pu__y off-shore winds *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
195. track down an el_____e fact *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
196. com_____te for a car accident *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
197. bird and other wi_____fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
198. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
199. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

ANSWERS: 190. saltwater, 191. sponge, 192. progressive, 193. disappear, 194. puffy, 195. elusive, 196. compensate, 197. wildlife, 198. pacific, 199. predatory

200. re_____ze talent	<i>v.</i>	to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
201. playful p_p	<i>n.</i>	a young dog, seal, or other animals
202. smoking m__e	<i>n.</i>	a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
203. a large st__k of paper	<i>n.</i>	a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
204. cr___s management	<i>n.</i>	a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
205. art cr___c	<i>n.</i>	someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
206. burn s__r	<i>n.</i>	a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
207. d__g a team down	<i>v.</i>	to pull or haul with force
208. on the br__k	<i>n.</i>	the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
209. um_____al hernia	<i>n.</i>	relating to a flexible cord-like structure that connects a developing fetus to the placenta in the mother's uterus during pregnancy, called umbilical cord; connected or corresponding closely to something essential, such as a source of nourishment or support

ANSWERS: 200. recognize, 201. pup, 202. mate, 203. stack, 204. crisis, 205. critic, 206. scar, 207. drag, 208. brink, 209. umbilical

210. s__p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
211. express my app_____ion *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
212. an ou___t for water *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
213. vague no___n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
214. an insect c___e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
215. ba_____op of poverty *n.* a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance
216. n__a star *n.* a star that suddenly becomes brighter, typically because of an explosion in its interior; a sudden increase or burst of activity or growth
217. a to_____nt teacher *adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
218. ro___t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

ANSWERS: 210. snap, 211. appreciation, 212. outlet, 213. notion, 214. cage, 215. backdrop, 216. nova, 217. tolerant, 218. robust

219. cl___hed her daughter to her breast *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
220. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
221. the blood fl__h into my face *v.* to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow
222. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
223. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
224. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
225. sa_____er crocodile *adj.* of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea
226. ur___n child *n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines
227. le_____r boots *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

ANSWERS: 219. clutch, 220. contrast, 221. flush, 222. eventually, 223. engage, 224. magic, 225. saltwater, 226. urchin, 227. leather

228. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
229. no____n of success *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
230. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
231. em____e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
232. vi_____e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
233. re_____e order *v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
234. en_____t coral reef *v.* to cover or coat something with a crust (= hard outer layer), often as a result of an accumulation of materials over time
235. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
236. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
237. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 228. reserve, 229. notion, 230. crisis, 231. emerge, 232. visible, 233. restore, 234. encrust, 235. ecosystem, 236. practically, 237. threat

238. traditional co_____ip
n. the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship
239. pr_____ne beach
adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination
240. di_____b the peace
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
241. wr_____ng match
n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
242. a criminal bac_____nd
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
243. apex pr_____or
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
244. ext_____ary weather
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
245. ex_____e our options
v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
246. politically fr_____e nation
adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged
247. li_____e tree
n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species
248. with fr_____c haste
adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

ANSWERS: 238. courtship, 239. pristine, 240. disturb, 241. wrestling, 242. background, 243. predator, 244. extraordinary, 245. explore, 246. fragile, 247. lineage, 248. frantic

249. s__p judgment *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
250. 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
251. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
252. pro_____ve measures *adj.* serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury
253. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
254. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
255. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
256. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
257. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
258. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
259. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
260. ter_____al heat *adj.* of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air

ANSWERS: 249. snap, 250. cape, 251. coal, 252. protective, 253. wit, 254. initially, 255. precious, 256. hunt, 257. frequent, 258. threaten, 259. amazing, 260. terrestrial

261. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
262. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
263. an of____re oil field *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
264. fr____c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
265. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
266. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
267. re____t to desperate measures *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
268. fl__h the toilet *v.* to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow
269. st____e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

ANSWERS: 261. gentle, 262. toxin, 263. offshore, 264. frantic, 265. giant, 266. predator, 267. resort, 268. flush, 269. strike

270. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
271. sh_____w water *adj.* not having much distance from the top to the bottom
272. a last re___t *n.* a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance
273. An_____ic expedition *n.* the southernmost continent surrounding the South Pole; characterized by extremely cold temperatures and a vast ice sheet
274. negotiating cou_____rt *n.* a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
275. electrical c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
276. pro_____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
277. c__b cakes *n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
278. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary

ANSWERS: 270. graze, 271. shallow, 272. resort, 273. Antarctic, 274. counterpart, 275. cord, 276. progressive, 277. crab, 278. crucial

279. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
280. d__k chairs *n.* a flat surface that is usually made of wood or other material and is attached to a building, vehicle, or other structure
281. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
282. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
283. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
284. wh__e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
285. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
286. pe_____us journey *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm
287. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
288. ove_____ng crisis *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

