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Session 1: Word List

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

emergence

n. the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent

synonym: appearance, outgrowth, rise

(1) **emergence** as a national leader, (2) re- **emergence** of rampant inflation

The **emergence** of a new virus can cause concern for public health.

plume

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

synonym: feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

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.

apartment

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

synonym: flat, dwelling, unit

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

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

miscalculation

n. a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result

synonym: error, mistake, oversight

(1) **miscalculation** of expenses, (2) **miscalculation** of time

His **miscalculation** in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.

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.

creative

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

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

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

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

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym: tightness, viscosity

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

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

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.

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.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff
She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

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.

exploit

v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

synonym : use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity
We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

carnage

n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way

synonym : slaughter, massacre, bloodshed

(1) **carnage** on the battlefield, (2) brutal **carnage**

The battlefield was filled with **carnage**, a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.

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.

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

synonym : five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

ruminate

v. to think deeply about something; to ponder

synonym : ponder, meditate, contemplate

(1) **ruminate** about the past, (2) **ruminate** over a problem

After a long work day, she likes to **ruminate** on her accomplishments and plan for the next day.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym : strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

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.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym : amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

lively

adj. full of energy and activity; animated

synonym : animated, energetic, vivacious

(1) **lively** conversation, (2) a **lively** song

The party was **lively**, filled with laughter and music.

influence

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

synonym :

power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life
The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

writ *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym: legal document, order, legal process
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

tavern *n.* a public place where alcoholic drinks are served
synonym: bar, pub, saloon
(1) drink in a **tavern**, (2) traditional **taverns**
The **tavern** keeper was a friendly man who always had a good joke.

playground *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
synonym: park, garden, sandbox
(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof
There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

stimming *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
synonym: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors
(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy
Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

display *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
synonym:

show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

branch

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

synonym : limb, twig, bough

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

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

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym : crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

bunker

n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

synonym : shelter, fortification, defense

(1) coal **bunker**, (2) **bunker** facility

The soldiers took cover in the dug-out **bunker** during the bombing.

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.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym : harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

nonetheless

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
synonym : nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

nonetheless

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym : agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym : hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym : bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

emergent

adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

synonym: coming, appearing, developing

(1) **emergent** repair of an aorta, (2) an **emergent** republic
Extensive areas of **emergent** plants are usually called marsh.

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

synonym: composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership
Product development is a **collective** effort.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**
In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

wrap

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

synonym: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting
Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

personality

n. a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others

synonym: character, disposition, temperament

(1) **personality** trait, (2) **personality** test
She had a vibrant **personality** that made everyone feel at

ease.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

contribute

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

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

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

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

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

experimental

adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

synonym : empirical, exploratory, observed

(1) **experimental** data, (2) **experimental** design

The product is still in the **experimental** stage.

optimistic

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

synonym : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

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

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

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

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**.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

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

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

unexpected.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

zeitgeist

n. the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era

synonym: spirit of the time, trend, fashion

(1) the **zeitgeist** of the era, (2) cultural **zeitgeist**

The political speech resonated with the **zeitgeist** of national unity and cooperation.

conjure

v. to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

synonym: summon, evoke, call forth

(1) **conjure** evil spirits away, (2) **conjure** a vision

The magician **conjured** up a rabbit out of thin air.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

belittle

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect

synonym: degrade, demean, disparage

(1) **belittle** his ability, (2) **belittle** through talk

He **belittled** her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.

refer

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

something as evidence or support

synonym : cite, allude, mention

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

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

interface

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

synonym : junction, surface, UI

(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**

Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of two liquids.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

explosion

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

synonym : burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

breakthrough

n. a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

synonym : advance, progress, innovation

(1) **breakthrough** in the negotiations, (2) **breakthrough** discovery

A technique called deep learning has led to **breakthroughs** in AI.

shining

adj. giving off or reflecting light; bright, glistening, or gleaming; characterized by impressive accomplishments or excellence

synonym : sparkling, gleaming, radiant

(1) **shining** star, (2) **shining** example

The **shining** sun reflected off the calm ocean water.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym : accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

theoretical

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

synonym : conceptual, conjectural, ideal

(1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist

Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor
This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

navel

n. the small depression or scar on the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached at birth; the center or core of something

synonym: belly button, umbilicus, center

(1) **navel** string, (2) gaze at my **navel**

I have a piercing in my **navel**, which I got in college.

gaze

v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else

synonym: stare, gawk, look

(1) **gaze** steadily at his face, (2) **gaze** absently out a window

The youngster was **gazed** at by the beast.

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**.

