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Session 1: Word List

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.

formal

adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner

synonym: ceremonial, official, traditional

(1) a **formal** festival, (2) **formal** request

The event required **formal** attire, so he wore a suit and tie.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

outskirt

n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

synonym : suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**
The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

discuss

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

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

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

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

overhaul

n. a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard

synonym : renovation, revamp, modernization

(1) **overhaul** process, (2) vehicle **overhaul**

The mechanic suggested an **overhaul** of the engine to improve performance.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym : streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

passion

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

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

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

progressive

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

synonym : advanced, forward-thinking, modern

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

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

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym : heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

counsel

n. advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance

synonym : advice, guidance, direction

(1) take **counsel**, (2) career **counsel**

She sought the **counsel** of her trusted advisor before making a decision.

phenomenon

n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

(1) natural **phenomenon**, (2) historical **phenomenon**

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

invasion

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

synonym : aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

affected

adj. influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere

synonym : artificial, pretentious, stilted

(1) **affected** way of walking, (2) the **affected** part

Her **affected** accent made it difficult to take her seriously.

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

hike

n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

synonym : walk, trek, excursion

(1) go on a **hike**, (2) a **hike** in prices

The family decided to **hike** in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

grizzly

n. (also "silvertip") a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair

synonym : bear, ursus, bruin

(1) **grizzly** size, (2) **grizzly** encounter

The hiker stumbled upon a **grizzly** bear in the woods and quickly retreated.

preserve

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

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

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

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

wholly

adv. completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation

synonym : completely, entirely, totally

(1) **wholly** inadequate, (2) **wholly** healthy food

I am **wholly** committed to this project and will work hard to bring it to fruition.

concerned

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

synonym : worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen

I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

episode

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

synonym : event, chapter, seizure

(1) end of the first **episode**, (2) **episode** of vertigo

I want to put that **episode** of my life behind me.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

sue

v. to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

synonym: accuse, plead, file

(1) **sue** a company for damages, (2) **sue** my boss for harassment

He planned to **sue** the organization for negligence.

grade

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

principal

adj. most important, main, or chief

synonym: main, leading, chief

(1) **principal** actor, (2) **principal** responsible

The **principal** reason for the company's success is its innovative products.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

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

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

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

synonym: advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

aft

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

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

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

sleeplessness

n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping

synonym : insomnia, wakefulness, restlessness

(1) **sleeplessness** disorder, (2) beat **sleeplessness**

He tried various treatments for his **sleeplessness**, but nothing seemed to work.

capitulate

v. to surrender, especially under agreed-upon conditions, usually after a prolonged resistance; to acknowledge defeat or give in to an opponent or adversary

synonym : surrender, yield, give up

(1) **capitulate** under pressure, (2) **capitulate** to fear

The opposing army finally decided to **capitulate** and surrender to the victorious troops.

stud

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

studs for support

synonym: beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

leadership

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

synonym: captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians

The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

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.

liability

n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

synonym: debt, obligation, responsibility

(1) **liability** insurance, (2) **liability** for military service

The company is facing a potential **liability** of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.

forth

adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

synonym: forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand

I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

biology

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

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

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

class.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

disabled

adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do

synonym: handicapped, impaired, incapacitated

(1) a **disabled** veteran, (2) a learning- **disabled** child

She was **disabled** in a car accident.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym: base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

minefield

n. an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps

synonym: hazard, danger, obstacle course

(1) enter a political **minefield**, (2) navigate the **minefield**

The corporate restructuring process was a **minefield** with many obstacles that needed to be navigated.