ANSWERS: 279. stack, 280. deck, 281. propose, 282. geography, 283. destroy, 284. whale, 285. distinct, 286. perilous, 287. definitely, 288. overfishing

289. cri_____ss over the edges of the walls
v. to move or make lines that intersect or cross each other in a pattern resembling a series of X's
290. mi_____e across borders
v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
291. cou_____rt agreement
n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing
292. become ess_____ly same
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
293. sports g__r
n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
294. as_____ly hall
n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
295. de_____e a job offer
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
296. au_____n house
n. a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
297. pi_____m site
n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

ANSWERS: 289. crisscross, 290. migrate, 291. counterpart, 292. essentially, 293. gear, 294. assembly, 295. decline, 296. auction, 297. pilgrim

298. nu_____nk exhibit *n.* (also known as a "sea slug") a marine mollusk that belongs to the Gastropoda class and has a soft body, often characterized by its brilliant colors and unusual shapes
299. seals sleep und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
300. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
301. full-co_____ge insurance *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
302. bird's n__t *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
303. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
304. a co___y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
305. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
306. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 298. nudibrank, 299. underwater, 300. weigh, 301. coverage, 302. nest, 303. discovery, 304. colony, 305. typical, 306. shadow

307. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
308. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
309. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
310. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
311. commercial pha_____cal products *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
312. luxury con_____um *n.* a type of real estate property in which individuals own their own living spaces, usually within a larger complex or building where common areas such as pools and hallways are shared; a type of joint ownership arrangement
313. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
314. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
315. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

ANSWERS: 307. settle, 308. celebrate, 309. statistics, 310. platform, 311. pharmaceutical, 312. condominium, 313. reserve, 314. extraordinary, 315. dive

316. co___l a person to submission *v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
317. card sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
318. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
319. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
320. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
321. to__n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
322. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

ANSWERS: 316. compel, 317. shark, 318. numb, 319. process, 320. coal, 321. toxin, 322. isolate

323. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
324. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
325. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
326. south of the eq____r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
327. canned t__a *n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
328. ce__e to exist *v.* to stop an action or event
329. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
330. fl_____er in water *v.* to struggle or stumble awkwardly; to move or act clumsily or in confusion; to be in a difficult or uncertain situation
331. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
332. tr__l the Internet for free music *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

ANSWERS: 323. resilient, 324. critic, 325. aft, 326. equator, 327. tuna, 328. cease, 329. hunt, 330. flounder, 331. ecosystem, 332. trawl

333. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
334. cr_____y him for their actions *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
335. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
336. ma_____ty level *n.* the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions
337. scavenging vu_____e *n.* a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)
338. mo_____ht as a bartender *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
339. a bird in a c___e *n.* a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
340. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 333. outlaw, 334. crucify, 335. resilient, 336. maturity, 337. vulture, 338. moonlight, 339. cage, 340. photograph

341. en_____t the rim of the glass *v.* to cover or coat something with a crust (= hard outer layer), often as a result of an accumulation of materials over time
342. sw__l the wine *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
343. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
344. pe_____al fins *adj.* relating to or located in the chest area, particularly the muscles or organs of the chest; relating to the breast or chest
345. profit-ki_____g *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
346. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
347. be_____c sediment *adj.* relating to or occurring at the bottom of a body of water, especially about the organisms and ecosystems that exist there
348. st___y relationship *adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
349. mo_____ty due to cancer *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
350. bu_____ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

ANSWERS: 341. encrust, 342. swirl, 343. population, 344. pectoral, 345. killing, 346. consume, 347. benthic, 348. stormy, 349. mortality, 350. bulldoze

351. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
352. p_p company *n.* a young dog, seal, or other animals
353. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
354. ove_____ng ban *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
355. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
356. bu_____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
357. re_____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
358. literal ha_____l *n.* a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage
359. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
360. ca_____ng fire *adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling
361. vi___l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
362. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
363. as_____nt professor *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

ANSWERS: 351. probable, 352. pup, 353. eventually, 354. overfishing, 355. stable, 356. burning, 357. resonate, 358. handful, 359. nation, 360. catching, 361. visual, 362. essential, 363. assistant

364. field of vi___l arts *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
365. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
366. cast i_y eyes *adj.* covered with ice or frost; very cold; lacking warmth or friendliness
367. enameled le____r *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items
368. cu_____an bank *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
369. per_____on for permanent residence *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
370. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
371. th___h the large field of barley *v.* to separate the edible parts of grain from the husks or straw by beating or crushing; to strike or beat repeatedly
372. s__l a hole *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
373. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 364. visual, 365. collapse, 366. icy, 367. leather, 368. custodian, 369. permission, 370. component, 371. thresh, 372. seal, 373. amaze

374. artificial cr____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
375. a c__f elephant *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
376. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
377. a cr____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
378. run a gr____y *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
379. to____nt of his failure *adj.* accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference
380. tr__h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
381. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
382. carry a s__r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
383. political equ____um *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
384. a cow s__d *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
385. cha____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