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

authorship

n. the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;

synonym : writing, composing, penning

(1) **authorship** of the document, (2) a book of doubtful **authorship**

He took credit for the book's **authorship**, but later it was revealed that he had plagiarized it.

coherent

adj. logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

synonym : logical, consistent, clear

(1) a **coherent** explanation, (2) create a **coherent** system

His writing was well-structured and **coherent**.

innovative

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

synonym : creative, ingenious, inventive

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

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

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym : wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

incredibly

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

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

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

widget

n. a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device

synonym :

gadget, device, tool

(1) calendar **widget**, (2) social media **widget**

You can easily add a **widget** to your blog by following these steps

expand

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

synonym: extend, grow, boost

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

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

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

authoritative

adj. having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience

synonym: reliable, trustworthy, credible

(1) **authoritative** source, (2) **authoritative** figure

The scientist's findings were considered **authoritative** in the field of physics.

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.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

limitation

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

synonym: restriction, constraint, burden

(1) impose **limitation**, (2) **limitation** of exercise

Disability is a physical **limitation** to living everyday life.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

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

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

necessarily

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

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

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

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

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym: means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

supple

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

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

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

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

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

purposive

adj. done with a specific purpose or intention; intentional; deliberate

synonym: purposeful, intentional, goal-oriented

(1) **purposive** behavior, (2) **purposive** action

The **purposive** use of color and lighting created a vibrant and engaging atmosphere in the gallery.

artificial

adj. not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something

synonym: synthetic, man-made, manufactured

(1) **artificial** flowers, (2) **artificial** environment

The **artificial** intelligence system has revolutionized the way we live and work.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym: mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to

blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym: create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month
The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

ecology

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

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

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

deliberate

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

synonym: intentional, planned, careful

(1) the **deliberate** act of provocation, (2) **deliberate** attempt
Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was **deliberate** about invasion.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

experiment

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

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**
His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

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**.

plumbing

n. the system of pipes, fittings, and fixtures that are used to distribute water and remove waste in a building or structure; the trade or profession of installing and maintaining such systems

synonym : pipefitting, piping

(1) **plumbing** problem, (2) **plumbing** service

The **plumbing** in my house needs to be replaced because it keeps leaking.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym : deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

trace

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

synonym : seek, follow, depict

(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times

Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.

dye

v. to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance

synonym : color, tint, stain

(1) **dye** a T-shirt red, (2) **dye** patterns
She **dyed** her hair purple for a change.

bloodstream

n. the blood flowing through the body

(1) **bloodstream** in an artery, (2) **bloodstream** to the brain
Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the **bloodstream**.

abstract

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

synonym: conceptual, theoretical, ideational

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

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

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

contest

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

synonym: battle, competition, match

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

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

instance

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

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

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

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym: projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

mola

n. a large, flat, and colorful fish belonging to the ocean sunfish family, known for its distinctive rounded body shape and unique appearance

synonym: sunfishheadfish

(1) **mola** fish, (2) **mola** behavior

The marine biologist studied a rare species of **mola** in its natural habitat.

slide

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

synonym: glide, drift, drop

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

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

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym : board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym : elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

ascot

n. a wide, formal necktie that is typically worn by men, consisting of a wide band that is folded over and secured with a decorative pin or tie tack

synonym : cravat, neckcloth, necktie

(1) **ascot** fashion, (2) **ascot** dress code

He looked dashing in his suit and **ascot** tie at the wedding.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym : evidently, obviously, supposedly

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

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

bursty

adj. characterized by sudden or intermittent bursts or surges of activity or energy

synonym : intermittent, sporadic, surging

(1) **bursty** traffic, (2) **bursty** behavior

The **bursty** internet connection made it easier to stream videos with interruptions.

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.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**

I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

meme

n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online

synonym: buzzword, trend

(1) pronounce **meme**, (2) religious **meme**

This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet **meme**.

precedent

n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

synonym: example, model, pattern

(1) break with **precedent**, (2) a bad **precedent**

The court used previous **precedents** to make its decision.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

emancipation

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

synonym: liberation, freedom, release

(1) self- **emancipation**, (2) history of **emancipation**

His **emancipation** from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

rebellion

n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler

synonym: insurrection, uprising, revolt

(1) **rebellion** leader, (2) excite **rebellion**

The antigovernment **rebellion** was put down quickly by the government's military forces.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

synonym : recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

Depression symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

interpret

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym : decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question

Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

syllable

n. a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

(1) **syllable** structure, (2) single **syllable**

Emphasize the second **syllable** when pronouncing it.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym : load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

intimate

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

synonym: close, tight, friendly

(1) my **intimate** affairs, (2) **intimate** relationship

He has an **intimate** knowledge of American history.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym: agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

verb

n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience

(1) complex **verb**, (2) an auxiliary **verb**

Use a singular **verb** if the subject is singular.

syntax

n. the grammatical order or rule of words in a sentence
synonym: grammar

(1) French **syntax**, (2) **syntax** error

Let's investigate the **syntax** of Latin.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