imperceptible

adj. undetectable or indiscernible by the senses or by normal means of measurement; extremely subtle, faint, or

gradual

synonym : hard to notice, indiscernible, subtle

(1) **imperceptible** movement, (2) **imperceptible** difference

The sound was **imperceptible** to the human ear, but the sensitive microphone could pick it up.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym : pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

patient

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

synonym : client, recipient, subject

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

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

cuff

n. a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear

synonym : bracelet, handcuff, shackle

(1) **cuff** bracelet, (2) soft **cuff**

The doctor used a blood pressure **cuff** to measure my vitals.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym: applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

sinister

adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

synonym: ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

bulge

v. to protrude or extend outward

synonym: protrude, swell, expand

(1) **bulge** at the enterprise, (2) **bulge** with books

The muscles in his arm **bulged** as he lifted the heavyweights.

motif

n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

synonym: theme, pattern, design

(1) animal **motif**, (2) the **motif** of a music piece

The repeating floral **motif** in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.

innuendo

n. an indirect or subtle suggestion, hint, or insinuation, typically of a negative or derogatory nature, often in a suggestive or critical way

synonym: hint, insinuation, implication

(1) sexual **innuendo**, (2) subtle **innuendo**

He made several **innuendos** about her personal life during the meeting.

tort *n.* a civil wrong or breach of duty that results in harm or loss to someone, for which legal action can be taken to claim compensation
synonym : wrongful act, legal wrong, civil wrong
(1) intentional **tort**, (2) **tort** of negligence
The lawyer presented a strong case to win the **tort** lawsuit.

reformer *n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
synonym : inciter, innovator, agitator
(1) education **reformer**, (2) catalytic **reformer**
He is regarded as a passionate social **reformer**.

alarm *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
synonym : notice, warning, panic
(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock
The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

lawsuit *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
synonym : suit, legal action, litigation
(1) **lawsuit** settlement, (2) file a **lawsuit**
The company is facing a **lawsuit** for its alleged discrimination against employees.

crazy *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre
(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

doll

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

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

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

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

pants

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym : trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

appealing

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

synonym : attractive, alluring, captivating

(1) **appealing** design, (2) an **appealing** offer

The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very **appealing** to readers

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

crippling

adj. causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm

synonym : harmful, damaging, catastrophic

(1) **crippling** debt, (2) a **crippling** strike

He is still struggling with a **crippling** disease.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

judgment

n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

(1) an emotional **judgment** , (2) deliver a **judgment**

Her **judgments** are consistently rational and sensible.

redress

v. to correct an error, a fault, or something bad

synonym : change, rectify, amend

(1) **redress** a person, (2) **redress** gender disparities

That monk tried to **redress** wrongs in his kingdom in a non-violent manner.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym : constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

vocabulary

n. the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses

synonym: lexicon, glossary, dictionary

(1) **vocabulary** list, (2) academic **vocabulary**

Using proper **vocabulary** is essential for writing a good essay.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

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.

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym: argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

microscope

n. an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

synonym: lens, magnifier, eyepiece

(1) **microscope** slide, (2) electron **microscope**

I used an optical **microscope** to observe the small organisms in the water sample.

extenuate

v. to lessen or partially excuse the seriousness, magnitude, or impact of something, typically by providing explanations or mitigating factors; to make something appear less severe or significant

synonym: lessen, mitigate, diminish

(1) **extenuate** the fault, (2) **extenuate** the circumstances

The apology did little to **extenuate** the gravity of the offense committed.

circumstance

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

synonym: condition, context, environment

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

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

hindsight

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

synonym : retrospect, afterthought

(1) **hindsight** bias, (2) 20/20 **hindsight**

With **hindsight**, we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

bias

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

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

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

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

scenario

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

synonym : plan, scheme, procedure

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

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

sketch

n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

synonym : drawing, outline, blueprint

(1) a penciled **sketch**, (2) first design **sketches**

Yesterday, I created a rough **sketch** of the plan.

squint

v. to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism

synonym : squinch, peer, glare

(1) **squint** against the sun, (2) **squint** at the radar screen

I had to **squint** my eyes to read the small print on the menu.