ANSWERS: 374. creature, 375. calf, 376. ignore, 377. crucial, 378. grocery, 379. tolerant, 380. trash, 381. mass, 382. scar, 383. equilibrium, 384. shed, 385. charismatic

386. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
387. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
388. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
389. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
390. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
391. st__k dinner *n.* a thin slice of meat, typically beef, grilled or fried and served as a main dish
392. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
393. ho___r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
394. cri_____ss my heart *v.* to move or make lines that intersect or cross each other in a pattern resembling a series of X's
395. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
396. li_____an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

ANSWERS: 386. historic, 387. nurse, 388. discovery, 389. aft, 390. humming, 391. steak, 392. drag, 393. horror, 394. crisscross, 395. dive, 396. lifespan

397. lower infant mo_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
398. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
399. bu_____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
400. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
401. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
402. pe_____al cross *adj.* relating to or located in the chest area, particularly the muscles or organs of the chest; relating to the breast or chest
403. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
404. day nu_____y *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
405. pu__y eyes *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
406. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

ANSWERS: 397. mortality, 398. nurse, 399. burning, 400. practically, 401. platform, 402. pectoral, 403. ignore, 404. nursery, 405. puffy, 406. crawl

407. maternal li____e *n.* the ancestry of a person, group, or species
408. com_____te a loss *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
409. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
410. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
411. a so_____ry traveler *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
412. li_____an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
413. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
414. pe_____us terrain *adj.* involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm
415. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
416. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

ANSWERS: 407. lineage, 408. compensate, 409. mangrove, 410. obsess, 411. solitary, 412. lifespan, 413. pound, 414. perilous, 415. shadow, 416. gulf

417. ready to co____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
418. a n__t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
419. nu_____nk species *n.* (also known as a "sea slug") a marine mollusk that belongs to the Gastropoda class and has a soft body, often characterized by its brilliant colors and unusual shapes
420. At____ic salmon *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
421. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
422. ae___l antenna *n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air
423. is____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
424. de____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
425. be_____er her every day *v.* to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering

ANSWERS: 417. collapse, 418. nest, 419. nudibrank, 420. Atlantic, 421. historic, 422. aerial, 423. isolate, 424. decline, 425. beleaguer

426. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
427. deep-sea di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
428. cr_____y a criminal *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
429. a primitive ma___l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
430. cu_____an of the records *n.* a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important
431. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
432. sh___l blade *n.* a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials
433. ent_____ent in conflict *n.* involvement in a complicated or difficult situation; a tangled mass
434. g__l slits *n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide
435. st__g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

ANSWERS: 426. fortunate, 427. diver, 428. crucify, 429. mammal, 430. custodian, 431. standing, 432. shovel, 433. entanglement, 434. gill, 435. sting

436. sustainable by____h *n.* the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death
437. senseless sl_____er *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
438. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
439. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
440. app_____ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
441. de_____nt nutrient *adj.* lacking something needed or normal
442. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
443. ca___n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 436. bycatch, 437. slaughter, 438. strike, 439. geography, 440. appreciation, 441. deficient, 442. process, 443. canyon

444. oc____c exploration *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface
445. live in deg_____on *n.* the condition or process of changing to a lower state, or a less respected state
446. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
447. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
448. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
449. st___e flash *n.* a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals
450. rep_____ion rate *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
451. snake ha_____ng *n.* a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg
452. ov___y unnecessary *adv.* to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable
453. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 444. oceanic, 445. degradation, 446. resistance, 447. threaten, 448. mass, 449. strobe, 450. reproduction, 451. hatchling, 452. overly, 453. government

454. the meridian al____de *n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level
455. with an empty be__y *n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
456. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
457. k__p forest *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
458. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
459. tr__l for fish *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
460. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
461. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
462. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
463. b_t cave *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

ANSWERS: 454. altitude, 455. belly, 456. steel, 457. kelp, 458. solid, 459. trawl, 460. journalist, 461. propose, 462. urban, 463. bat

464. romantic ent_____ent *n.* involvement in a complicated or difficult situation; a tangled mass
465. pe_____c species *adj.* relating to or inhabiting the open ocean, specifically referring to marine organisms that live or swim in the upper layers of the water column rather than close to the shore or sea floor
466. pro_____ve coating *adj.* serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury
467. me_____na extinction *n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct
468. an el_____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
469. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
470. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
471. mo_____ht serenade *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

ANSWERS: 464. entanglement, 465. pelagic, 466. protective, 467. megafauna, 468. elusive, 469. journalist, 470. industrious, 471. moonlight

472. a rental wa_____se *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
473. use of so_____ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
474. data ag_____te *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
475. 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
476. pr_____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
477. a fishing p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
478. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
479. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
480. re_____d from a setback *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

ANSWERS: 472. warehouse, 473. solitary, 474. aggregate, 475. efficient, 476. predatory, 477. pole, 478. tide, 479. diversity, 480. rebound