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

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

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**.

clay

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

synonym: ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym: broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym : disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse

controversy

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

modem

n. a device that converts digital signals from a computer or other electronic device into analog signals that can be transmitted over telephone or cable lines and that converts incoming analog signals back into digital form for use by the computer or device

synonym : router, connection

(1) high-speed **modem**, (2) dial-up **modem**

The IT department secured the network by configuring the **modem's** firewall settings.

democracy

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

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

synonym : charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs

The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

fiat

n. a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict

synonym : decree, order, command

(1) **fiat** currency, (2) **fiat** agreement

The car manufacturer announced a new **fiat** model that will be released next year.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

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

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

sphere

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

synonym : ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym : fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

mover

n. a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers

synonym : removalist, proposer

(1) market **mover**, (2) the **movers** and shakers

The professional **mover** helped us pack and transport our furniture and belongings to our new home.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym : amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence

He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

synonym : actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

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.

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.

capable

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

synonym : able, competent, proficient

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

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

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym : argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

software

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

synonym : program, system, operating system

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

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

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

Session 2: Spelling

1. li___y conversation *adj.* full of energy and activity; animated
2. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
3. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
4. aut_____ip of the document *n.* the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;
5. French sy___x *n.* the grammatical order or rule of words in a sentence
6. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
7. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
8. fu___s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
9. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
10. the_____al models *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

ANSWERS: 1. lively, 2. slide, 3. trace, 4. authorship, 5. syntax, 6. wrap, 7. software, 8. fungus, 9. capture, 10. theoretical

11. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
12. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
13. student ach____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
14. a remarkable ach____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
15. nec____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
16. ca____e on the battlefield *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
17. art____al flowers *adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
18. de____e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
19. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
20. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
21. em____nt repair of an aorta *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known

ANSWERS: 11. obvious, 12. confer, 13. achievement, 14. achievement, 15. necessarily, 16. carnage, 17. artificial, 18. decide, 19. entirely, 20. ache, 21. emergent

22. rented ap_____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
23. an auxiliary v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
24. de___t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
25. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
26. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
27. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
28. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
29. break with pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
30. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
31. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 22. apartment, 23. verb, 24. detect, 25. increasingly, 26. wrap, 27. emergency, 28. separate, 29. precedent, 30. physically, 31. quote

32. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
33. c__y animation *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
34. self-ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence
35. brutal ca_____e *n.* the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
36. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
37. be_____le through talk *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
38. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
39. bu__t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
40. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
41. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
42. mis_____ion of expenses *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
43. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 32. historic, 33. clay, 34. emancipation, 35. carnage, 36. writ, 37. belittle, 38. brain, 39. bullet, 40. mention, 41. interact, 42. miscalculation, 43. supple

44. la____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
45. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
46. drink in a ta___n *n.* a public place where alcoholic drinks are served
47. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
48. ca____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
49. a pla_____nd on the roof *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
50. bu___r facility *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
51. per______ty test *n.* a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others
52. re____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
53. el____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 44. largely, 45. locate, 46. tavern, 47. communal, 48. capture, 49. playground, 50. bunker, 51. personality, 52. recover, 53. electrify

54. fu____on properly
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
55. de___e topic
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
56. m__a fish
- n.* a large, flat, and colorful fish belonging to the ocean sunfish family, known for its distinctive rounded body shape and unique appearance
57. am____g advances
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
58. get inc_____ly insecure
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
59. re____r approval ratings
- v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
60. clogged fi___r
- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
61. he is opt_____ic
- adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

ANSWERS: 54. function, 55. debate, 56. mola, 57. amazing, 58. incredibly, 59. recover, 60. filter, 61. optimistic

62. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
63. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
64. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
65. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
66. social media wi____t *n.* a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device
67. a co_____nt explanation *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
68. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
69. dec_____ize organizational structure *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
70. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
71. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
72. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

ANSWERS: 62. interpret, 63. decide, 64. afterward, 65. priority, 66. widget, 67. coherent, 68. accumulate, 69. decentralize, 70. experiment, 71. numb, 72. nowhere

73. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
74. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
75. ca_____e leader *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
76. complex v__b *n.* a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
77. stylistically inn_____ve works *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
78. re-em_____ce of rampant inflation *n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
79. religious m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
80. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
81. the mo__rs and shakers *n.* a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers

ANSWERS: 73. spot, 74. supple, 75. capable, 76. verb, 77. innovative, 78. emergence, 79. meme, 80. extreme, 81. mover

82. a well-equipped pla_____nd *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
83. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
84. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
85. pronounce m__e *n.* a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
86. con_____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
87. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
88. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
89. an em_____nt republic *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
90. na__l string *n.* the small depression or scar on the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached at birth; the center or core of something
91. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