- hop** *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
synonym : jump, bounce, skip
(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another
The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.
- judge** *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce
(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**
The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
- accident** *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
synonym : calamity, casualty, chance
(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**
The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.
- extinct** *adj.* no longer in existence
synonym : dead, obsolete, abolished
(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano
Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
- utopia** *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
synonym : paradise, heaven, Arcadia
(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer
The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
- formula** *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
synonym : expression, recipe, procedure

(1) structural **formula**, (2) a binomial **formula**

The teacher told the students to memorize the math **formula**.

paralysis

n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

synonym: immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym: foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

propose

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

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

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

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

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym: wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym : critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

anecdote

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

synonym : story, account, tale

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

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

macro

n. (computing) a set of instructions that automate a frequently used series of keystrokes or mouse actions; (photography) a lens that allows you to take close-up photographs; (economics) a large-scale economic policy or system

synonym : large-scale, big-picture, major

(1) **macro** economy, (2) **macro** scale

Macro photography is a technique that allows you to take close-up photos of small objects.

healthcare

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

(1) **healthcare** agency, (2) rising **healthcare** cost

In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality **healthcare**.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym : alter, convert, change

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

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

pervade

v. to spread throughout something; to permeate
synonym : permeate, penetrate, suffuse

(1) **pervade** society, (2) **pervade** an atmosphere
The smell of baking bread **pervaded** the kitchen.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat
International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym : common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design
The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

distrust

n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

synonym : suspicion, doubt, misgiving

(1) **distrust** in politics, (2) growing **distrust**
The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop **distrust** in her abilities.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym : fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven
The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

defensive

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

synonym : protective, watchful, opposing

(1) assume the **defensive**, (2) **defensive** weapons
Boxing fans often criticize his **defensive** stance.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym : dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

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

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

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

studied

adj. deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

synonym : thoughtful, deliberate, calculated

(1) **studied** analysis, (2) well- **studied** decision

His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with **studied** confidence.

institute

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

synonym : academy, university, college

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

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

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym : coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**
His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

professional

adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

synonym : skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,
(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym : calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

(1) **tragic** love stories, (2) **tragic** death

The **tragic** events of the war left many families torn apart.

dose

n. a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation

synonym : portion, amount, measure

(1) **dose** adjustment, (2) daily **dose**

She took the recommended **dose** of medication to treat her headache.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer

service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

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.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

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.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

tolerance

n. the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant

synonym : acceptance, patience, forbearance

(1) religious **tolerance**, (2) **tolerance** for risk

The school's diversity program aimed to promote **tolerance** and understanding among the students.

discreet

adj. characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense

synonym : cautious, careful, circumspect

(1) **discreet** manner, (2) **discreet** conversation

He was **discreet** with the sensitive information he had been entrusted with.

suspend

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

synonym : stop, postpone, adjourn

(1) **suspend** a decision, (2) **suspend** fruits from the ceiling

The University **suspended** the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

decline

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

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality
As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

attribute

v. to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;

synonym : ascribe, blame, (noun) feature

(1) **attribute** the change to their marriage, (2) **attribute** directly to sales

He **attributes** the disappointing results to the economic downturn.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym : program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym : study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym : guess, assume, presume

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

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

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym : interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

assert

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

synonym : maintain, state, declare

(1) **assert** a free society, (2) **assert** a claim for unjust enrichment

She **asserted** that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

indication

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

synonym : clue, hint, inkling

(1) **indication** of inflation, (2) environmental **indication**
Faces are a good **indication** of age.

corrosion

n. the process of gradual deterioration or destruction of a material, typically metal, due to a chemical reaction with its environment, often resulting in rust or decay

synonym: rust, erosion, decay

(1) metal **corrosion**, (2) chemical **corrosion**

The old pipes in the building showed signs of severe **corrosion**, leading to leaks and water damage.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

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.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

railroad

n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization

synonym: railway, track, railway system

(1) coast-to-coast **railroad**, (2) **railroad** industry

The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the **railroad**, and it grew rapidly as a result.