481. vi____e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
482. ae___l photography *n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air
483. ar___c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
484. be_____c ecosystem *adj.* relating to or occurring at the bottom of a body of water, especially about the organisms and ecosystems that exist there
485. ou___w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
486. nu_____y school *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
487. ant_____nic impact *adj.* relating to or resulting from human activity or influence on the environment or climate
488. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
489. 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

ANSWERS: 481. visible, 482. aerial, 483. arctic, 484. benthic, 485. outlaw, 486. nursery, 487. anthropogenic, 488. scary, 489. fin

490. ham_____ad crane *n.* a type of hammer with a head that is wider than the handle; a type of shark with a distinctive hammer-shaped head
491. a marine ha_____t *n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
492. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
493. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
494. Japanese h__p *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
495. a sort of ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
496. street ur____n *n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines
497. mentally de_____nt *adj.* lacking something needed or normal
498. ter_____al planets *adj.* of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air
499. major pha_____cal companies *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
500. an ag_____te of people *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

ANSWERS: 490. hammerhead, 491. habitat, 492. odds, 493. communal, 494. harp, 495. mammal, 496. urchin, 497. deficient, 498. terrestrial, 499. pharmaceutical, 500. aggregate

501. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
502. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
503. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
504. threatened ha_____t *n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
505. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
506. the mouth of a b_y *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
507. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
508. spectacular su____t views *n.* the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period
509. an of_____re fund *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
510. as_____ly line *n.* a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country

ANSWERS: 501. consume, 502. involve, 503. biology, 504. habitat, 505. component, 506. bay, 507. encounter, 508. sunset, 509. offshore, 510. assembly

511. t__a steak *n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
512. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
513. con_____um complex *n.* a type of real estate property in which individuals own their own living spaces, usually within a larger complex or building where common areas such as pools and hallways are shared; a type of joint ownership arrangement
514. re_____e the emperor to the throne *v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
515. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
516. s__d an old skin *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
517. su__i roll *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
518. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
519. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 511. tuna, 512. incredible, 513. condominium, 514. restore, 515. largely, 516. shed, 517. sushi, 518. stable, 519. typical

520. su__i bar *n.* a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed
521. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
522. contractual co_____ge *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
523. dog-loving m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
524. sea sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
525. hold my breath und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
526. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
527. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
528. emotionally en_____le *v.* to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape

ANSWERS: 520. sushi, 521. charismatic, 522. coverage, 523. mate, 524. sponge, 525. underwater, 526. gentle, 527. frequent, 528. entangle

529. t_w a disabled vehicle *v.* to pull or haul something along by means of a rope, chain, or other devices, typically using a vehicle as the source of power
530. lo_____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
531. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
532. perform an au_____y *n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)
533. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
534. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
535. an unwilling as_____nt *n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job
536. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
537. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
538. grant per_____on *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
539. half-a__e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

ANSWERS: 529. tow, 530. longevity, 531. giant, 532. autopsy, 533. precious, 534. unique, 535. assistant, 536. government, 537. creature, 538. permission, 539. acre

540. ki____g spree *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
541. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
542. transistor ca_____e *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
543. end_____ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
544. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
545. romantic co_____ip *n.* the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship
546. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
547. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
548. variety of ma___e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

ANSWERS: 540. killing, 541. settle, 542. cascade, 543. endangered, 544. statistics, 545. courtship, 546. wander, 547. trap, 548. marine

549. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
550. the gr____y business *n.* a shop that sells food and other household items
551. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
552. an age of ab____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
553. maintain the pr____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
554. cl____h at any straw *v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly
555. co____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
556. pr____e A.D. 200. *v.* to have existed or happened earlier than something
557. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
558. online au____n *n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding

ANSWERS: 549. separate, 550. grocery, 551. humming, 552. abundance, 553. pristine, 554. clutch, 555. confirm, 556. predate, 557. threat, 558. auction

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
 - n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

2. The forest was recently designated a _____ area.
 - n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

3. The sound _____ well in this theater.
 - v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

4. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
 - n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

5. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
 - adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable

6. Her research team made an important _____.
 - n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

7. The _____ of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.
 - n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

ANSWERS: 1. mangrove, 2. conservation, 3. resonates, 4. consequences, 5. precious, 6. discovery, 7. killing

8. The strict deadlines will _____ the team to work efficiently.
- v.* to force or require someone to do something; to exert a strong, irresistible force or pressure that makes someone act in a certain way
9. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.
- adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
10. He is good at swimming _____.
- adv.* below or under the surface of the water
11. The enemy fell right into the _____.
- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
12. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
13. 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
14. The vines of the plant _____ themselves around the trellis.
- v.* to become twisted or knotted together, especially in a way that makes it difficult to separate them; to involve in something complicated or difficult to escape
15. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 8. compel, 9. stable, 10. underwater, 11. trap, 12. separate, 13. nation, 14. entangled, 15. resilient

16. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.
- v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
17. The _____ concert was packed with fans.
- adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
18. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.
- adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
19. He never uttered a _____ word.
- adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
20. The _____ of this bird is freshwater areas and saltwater marshes.
- n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
21. This car has a _____ engine.
- n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
22. The _____ shark is known for its distinctive T-shaped head and unique swimming style.
- n.* a type of hammer with a head that is wider than the handle; a type of shark with a distinctive hammer-shaped head
23. I'm considering buying a high-rise _____ instead of renting an apartment.
- n.* a type of real estate property in which individuals own their own living spaces, usually within a larger complex or building where common areas such as pools and hallways are shared; a type of joint ownership arrangement

ANSWERS: 16. crawl, 17. standing, 18. magnificent, 19. solitary, 20. habitat, 21. monster, 22. hammerhead, 23. condominium

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

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

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

- n.* a living being, especially an animal

26. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

- v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

27. The _____ of water is called ice.

- adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

28. The basketball bounced off the rim and _____ to the player.

- v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

29. The hotel is only suitable for _____ stays, as it does not offer long-term accommodations.

- adj.* lasting only for a short time; not permanent or enduring

30. 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

31. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

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

ANSWERS: 24. overcome, 25. creature, 26. wander, 27. solid-state, 28. rebounded, 29. transient, 30. cape, 31. commerce

32. The artist received a lot of _____ for his latest work.
- n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
33. The farmer instructed his workers to _____ the harvested crops in the threshing machine.
- v.* to separate the edible parts of grain from the husks or straw by beating or crushing; to strike or beat repeatedly
34. The search and rescue team sent a team of _____ to search for the missing plane wreckage.
- n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
35. I made a _____ sandwich for lunch today.
- n.* a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
36. The fishermen were careful to avoid _____ while fishing for tuna in the ocean.
- n.* the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death
37. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.
- n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
38. The _____ of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.
- n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

ANSWERS: 32. appreciation, 33. thresh, 34. divers, 35. tuna, 36. bycatch, 37. mammal, 38. cascade

39. The military regime has promised to _____ democracy as soon as possible.
v. to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
40. The restaurant served a delicious _____ steamed to perfection.
n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
41. The ____ surface of the pond was not safe for skating.
adj. covered with ice or frost; very cold; lacking warmth or friendliness
42. 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
43. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.
v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
44. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
45. The new documentary provides a deep dive into _____ habitats and the threats they face.
n. (also known as a "sea slug") a marine mollusk that belongs to the Gastropoda class and has a soft body, often characterized by its brilliant colors and unusual shapes
46. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 39. restore, 40. lobster, 41. icy, 42. efficient, 43. predict, 44. unique, 45. nudibranch, 46. background

47. The cave was a habitat for _____.

- n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

48. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.

- adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

49. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.

- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

50. An executive _____ director administers each branch.

- n.* someone who helps or supports someone else to do a job

51. He _____ a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

- v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

52. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

53. The athlete wore a _____ muscle brace to protect his injured chest muscle.

- adj.* relating to or located in the chest area, particularly the muscles or organs of the chest; relating to the breast or chest

54. I asked my boss for _____ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

- n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

ANSWERS: 47. bats, 48. frantic, 49. resistance, 50. assistant, 51. shed, 52. ignored, 53. pectoral, 54. permission

55. The _____ in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.
- n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
56. The roads _____ through the countryside, creating a beautiful scenic drive.
- v.* to move or make lines that intersect or cross each other in a pattern resembling a series of X's
57. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.
- n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
58. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
- n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
59. I don't want to _____ for second best.
- v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
60. Ecuador is on the _____.
- n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
61. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.
- v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

ANSWERS: 55. outlet, 56. crisscrossed, 57. brink, 58. nurse, 59. settle, 60. equator, 61. snapped

62. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

63. The _____ of endangered animals must be stopped.

n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

64. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

65. The group of _____ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

66. I need to find a _____ for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

67. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

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

68. The ecosystem upstream of the river significantly impacts the _____ ecosystem downstream.

adj. of or connected with seawater or water containing salt; living in or found in the sea

ANSWERS: 62. pacific, 63. slaughter, 64. Communal, 65. pilgrims, 66. mate, 67. collapsed, 68. saltwater

69. 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
70. The company undertakes _____ development for software companies in many countries.
adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
71. The sperm whale can _____ to 1,000 meters.
v. to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
72. The _____ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.
n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
73. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
74. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.
n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
75. The store is _____ empty.
adv. almost or nearly

ANSWERS: 69. fins, 70. offshore, 71. dive, 72. aggregate, 73. eventually, 74. toxins, 75. practically

76. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

77. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

78. If both countries _____ to nuclear deterrence, the consequence could be mutual destruction.

n. a place where many people go for rest, sport, or another stated purpose; (verb) to turn to or take a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one, to resolve a difficult circumstance

79. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

80. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

81. The _____ of the fishing net was making it difficult for the whales to swim.

n. involvement in a complicated or difficult situation; a tangled mass

82. I watched him _____ through the difficult math problem, unable to find a solution.

v. to struggle or stumble awkwardly; to move or act clumsily or in confusion; to be in a difficult or uncertain situation