ANSWERS: 82. playground, 83. interact, 84. influence, 85. meme, 86. controversy, 87. mention, 88. impose, 89. emergent, 90. navel, 91. percentage

92. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
93. in_____te relationship *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
94. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
95. a bad pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
96. sh_____g star *adj.* giving off or reflecting light; bright, glistening, or gleaming; characterized by impressive accomplishments or excellence
97. bu_____t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
98. ru_____te about the past *v.* to think deeply about something; to ponder
99. f__t agreement *n.* a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict
100. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
101. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
102. the root problem of her dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

ANSWERS: 92. decision-maker, 93. intimate, 94. ecosystem, 95. precedent, 96. shining, 97. bullet, 98. ruminates, 99. fiat, 100. bunch, 101. experiment, 102. depression

103. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
104. aut_____ive source *adj.* having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience
105. lim_____on of exercise *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
106. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
107. higher pixel de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
108. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
109. sy____x error *n.* the grammatical order or rule of words in a sentence
110. im____e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
111. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
112. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
113. the del_____te act of provocation *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
114. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
115. ho_____wn celebrity *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up

ANSWERS: 103. refer, 104. authoritative, 105. limitation, 106. emerging, 107. density, 108. apparently, 109. syntax, 110. impose, 111. quarter, 112. analyze, 113. deliberate, 114. incredible, 115. hometown

116. an und_____ng cause of an accident
adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
117. pr_____le cause of a fire
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
118. do_____ad the assignment from the website
v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
119. ex____d agricultural output
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
120. br____h office
n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
121. we are non_____ss confident
adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
122. market mo__r
n. a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers
123. notable in _____ce
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
124. psychic tr____a
n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

ANSWERS: 116. underlying, 117. probable, 118. download, 119. expand, 120. branch, 121. nonetheless, 122. mover, 123. instance, 124. trauma

125. gaze at my na__l *n.* the small depression or scar on the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached at birth; the center or core of something
126. a book of doubtful aut_____ip *n.* the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;
127. equilateral pe_____on *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
128. population de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
129. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
130. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
131. as__t dress code *n.* a wide, formal necktie that is typically worn by men, consisting of a wide band that is folded over and secured with a decorative pin or tie tack
132. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
133. bu___y traffic *adj.* characterized by sudden or intermittent bursts or surges of activity or energy
134. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 125. navel, 126. authorship, 127. pentagon, 128. density, 129. mechanism, 130. architecture, 131. ascot, 132. amazing, 133. bursty, 134. damage

135. traditional ta___ns *n.* a public place where alcoholic drinks are served
136. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
137. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
138. aut_____ive figure *adj.* having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience
139. opt_____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
140. the _____al physicist *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
141. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
142. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
143. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
144. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 135. tavern, 136. twin, 137. property, 138. authoritative, 139. optimistic, 140. theoretical, 141. ultimate, 142. numb, 143. slave, 144. panel

145. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
146. site of the ex_____on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
147. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
148. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
149. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
150. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
151. the user in_____ce *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
152. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
153. pl_____ng service *n.* the system of pipes, fittings, and fixtures that are used to distribute water and remove waste in a building or structure; the trade or profession of installing and maintaining such systems

ANSWERS: 145. critic, 146. explosion, 147. emergency, 148. architecture, 149. function, 150. destroy, 151. interface, 152. exploit, 153. plumbing

154. pe_____on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
155. em_____ce as a national leader *n.* the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent
156. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
157. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
158. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
159. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
160. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
161. f__t currency *n.* a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict
162. a mir_____us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

ANSWERS: 154. pentagon, 155. emergence, 156. graph, 157. invention, 158. interpret, 159. panel, 160. evolution, 161. fiat, 162. miraculous

163. calendar wi___t *n.* a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device
164. bre_____ugh discovery *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
165. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
166. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
167. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
168. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
169. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
170. pl__e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
171. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 163. widget, 164. breakthrough, 165. incredible, 166. spot, 167. branch, 168. urban, 169. writ, 170. plume, 171. quote

172. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
173. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
174. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
175. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
176. cultural ze_____st *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
177. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
178. re_____nt our life *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
179. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
180. impose lim_____on *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
181. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
182. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
183. sl_____y labor *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

ANSWERS: 172. entirely, 173. apparently, 174. generate, 175. incredibly, 176. zeitgeist, 177. literally, 178. reinvent, 179. invention, 180. limitation, 181. extreme, 182. conversation, 183. slavery

184. exp_____tal design *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
185. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
186. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
187. create a co_____nt system *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
188. the ze_____st of the era *n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
189. dial-up mo__m *n.* a device that converts digital signals from a computer or other electronic device into analog signals that can be transmitted over telephone or cable lines and that converts incoming analog signals back into digital form for use by the computer or device
190. symbiotic fu____s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
191. exp_____tal data *adj.* relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have