interstate

adj. between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)

synonym : cross-state, between states

(1) **interstate** disputes, (2) **interstate** travel

The **interstate** highway connects the major cities of the state.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym : contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

pebble

n. a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water

synonym : rock, stone, cobble

(1) drop a **pebble** into a pond, (2) **pebble** pathway

She picked up a **pebble** from the beach and put it in her pocket as a souvenir.

litigation

n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system

synonym : lawsuit, legal action, court case

(1) civil **litigation**, (2) **litigation** process

The government is considering **litigation** against the company for environmental violations.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym : district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym : forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

recess

n. a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

synonym : break, interval, pause

(1) a court **recess**, (2) during noon **recess**

The company decided to take a **recess** and reconvene the meeting later that day.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

caution

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

synonym: carefulness, warning, notice

(1) extreme **caution**, (2) act with **caution**

He gave a stern **caution** to the naughty student.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthest, outermost, fierce

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

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

aphrodisiac

n. a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance

synonym: love potion, sex stimulant

(1) powerful **aphrodisiac**, (2) herbal **aphrodisiac**
Oysters are believed to be a natural **aphrodisiac**, encouraging sexual desire.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**
The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

prong

n. a pointed projecting part, typically one of two or more, on a fork or other implement; a projecting pointed part of an antler (= branched structure that grows from the head of most male deer and some female deer)

synonym: fork, tine, branch

(1) **prong** hook, (2) the **prong** on the electrical outlet

The fork had a sharp **prong** for skewering meat.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym: buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

harmful

adj. causing or likely to damage or injury to somebody or something,

synonym: damaging, detrimental, toxic

(1) **harmful** effects of smoking, (2) exposure to **harmful** chemicals

Wear a mask when using this chemical to avoid inhaling **harmful** fumes.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym: consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

jury

n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

synonym: panel, tribunal, adjudicators

(1) **jury** verdict, (2) **jury** duty

The judge instructed the **jury** on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.

consistency

n. the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions

synonym: thickness, firmness, regularity

(1) lack **consistency**, (2) **consistency** of results

There's no **consistency** in his arguments.

regulate

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

synonym: control, restrain, handle

(1) **regulate** blood sugar levels, (2) **regulate** our conduct

We must manage to **regulate** our expenditure.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
synonym : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport
She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

prune

n. a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance;
(verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant,
especially to encourage growth

synonym : (verb) trim, (verb) cut back

(1) **prune** a branch, (2) wrinkle like a **prune**
You should remove the seeds from the **prunes** before
cooking.

jungle

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants
grow very thickly

synonym : wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration
This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

amend

v. to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove
faults or errors or to improve it

synonym : improve, correct, alter

(1) **amend** a law, (2) **amend** his writing
The president agreed to **amend** the ill-defined regulations.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome

synonym : obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome **hurdles**, (2) **hurdle** race
The company faced several **hurdles** in the development of its
new product.

platform

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

synonym : stage, podium, forum

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

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

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

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

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

complicated

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

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym : doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

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**.

subconscious

adj. relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

synonym : unconscious, latent, hidden

(1) **subconscious** influence, (2) **subconscious** behavior
The **subconscious** mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

instinct

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

synonym: intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**
When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

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**.

veneer

n. a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it

synonym: overlay, laminate, facing

(1) **veneer** knowledge, (2) **veneer** stone

The wooden table had a thin **veneer** of cherry wood on top, giving it a beautiful and glossy finish.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

doubt

n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

synonym : distrust, suspect, mistrust

(1) dispel **doubts**, (2) no **doubt** about the news

Doubt is the start, not the end, of intelligence.

headache

n. pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble

synonym : concern, difficulty, problem

(1) **headache** accompanied by fever, (2) bit of a **headache**

This pill will relieve your **headaches** immediately.

tumor

n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way

synonym : neoplasm, mass, lump

(1) **tumor** growth, (2) **tumor** at remote sites

The patient was diagnosed with a **tumor** in her lung.