83. Generally speaking, men have a shorter _____ than women.

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

ANSWERS: 76. extraordinary, 77. threatening, 78. resort, 79. disappear, 80. typical, 81. entanglement, 82. flounder, 83. lifespan

84. This company's _____ plant is an enormous facility.
n. a group of people who have been elected, especially one that meets regularly and makes decisions or laws for a specific region or country
85. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
86. She checked her _____ before embarking on the hike.
n. a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
87. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
88. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
89. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
90. _____ fishing gear has been criticized for its impact on marine ecosystems.
n. a type of fishing gear consisting of a long main line with many smaller baited lines attached to it at intervals; a type of clothing or fashion style that is distinguished by long, flowing lines and loose, comfortable shapes
91. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky

ANSWERS: 84. assembly, 85. scary, 86. gear, 87. portray, 88. charismatic, 89. predator's, 90. Longline, 91. fortunate

92. His diet was _____ in essential vitamins and minerals.

adj. lacking something needed or normal

93. She was known for her _____ attitude toward different cultures.

adj. accepting different views, beliefs, or practices without judgment or interference

94. The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by _____ causing many species to become endangered.

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

95. He _____ the letter with hot wax.

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

96. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.

adj. intense or scorching heat

97. She gave money to help set up a _____ laboratory.

adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs

98. The astronomer spent months studying the _____ light spectrum to learn more about its properties.

n. a star that suddenly becomes brighter, typically because of an explosion in its interior; a sudden increase or burst of activity or growth

99. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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

ANSWERS: 92. deficient, 93. tolerant, 94. overfishing, 95. sealed, 96. burning, 97. pharmaceutical, 98. nova's, 99. crisis

100. The movie was _____ dramatic, with exaggerated emotions and cliched plot twists.

adv. to a greater degree than is appropriate or desirable

101. He ordered a rare _____ for dinner.

n. a thin slice of meat, typically beef, grilled or fried and served as a main dish

102. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

103. The _____ cord is a vital lifeline between a mother and her unborn baby.

n. relating to a flexible cord-like structure that connects a developing fetus to the placenta in the mother's uterus during pregnancy, called umbilical cord; connected or corresponding closely to something essential, such as a source of nourishment or support

104. The company offered to _____ the employees for the overtime they worked.

v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

105. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

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

106. The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring _____.

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

107. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

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

ANSWERS: 100. overly, 101. steak, 102. Essentially, 103. umbilical, 104. compensate, 105. photograph, 106. shrimp, 107. journalists

108. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

adj. indispensable; fundamental

109. The girl _____ when a young man whistled as she walked by.

v. to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow

110. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

111. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

112. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

113. The fisherman used a net to _____ the bottom of the river for his catch.

v. to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

114. The majority of the people on the island are _____ folk.

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

115. _____ brooks are noisier than deep rivers.

adj. not having much distance from the top to the bottom

ANSWERS: 108. essential, 109. flushed, 110. wit, 111. distinct, 112. engaged, 113. trawl, 114. fishery, 115. Shallow

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

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

117. The _____ of the plant depends on the pollinators.

- n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work

118. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

119. Please write to _____ your reservation.

- v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

120. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.

- n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

121. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

122. The boy _____ his mother's hand tightly as they walked in the dark.

- v.* to grasp and hold somebody or something tightly

123. She only had a _____ of pens left in her bag.

- n.* a small quantity or number, usually referring to the amount that can be held in one hand; a person or thing that is difficult to control or manage

ANSWERS: 116. bulldozed, 117. reproduction, 118. strike, 119. confirm, 120. colony, 121. amazing, 122. clutched, 123. handful

124. The coast was lined with beds of _____ swaying in the tide.

n. a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters

125. The _____ jacket was worn in but still comfortable.

n. a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

126. The school _____ worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and maintained for the students and faculty.

n. a person who is responsible for the care and maintenance of a building, institution, or collection; a guardian or keeper of something valuable or important

127. He is proud of the _____ of the business.

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

128. His cheeks looked _____ after he overate junk food.

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

129. The young boy was an _____ wandering the streets without a home.

n. a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines

130. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

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

131. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 124. kelp, 125. leather, 126. custodian, 127. longevity, 128. puffy, 129. urchin, 130. emerged, 131. aft

132. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.

adj. extremely vital or necessary

133. She sat on the ship's _____ watching the sunset over the ocean.

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

134. Your spinal _____ is located deep within your body.

n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

135. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

136. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

137. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

138. His _____ in the other company is responsible for marketing.

n. a person or thing that corresponds to or has the same function as another person or thing

139. His heartaches are less _____ now.

adj. happening constantly

ANSWERS: 132. crucial, 133. deck, 134. cord, 135. abundance, 136. celebrated, 137. scar, 138. counterpart, 139. frequent

140. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
141. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.
n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
142. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
143. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
144. The _____ organisms thrive on the deep ocean floor.
adj. relating to or occurring at the bottom of a body of water, especially about the organisms and ecosystems that exist there
145. The garden looked magical in the _____ with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.
n. the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
146. The trapped bear is running amok in its _____.
n. a structure made of metal bars or wire in which birds or animals can be kept
147. Climbing the cliff was a _____ adventure.
adj. involving a high degree of risk or danger; hazardous or fraught with potential harm

ANSWERS: 140. population, 141. extinction, 142. acres, 143. critics, 144. benthic, 145. moonlight, 146. cage, 147. perilous

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

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

149. You should not _____ them from the community.

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

150. The construction workers used a power _____ to dig the foundation for the building.

n. a tool with a handle and broad scoop or blade used for digging or moving Earth, coal, snow, or other granular materials

151. I love going out for _____ with my friends on Friday nights.

n. a Japanese dish consisting of vinegared rice, often combined with fish or vegetables and sometimes wrapped in seaweed

152. The city council meeting was _____ as people argued about a controversial new policy.

adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

153. The _____ sharp eyesight allows it to spot carrion from great distances.

n. a large bird of prey with a bald head, sharp beak, and keen eyesight, feeding mainly on carrion (the flesh of dead animals)

154. Scientists traced the _____ of the species back millions of years by studying fossils.

n. the ancestry of a person, group, or species

155. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

ANSWERS: 148. humming, 149. isolate, 150. shovel, 151. sushi, 152. stormy, 153. vulture's, 154. lineage, 155. robust

156. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.

adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

157. He is in the _____ of his life.

n. the time in the evening at which the sun begins to fall below the horizon; (verb) to expire or be terminated automatically at the end of a fixed period

158. The company has been _____ with financial difficulties since the market downturn.

v. to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering

159. The lush green forest provided a picturesque _____ for the photo shoot.

n. a painted or photographed scene or setting that is used as a background for a stage, film, or other performance

160. The plane flew at a high _____ to avoid turbulence.

n. the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level

161. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

162. He showed great _____ in handling the difficult situation.

n. the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions

163. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

ANSWERS: 156. endangered, 157. sunset, 158. beleaguered, 159. backdrop, 160. altitude, 161. preserve, 162. maturity, 163. outlaw

164. The company struggled to maintain an _____ between its profits and social responsibilities.
n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
165. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
166. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
167. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.
n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
168. The company decided to _____ production of the product.
v. to stop an action or event
169. The tiny marine _____ has existed for more than 500 million years.
n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
170. _____ longitude is measured in degrees east or west of the Prime Meridian.
adj. of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air
171. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 164. equilibrium, 165. declines, 166. magic, 167. whale, 168. cease, 169. sponge, 170. Terrestrial, 171. propose

172. The antique furniture was sold at _____ for a high price.

- n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding

173. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.

- v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

174. The vessel ran aground on a _____.

- n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

175. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.

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

176. A _____ light lit up the party, creating a pulsing and energetic atmosphere.

- n.* a device that produces a rapid series of intense flashes of light, often used in photography or entertainment; an instrument for studying the motion of a rapidly moving object by flashing a light on it at regular intervals

177. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

- v.* to pull or haul with force

178. The mother bird fiercely protected her _____ and kept them safe in their nest.

- n.* a young bird, reptile, or fish that has emerged from its egg

179. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

ANSWERS: 172. auction, 173. graze, 174. reef, 175. arctic, 176. strobe, 177. dragged, 178. hatchlings, 179. definitely

180. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

181. The North _____ is the northernmost point on Earth.

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

182. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

183. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

184. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

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

185. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

186. The _____ report revealed that the cause of death was a heart attack.

n. a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

187. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

ANSWERS: 180. initially, 181. Pole, 182. coal, 183. gentle, 184. locate, 185. industrious, 186. autopsy, 187. largely

188. I ordered a plate of fresh _____ at the seafood restaurant.
- n.* a sea creature with two large claws and a flattened back (e.g., blue crab or king crab); a sour or grumpy person who is prone to complaining or criticizing
189. She began to play a beautiful melody on her _____.
- n.* a musical instrument consisting of a triangular frame with strings stretched across it, played by plucking the strings with the fingers
190. The movie depicts an old-fashioned _____ between the two main characters.
- n.* the period of time when two individuals go through the process of getting to know each other, often with the intent of forming a romantic or intimate relationship
191. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
192. He borrowed money from a loan _____.
- n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
193. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
194. My home is easily _____ from the shore.
- adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
195. I work at the breeding _____ where we grow and sell a variety of plants.
- n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

ANSWERS: 188. crab, 189. harp, 190. courtship, 191. threat, 192. shark, 193. biology, 194. visible, 195. nursery,

196. Many prehistoric _____ such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.
- n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct
197. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
198. 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.
199. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
200. The female birds build a _____ and lay their eggs in May.
- n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
201. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
- n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
202. Before copulating with the female, the male bird performs a _____ dance.
- n.* the act of pairing a male and female for reproductive purposes
203. Gamma _____ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.
- n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