ANSWERS: 184. experimental, 185. largely, 186. exciting, 187. coherent, 188. zeitgeist, 189. modem, 190. fungus, 191. experimental

192. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
193. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
194. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
195. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
196. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
197. soft c__y ground *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
198. an ab_____ct noun *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
199. g__e absently out a window *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
200. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
201. institution of sl_____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
202. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 192. twist, 193. emerge, 194. conjure, 195. necessarily, 196. graph, 197. clay, 198. abstract, 199. gaze, 200. slightly, 201. slavery, 202. slide

203. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
204. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
205. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
206. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
207. bre_____ugh in the negotiations *n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
208. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
209. ru_____te over a problem *v.* to think deeply about something; to ponder
210. pu_____ve action *adj.* done with a specific purpose or intention; intentional; deliberate
211. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
212. be_____le his ability *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
213. th_____e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
214. single sy_____le *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

ANSWERS: 203. advantage, 204. display, 205. miraculous, 206. suddenly, 207. breakthrough, 208. relation, 209. ruminate, 210. purposive, 211. instance, 212. belittle, 213. thrive, 214. syllable

215. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
216. coal bu___r *n.* a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel
217. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
218. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
219. pl_____ng problem *n.* the system of pipes, fittings, and fixtures that are used to distribute water and remove waste in a building or structure; the trade or profession of installing and maintaining such systems
220. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
221. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
222. co_____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
223. sh_____g example *adj.* giving off or reflecting light; bright, glistening, or gleaming; characterized by impressive accomplishments or excellence

ANSWERS: 215. depth, 216. bunker, 217. depth, 218. percentage, 219. plumbing, 220. shifting, 221. democracy, 222. conjure, 223. shining

224. ca_____e worker *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
225. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
226. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
227. furnished ap_____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
228. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
229. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
230. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
231. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
232. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

ANSWERS: 224. capable, 225. ecosystem, 226. contract, 227. apartment, 228. rank, 229. brain, 230. decision, 231. trace, 232. physically

233. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
234. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
235. ex____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
236. as__t fashion *n.* a wide, formal necktie that is typically worn by men, consisting of a wide band that is folded over and secured with a decorative pin or tie tack
237. dec_____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
238. love him non_____ss *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
239. d_e a T-shirt red *v.* to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
240. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
241. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
242. art_____al environment *adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something

ANSWERS: 233. tower, 234. tower, 235. exciting, 236. ascot, 237. decentralize, 238. nonetheless, 239. dye, 240. electrify, 241. contribute, 242. artificial

243. br____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
244. employment co____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
245. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
246. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
247. high-speed mo__m *n.* a device that converts digital signals from a computer or other electronic device into analog signals that can be transmitted over telephone or cable lines and that converts incoming analog signals back into digital form for use by the computer or device
248. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
249. col_____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
250. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
251. de____t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

ANSWERS: 243. broaden, 244. contract, 245. conversation, 246. critic, 247. modem, 248. component, 249. collective, 250. historic, 251. detect

252. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
253. sp___e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
254. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
255. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
256. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
257. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
258. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
259. d_e patterns *v.* to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance

ANSWERS: 252. urban, 253. sphere, 254. component, 255. executive, 256. damage, 257. mechanism, 258. communal, 259. dye

260. sy____le structure *n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants
261. a li____y song *adj.* full of energy and activity; animated
262. copyrighted so____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
263. em____e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
264. ab____ct science *adj.* based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
265. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
266. a bu____h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
267. tax re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
268. right to col____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
269. field of artificial int____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
270. ce____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 260. syllable, 261. lively, 262. software, 263. emerge, 264. abstract, 265. creative, 266. bunch, 267. relief, 268. collective, 269. intelligence, 270. celebrate

271. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
272. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
273. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
274. br_____n their horizon *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
275. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
276. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
277. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up
278. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
279. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
280. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

ANSWERS: 271. intelligence, 272. obvious, 273. decision, 274. broaden, 275. twin, 276. physicist, 277. hometown, 278. contest, 279. executive, 280. quarter

281. di____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
282. business sp____e *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
283. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
284. use of inn____ve technology *adj.* introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
285. g__e steadily at his face *v.* to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
286. bu____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
287. excite re____on *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
288. lo____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
289. a lot of ex____ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
290. the ec____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
291. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

ANSWERS: 281. display, 282. sphere, 283. rank, 284. innovative, 285. gaze, 286. burning, 287. rebellion, 288. locate, 289. explosion, 290. ecology, 291. slave

292. blo_____am in an artery *n.* the blood flowing through the body
293. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
294. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
295. sigh of re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
296. bu_____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
297. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
298. come out of no_____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
299. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
300. per_____ty trait *n.* a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others
301. pl__e of feathers *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
302. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 292. bloodstream, 293. decision-maker, 294. celebrate, 295. relief, 296. burning, 297. separate, 298. nowhere, 299. slightly, 300. personality, 301. plume, 302. destroy