unnecessary

adj. not needed or required; not essential or important

synonym : redundant, extra, superfluous

(1) **unnecessary** expense, (2) **unnecessary** hassle

The extra steps in the process were deemed **unnecessary** and removed to streamline production.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training

synonym : success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the

accomplishment of a social goal

Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

statistics

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

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

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym : robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

accomplish

v. to finish or achieve something successfully

synonym : achieve, complete, execute

(1) **accomplish** a goal, (2) **accomplish** military operations

Humankind took centuries to **accomplish** true democracy.

restore

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

synonym : fix, mend, reestablish

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

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

tweak

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

synonym: nip, pinch, fine-tune

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

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

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym: change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

businessperson

n. a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

synonym: entrepreneur, executive

(1) a young **businessperson**, (2) **businessperson** network

He was a successful **businessperson** and had much experience in the field.

band-aid

n. a small strip or patch of adhesive material, with a sterile gauze pad in the center, used to cover a minor wound or injury and help promote healing

synonym: adhesive strip, sticking plaster

(1) **band-aid** solution, (2) temporary **band-aid** fix

I cut my finger, so I put a **band-aid** on the wound.

gape

n. an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement

synonym: gaze, opening, mouth

(1) **gape** in amazement, (2) bird's **gape**

The **gape** of the Grand Canyon is an awe-inspiring sight.

extensive

adj. covering a large area; having a wide range

synonym: ample, comprehensive, vast

(1) **extensive** experience, (2) have **extensive** vocabulary

The incident attracted **extensive** media coverage throughout the world.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

pathology

n. the study of the nature and cause of diseases and disorders; the medical specialty that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and disorders

synonym: medical science, pathophysiology

(1) benign **pathology**, (2) clinical **pathology**

The **pathology** report showed no signs of cancer, giving her family a sense of relief.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

frontier

n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line

synonym : border, boundary, borderland

(1) **frontier** disputes, (2) the Italian **frontier** with Switzerland

He worked at the **frontier** of behavioral economics.

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.

inviolable

adj. not to be violated or broken; secure from being violated, desecrated, or compromised

synonym : sacred, untouchable, holy

(1) **inviolable** security measures, (2) **inviolable** principles

The right to privacy is considered **inviolable** in many democratic societies.

dike

n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

synonym : levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

wade

v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

synonym : paddle, trudge, slosh

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

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

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

seesaw

n. a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground

synonym: teeter-totter, balance board

(1) **seesaw** motion, (2) **seesaw** effect

The children played on the **seesaw** in the park.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

gym

n. a place equipped for exercise and other physical training

synonym: fitness center, athletic club

(1) **gym** membership, (2) a **gym** suit

She went to the fully equipped **gym** to work out every day.

merry

adj. cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

synonym: jolly, happy, cheerful

(1) **merry-making**, (2) **merry** laughter

We had a **merry** time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

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**.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

objective

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

synonym: goal, purpose, aim

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

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

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym : component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

migrate

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

synonym : relocate, emigrate, roam

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

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

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym : rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym : fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

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.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

affirmative

adj. indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone

synonym: positive, confirming, approving

(1) **affirmative** decision, (2) **affirmative** action

The teacher gave an **affirmative** nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.

jurisdiction

n. the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised

synonym: power, authority, control

(1) local **jurisdiction**, (2) limited **jurisdiction**

The case fell under the **jurisdiction** of the state court system.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's

employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

prejudice

n. a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

synonym : bias, preconception, predisposition

(1) deep-rooted **prejudice**, (2) color **prejudice**

This community is free of social **prejudice**.

quicksand

n. a type of loose sand or soil that behaves like a liquid, capable of trapping and engulfing living beings or objects that become stuck in it; dangerous or difficult situations that can trap or overwhelm people who find themselves in them

synonym : sinkhole, bog, mire

(1) escaping from **quicksand**, (2) sink in **quicksand**

During my hiking trip, I got stuck in **quicksand** and had to be rescued.