ANSWERS: 196. megafaunas, 197. headline, 198. hopped, 199. recognize, 200. nest, 201. platform, 202. mating, 203. rays

204. The little ____ was so cute, with big, floppy ears and a wagging tail.
n. a young dog, seal, or other animals
205. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
206. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.
v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
207. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
208. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
209. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
210. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
211. She walked along the ____ and collected shells.
n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building

ANSWERS: 204. pup, 205. steel, 206. migrated, 207. historic, 208. contrast, 209. shadow, 210. numb, 211. bay

212. The ____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
213. The fire ruined all the food stored in the _____.
n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
214. He had always been interested in sumo _____ and decided to try it.
n. a sport in which two contestants grapple and try to throw each other to the ground
215. Red ____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.
n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
216. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.
adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
217. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.
adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
218. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.
adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged
219. 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
220. The earthquake caused a ____ of lumber to crumble noisily.
n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

ANSWERS: 212. Gulf, 213. warehouse, 214. wrestling, 215. tide, 216. marine, 217. predatory, 218. fragile, 219. involves, 220. stack

221. The newborn _____ stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.

n. a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals

222. Many researchers are monitoring environmental _____ in real-time through satellites.

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

223. _____ climate change is a significant concern for the future of our planet.

adj. relating to or resulting from human activity or influence on the environment or climate

224. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

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

n. a shop that sells food and other household items

226. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

227. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

228. I had to ___ my car to the mechanic after it broke down.

v. to pull or haul something along by means of a rope, chain, or other devices, typically using a vehicle as the source of power

ANSWERS: 221. calf, 222. degradation, 223. Anthropogenic, 224. diversity, 225. grocery, 226. encounter, 227. sting, 228. tow

229. 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
230. The religious leaders wanted to _____ the heretic for his teachings.
v. to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
231. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
232. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.
v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
233. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
234. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.
n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
235. The idea of virtual worlds _____ computers.
v. to have existed or happened earlier than something
236. The _____ waves crashed against the shore, creating a mesmerizing sight.
adj. relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface
237. The jeweler _____ the crown with a variety of precious stones.
v. to cover or coat something with a crust (= hard outer layer), often as a result of an accumulation of materials over time

ANSWERS: 229. government, 230. crucify, 231. consume, 232. reserve, 233. amazed, 234. Canyon, 235. predates, 236. oceanic, 237. encrusted

238. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.
- n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
239. This disease has a high _____.
- n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
240. The research team embarked on an expedition to study the wildlife of the _____ continent.
- n.* the southernmost continent surrounding the South Pole; characterized by extremely cold temperatures and a vast ice sheet
241. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
- v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
242. She had a tattoo just above her _____ button.
- n.* the front part of the body below the chest, containing the stomach and bowels; the rounded or curved part of an object, such as a ship or aircraft
243. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
244. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
245. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
- adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 238. horror, 239. mortality, 240. Antarctic, 241. explore, 242. belly, 243. obsessed, 244. pounds, 245. giant

246. 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
247. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
- v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
248. The _____ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.
- n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
249. Seabirds like albatrosses are well adapted to life in the _____ environment.
- adj.* relating to or inhabiting the open ocean, specifically referring to marine organisms that live or swim in the upper layers of the water column rather than close to the shore or sea floor
250. The _____ view from the airplane showed the beautiful landscape below.
- n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air
251. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
252. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
253. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 246. environment, 247. hunt, 248. notion, 249. pelagic, 250. aerial, 251. probable, 252. suppose, 253. mass

254. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to _____.
- v.* to look at and observe with attention
255. What are the _____ that he will survive?
- n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
256. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.
- adj.* relating to seeing or sight
257. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
258. The _____ scent of freshly baked bread made my mouth water.
- adj.* attracting attention or interest; likely to be noticed or remembered; appealing or compelling
259. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
260. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
261. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

ANSWERS: 254. behold, 255. odds, 256. visual, 257. statistics, 258. catching, 259. process, 260. destroyed, 261. component

262. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

263. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.

adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one

264. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

265. 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

266. The fish's _____ are necessary for extracting oxygen from the water.

n. a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide

267. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

268. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

269. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 262. disturb, 263. progressive, 264. planet, 265. ecosystem, 266. gills, 267. weighs, 268. swirled, 269. wildlife

270. The scandal received widespread media _____.

- n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

271. She did well on her _____ exam.

- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

272. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.

- n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste

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

- adj.* relating to or located in a town or city

274. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

275. Wearing _____ gear is crucial for athletes to prevent injuries.

- adj.* serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury

276. She is wearing a _____ necklace.

- n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry

277. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.

- adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

278. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.

- adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

ANSWERS: 270. coverage, 271. geography, 272. trash, 273. urban, 274. incredible, 275. protective, 276. coral, 277. pristine, 278. elusive

279. The _____ hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

ANSWERS: 279. Atlantic