303. the Great Dep_____on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
304. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
305. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
306. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
307. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
308. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
309. ex____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
310. mis_____ion of time *n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
311. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
312. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
313. de____e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 303. depression, 304. property, 305. advantage, 306. folk, 307. suddenly, 308. contribute, 309. expand, 310. miscalculation, 311. priority, 312. contest, 313. debate

314. in_____ce between gas and liquid *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
315. my in_____te affairs *adj.* having a very close friendship, personal
316. bu_____y behavior *adj.* characterized by sudden or intermittent bursts or surges of activity or energy
317. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
318. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
319. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
320. pu_____ve behavior *adj.* done with a specific purpose or intention; intentional; deliberate
321. autistic st_____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
322. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
323. m__a behavior *n.* a large, flat, and colorful fish belonging to the ocean sunfish family, known for its distinctive rounded body shape and unique appearance

ANSWERS: 314. interface, 315. intimate, 316. bursty, 317. probable, 318. relation, 319. analyze, 320. purposive, 321. stimming, 322. creative, 323. mola

324. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
325. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
326. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
327. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
328. tr___a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
329. st_____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
330. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
331. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
332. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

ANSWERS: 324. accumulate, 325. refer, 326. underlying, 327. evolution, 328. trauma, 329. stimming, 330. confer, 331. democracy, 332. generate

333. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
334. gas fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
335. science of ec_____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
336. del_____te attempt *adj.* done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident
337. arouse con_____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
338. blo_____am to the brain *n.* the blood flowing through the body
339. do_____ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
340. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
341. history of ema_____ion *n.* the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

ANSWERS: 333. union, 334. filter, 335. ecology, 336. deliberate, 337. controversy, 338. bloodstream, 339. download, 340. distribute, 341. emancipation

342. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
343. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
344. talented ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
345. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
346. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
347. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
348. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
349. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
350. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
351. re_____on leader *n.* an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
352. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
353. sh_____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
354. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
355. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

ANSWERS: 342. thrive, 343. influence, 344. physicist, 345. emerging, 346. afterward, 347. twist, 348. folk, 349. ache, 350. exploit, 351. rebellion, 352. reinvent, 353. shifting, 354. ultimate, 355. literally

356. inc_____gly become common

adv. more and more

357. bank and credit un__ns

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

358. dis_____te wealth evenly

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 356. increasingly, 357. union, 358. distribute

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided _____.
n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
2. This cute dog's photo spread around the world as an Internet _____.
n. a cultural idea, value, or pattern of behavior that is passed from one generation to another by imitation rather than genetic means; (as an Internet meme) an image, a video, a piece of text, etc. that is remixed, copied, and circulated in a shared cultural experience online
3. She had a vibrant _____ that made everyone feel at ease.
n. a person's distinct combination of character, behavioral, temperamental, emotional, and mental traits that define them as an individual and set them apart from others
4. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
5. I am seeking a spacious _____ with a balcony and a parking spot.
n. a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
6. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
7. The _____ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.
n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

ANSWERS: 1. pentagon, 2. meme, 3. personality, 4. nowhere, 5. apartment, 6. optimistic, 7. sphere

8. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
v. to communicate or react with somebody
9. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
10. The _____ sun reflected off the calm ocean water.
adj. giving off or reflecting light; bright, glistening, or gleaming; characterized by impressive accomplishments or excellence
11. The battlefield was filled with _____ a terrible reminder of the horrors of war.
n. the killing or slaughter of a large number of people, especially in a battle or war; a situation in which many people are killed or injured in a violent way
12. You can easily add a _____ to your blog by following these steps
n. a small device or component of a larger system or software that performs a specific function or provides information or control, often displayed on a computer screen or mobile device
13. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
14. The Prime Minister stressed the need to create _____ industries.
adj. introducing or using new methods, ideas, etc.
15. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

ANSWERS: 8. interact, 9. influence, 10. shining, 11. carnage, 12. widget, 13. increasingly, 14. innovative, 15. exciting

16. The court used previous _____ to make its decision.
- n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
17. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.
- v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
18. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
- n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
19. A technique called deep learning has led to _____ in AI.
- n.* a sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem
20. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.
- n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
21. The marine biologist studied a rare species of _____ in its natural habitat.
- n.* a large, flat, and colorful fish belonging to the ocean sunfish family, known for its distinctive rounded body shape and unique appearance
22. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
23. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
- n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 16. precedents, 17. broadened, 18. tower, 19. breakthroughs, 20. contest, 21. mola, 22. intelligence, 23. conversation

24. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
25. They each choose _____ to battle.
adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
26. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
27. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
adj. constantly changing or moving
28. The party was _____ filled with laughter and music.
adj. full of energy and activity; animated
29. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
30. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
31. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 24. Communal, 25. nonetheless, 26. property, 27. shifting, 28. lively, 29. panel, 30. electrify, 31. locate

32. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
- v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
33. 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
34. The IT department secured the network by configuring the _____ firewall settings.
- n.* a device that converts digital signals from a computer or other electronic device into analog signals that can be transmitted over telephone or cable lines and that converts incoming analog signals back into digital form for use by the computer or device
35. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
36. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
- adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
37. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
38. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 32. conjured, 33. component, 34. modem's, 35. incredibly, 36. Emerging, 37. refer, 38. damage

39. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
40. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
41. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
adj. relating to or located in a town or city
42. 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
43. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
44. The _____ keeper was a friendly man who always had a good joke.
n. a public place where alcoholic drinks are served
45. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
46. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
47. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 39. mentioned, 40. supple, 41. urban, 42. ecosystem, 43. twisted, 44. tavern, 45. bunch, 46. probable, 47. incredible

48. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.
v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
49. The youngster was _____ at by the beast.
v. to stare at something or someone for an extended time, usually out of surprise or adoration, or because you are thinking about something else
50. Use a singular _____ if the subject is singular.
n. a word or phrase that describes an action, state, or experience
51. He moved his body _____ to the left.
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
52. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.
adv. based on what you have heard or read
53. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
54. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
55. The president declared a state of _____.
n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

ANSWERS: 48. accumulated, 49. gazed, 50. verb, 51. slightly, 52. apparently, 53. function, 54. celebrated, 55. emergency

56. The invention of the camera triggered the development of _____ painting.
adj. based on general ideas, feelings, or qualities and not on any a physical or concrete existence
57. The professional _____ helped us pack and transport our furniture and belongings to our new home.
n. a person or company that specializes in moving goods or possessions from one location to another; a professional moving service or an individual who performs this task for friends, family members, or customers
58. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
59. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
60. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.
n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
61. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
62. _____ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.
n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market

ANSWERS: 56. abstract, 57. mover, 58. graph, 59. analyze, 60. stimming, 61. amazing, 62. Depression

63. 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
64. He _____ her in front of the office, making her feel small and insignificant.
- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that shows a lack of respect
65. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
66. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
67. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
- adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
68. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
69. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
70. The _____ in my house needs to be replaced because it keeps leaking.
- n.* the system of pipes, fittings, and fixtures that are used to distribute water and remove waste in a building or structure; the trade or profession of installing and maintaining such systems

ANSWERS: 63. separate, 64. belittled, 65. brain, 66. advantages, 67. physically, 68. contribute, 69. capture, 70. plumbing

71. The antigovernment _____ was put down quickly by the government's military forces.
n. an act of violent or open resistance to an established government or ruler
72. Extensive areas of _____ plants are usually called marsh.
adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known
73. They study the _____ of the universe.
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
74. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
75. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
76. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
77. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
78. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 71. rebellion, 72. emergent, 73. evolution, 74. quarter, 75. filter, 76. historic, 77. experiments, 78. debate

79. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.
n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
80. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
81. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
v. to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
82. I _____ all over after running a marathon yesterday.
v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
83. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the _____ of two liquids.
n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
84. Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the _____.
n. the blood flowing through the body
85. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.
n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
86. The soldiers took cover in the dug-out _____ during the bombing.
n. a concrete shelter or underground room, typically for storing ammunition or protecting people from enemy fire; a hazard on a golf course; a large container for storing fuel

ANSWERS: 79. physicist, 80. architecture, 81. exploit, 82. ache, 83. interface, 84. bloodstream, 85. trauma, 86. bunker

87. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
88. The _____ intelligence system has revolutionized the way we live and work.
- adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
89. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.
- n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
90. The political speech resonated with the _____ of national unity and cooperation.
- n.* the spirit or general outlook of a particular period of time, especially as it is reflected in the beliefs and attitudes of that time; the cultural, intellectual, or moral climate of a society or era
91. His writing was well-structured and _____.
- adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
92. His _____ in the stock market cost him a significant amount of money.
- n.* a mistake in making a calculation or judgment that produces an incorrect result
93. He made a _____ recovery.
- adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

ANSWERS: 87. ecology, 88. artificial, 89. decision-makers, 90. zeitgeist, 91. coherent, 92. miscalculation, 93. miraculous

94. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

95. Product development is a _____ effort.

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

96. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

97. He has an _____ knowledge of American history.

adj. having a very close friendship, personal

98. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

99. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

100. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

101. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.

adj. intense or scorching heat

102. The scientist's findings were considered _____ in the field of physics.

adj. having or showing knowledge, expertise, or power in a particular field or area; recognized as being accurate or reliable; commanding respect or obedience

ANSWERS: 94. relief, 95. collective, 96. rank, 97. intimate, 98. ultimate, 99. entirely, 100. confer, 101. burning, 102. authoritative

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

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

104. Her _____ is to be a mother.

- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

105. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

- n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

106. The car manufacturer announced a new _____ model that will be released next year.

- n.* a formal authorization or order, typically given by a government, institution, or other authority figures; a decree or edict

107. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

- n.* a written legal order or command

108. I have a piercing in my _____ which I got in college.

- n.* the small depression or scar on the abdomen where the umbilical cord was attached at birth; the center or core of something

109. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.

- n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

110. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

- n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 103. decision, 104. priority, 105. twin, 106. fiat, 107. writ, 108. navel, 109. bullet, 110. executive

111. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

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

112. His estate was _____ to his sons.

- v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

113. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

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

114. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.

- v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

115. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

- v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

116. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

- n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

117. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.

- adv. after the time mentioned

118. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

- n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

119. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

- n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 111. expand, 112. distributed, 113. slide, 114. reinvent, 115. quoted, 116. instances, 117. afterward, 118. spot, 119. relations

120. After a long work day, she likes to _____ on her accomplishments and plan for the next day.
v. to think deeply about something; to ponder
121. This accident was something that happened _____.
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
122. The product is still in the _____ stage.
adj. relating to or based on new ideas, forms, methods, etc. that have not been tried before, usually to find out what effect they have
123. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.
v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
124. A broken gas pipe triggered the _____.
n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
125. The _____ use of color and lighting created a vibrant and engaging atmosphere in the gallery.
adj. done with a specific purpose or intention; intentional; deliberate
126. She is highly _____ of handling multiple tasks at once.
adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
127. He took credit for the book's _____ but later it was revealed that he had plagiarized it.
n. the fact or condition of being the person who wrote a particular work;

ANSWERS: 120. ruminates, 121. necessarily, 122. experimental, 123. imposes, 124. explosion, 125. purposive, 126. capable, 127. authorship,

128. The pond's _____ was around five feet.

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

129. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

130. There is a woods with a creek near the school _____.

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

131. His _____ from his parents was a defining moment and gave him newfound freedom.

n. the act or process of setting someone free from control or influence

132. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

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

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

134. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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

135. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 128. depth, 129. slave, 130. playground, 131. emancipation, 132. extreme, 133. creative, 134. Democracy, 135. invention

136. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

137. The _____ internet connection made it easier to stream videos with interruptions.

adj. characterized by sudden or intermittent bursts or surges of activity or energy

138. She _____ her hair purple for a change.

v. to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance

139. Let's investigate the _____ of Latin.

n. the grammatical order or rule of words in a sentence

140. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

141. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

142. My left arm became _____.

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

143. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

144. Without investment, a business cannot _____.

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

ANSWERS: 136. controversy, 137. bursty, 138. dyed, 139. syntax, 140. generate, 141. trace, 142. numb, 143. recovering, 144. thrive

145. Disability is a physical _____ to living everyday life.
n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
146. The _____ principle of every business was identical.
adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
147. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
148. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?
n. the quality of compactness of a substance
149. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
150. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
151. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
152. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 145. limitation, 146. underlying, 147. suddenly, 148. density, 149. folk, 150. Wrap, 151. download, 152. fungus

153. Different people might _____ this news differently.

v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

154. This _____ has never been formally accepted.

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

155. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

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

156. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

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

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

158. Despite its advanced science and technology, the empire was _____ about invasion.

adj. done with full consciousness of nature and effects rather than by accident

159. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.

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

160. The _____ of a new virus can cause concern for public health.

n. the process or fact of coming into existence or becoming apparent

161. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 153. interpret, 154. achievement, 155. destroyed, 156. mechanisms, 157. branch, 158. deliberate, 159. software, 160. emergence, 161. obvious

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

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

163. The security camera has _____ four intruders.

- v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

164. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

165. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.

- n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up

166. The sculptor carefully molded the _____ into the desired shape.

- n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

167. Emphasize the second _____ when pronouncing it.

- n.* a single unit of spoken language more significant than a phoneme containing a vowel sound and usually one or more consonants

168. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

- adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

169. The bird had a beautiful _____ on its head.

- n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

ANSWERS: 162. decide, 163. detected, 164. display, 165. hometown, 166. clay, 167. syllable, 168. literally, 169. plume

170. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?

- n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

171. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

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

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

173. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

- n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

174. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

175. Absolute zero is the lowest _____ temperature.

- adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

176. We need to _____ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

- v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

177. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

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

ANSWERS: 170. percentage, 171. union, 172. critics, 173. contract, 174. largely, 175. theoretical, 176. decentralize, 177. emerged

178. He looked dashing in his suit and _____ tie at the wedding.

- n.* a wide, formal necktie that is typically worn by men, consisting of a wide band that is folded over and secured with a decorative pin or tie tack

179. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

- n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

ANSWERS: 178. ascot, 179. slavery