racism

n. prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

synonym : prejudice, discrimination, bias

(1) systemic **racism**, (2) research on anti- **racism**

The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the **racism** present in the community.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

discriminate

v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

synonym : show prejudice, segregate, differentiate

(1) **discriminate** against women employees,

(2) **discriminate** between different things

You should not **discriminate** against minorities.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym : corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym : wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym : jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

accountability

n. the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance

synonym : responsibility, answerability, liability

(1) government **accountability**, (2) individual

accountability

Activists questioned the company's **accountability** for the environmental impact of its operations.

appellate

adj. relating to or having the power to hear appeals from lower courts or tribunals; referring to a court that primarily hears appeals

(1) **appellate** procedure, (2) **appellate** jurisdiction

The **appellate** court reviews cases that have already been tried in lower courts.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

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.

disgruntled

adj. displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices

synonym: dissatisfied, resentful, unhappy

(1) become **disgruntled** at work, (2) **disgruntled** customer

The **disgruntled** employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.

denominator

n. the number below the line in a fraction

(1) common **denominator**, (2) different **denominators**

The first step is to rationalize the **denominator** of a fraction.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
synonym: transition, change, modification

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

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

toss

v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion
synonym: throw, sway

(1) **toss** a coin, (2) **toss** the bottle into a trash can

It would be best if you **tossed** out all those old magazines.

unreasonable

adj. not fair, sensible, or likely to be true
synonym: unjustified, unfair, excessive

(1) **unreasonable** demand, (2) an **unreasonable** amount of money

It would be **unreasonable** for me to expect you to work overtime without any extra compensation.

agency

n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

synonym: organization, bureau, institution

(1) real estate **agency**, (2) intelligence **agency**

The government **agency** regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

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.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator
She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

gridlock

n. a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making

synonym: traffic jam, standstill, impasse

(1) **gridlock** situation, (2) political **gridlock**

The rush hour traffic in the city often leads to **gridlock** on the highways.

Session 2: Spelling

1. se___w effect
n. a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground
2. sle_____ess disorder
n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
3. long-ex_____t volcano
adj. no longer in existence
4. plastic d__l
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
5. dis_____ate against women employees
v. to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
6. la_____t settlement
n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
7. af_____ed way of walking
adj. influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere
8. 20/20 hi_____ht
n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

ANSWERS: 1. seesaw, 2. sleeplessness, 3. extinct, 4. doll, 5. discriminate, 6. lawsuit, 7. affected, 8. hindsight

9. pa____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
10. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
11. 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
12. drop a pe___e into a pond *n.* a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water
13. at_____te directly to sales *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
14. imp_____ble movement *adj.* undetectable or indiscernible by the senses or by normal means of measurement; extremely subtle, faint, or gradual
15. l__e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
16. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
17. am__d a law *v.* to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it

ANSWERS: 9. patient, 10. statistics, 11. union, 12. pebble, 13. attribute, 14. imperceptible, 15. lure, 16. rebuild, 17. amend

18. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
19. t__t of negligence *n.* a civil wrong or breach of duty that results in harm or loss to someone, for which legal action can be taken to claim compensation
20. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
21. pr_____d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
22. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
23. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
24. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
25. li_____ty for military service *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
26. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
27. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
28. subtle in_____do *n.* an indirect or subtle suggestion, hint, or insinuation, typically of a negative or derogatory nature, often in a suggestive or critical way

ANSWERS: 18. individual, 19. tort, 20. interpret, 21. proceed, 22. principle, 23. grade, 24. pollute, 25. liability, 26. archaeology, 27. drag, 28. innuendo

29. no do__t about the news *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
30. pr__e a branch *n.* a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance; (verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth
31. tu__r at remote sites *n.* a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
32. hi_____ht bias *n.* understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect
33. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
34. electron mic_____pe *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
35. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
36. bird's g__e *n.* an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement
37. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 29. doubt, 30. prune, 31. tumor, 32. hindsight, 33. decline, 34. microscope, 35. agenda, 36. gape, 37. hop

38. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
39. personal an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
40. file a la_____t *n.* a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered
41. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
42. local jur_____ion *n.* the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised
43. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
44. cr_____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
45. di_____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
46. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

ANSWERS: 38. lifetime, 39. anecdote, 40. lawsuit, 41. complexity, 42. jurisdiction, 43. medicinal, 44. creative, 45. dispute, 46. preserve

47. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
48. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
49. woolly pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
50. exposure to ha_____l chemicals *adj.* causing or likely to damage or injury to somebody or something,
51. ha_____l effects of smoking *adj.* causing or likely to damage or injury to somebody or something,
52. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
53. a company reg_____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
54. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
55. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
56. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
57. id__t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

ANSWERS: 47. medicinal, 48. frame, 49. pants, 50. harmful, 51. harmful, 52. essential, 53. regulation, 54. hop, 55. warn, 56. peer, 57. idiot

58. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
59. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
60. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
61. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
62. take co_____l *n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance
63. pr_____al responsible *adj.* most important, main, or chief
64. overcome hu___es *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
65. ex_____te the fault *v.* to lessen or partially excuse the seriousness, magnitude, or impact of something, typically by providing explanations or mitigating factors; to make something appear less severe or significant
66. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

ANSWERS: 58. bound, 59. hook, 60. logic, 61. interaction, 62. counsel, 63. principal, 64. hurdle, 65. extenuate, 66. shift

67. different den_____ors *n.* the number below the line in a fraction
68. a ut___a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
69. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
70. unr_____ble demand *adj.* not fair, sensible, or likely to be true
71. bo__ded with delight *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
72. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
73. detailed exp_____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
74. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
75. the mo__f of a music piece *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
76. cap_____te under pressure *v.* to surrender, especially under agreed-upon conditions, usually after a prolonged resistance; to acknowledge defeat or give in to an opponent or adversary

ANSWERS: 67. denominator, 68. utopia, 69. broad, 70. unreasonable, 71. bound, 72. institute, 73. explanation, 74. descend, 75. motif, 76. capitulate

77. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
78. re_____te blood sugar levels *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
79. bu__e at the enterprise *v.* to protrude or extend outward
80. tw__k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
81. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
82. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
83. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
84. catalytic re_____er *n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
85. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
86. in si_____er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
87. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 77. concerned, 78. regulate, 79. bulge, 80. tweak, 81. stud, 82. aft, 83. judgment, 84. reformer, 85. archaeology, 86. sinister, 87. institute

88. rising hea_____re cost *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
89. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
90. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
91. education re_____er *n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
92. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
93. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
94. mic_____pe slide *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
95. di_____et conversation *adj.* characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense
96. dispel do__ts *n.* a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is

ANSWERS: 88. healthcare, 89. platform, 90. hook, 91. reformer, 92. vital, 93. accident, 94. microscope, 95. discreet, 96. doubt

97. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
98. inv_____le security measures *adj.* not to be violated or broken; secure from being violated, desecrated, or compromised
99. chemical co_____on *n.* the process of gradual deterioration or destruction of a material, typically metal, due to a chemical reaction with its environment, often resulting in rust or decay
100. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
101. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
102. art_____al flowers *adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
103. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
104. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
105. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
106. wrinkle like a pr__e *n.* a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance; (verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth

ANSWERS: 97. vital, 98. inviolable, 99. corrosion, 100. environment, 101. relation, 102. artificial, 103. pollution, 104. associate, 105. associate, 106. prune

107. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
108. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
109. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
110. sexual in____do *n.* an indirect or subtle suggestion, hint, or insinuation, typically of a negative or derogatory nature, often in a suggestive or critical way
111. religious to_____ce *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
112. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
113. j__y verdict *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
114. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

ANSWERS: 107. gender, 108. tweak, 109. complicated, 110. innuendo, 111. tolerance, 112. label, 113. jury, 114. alarm

115. extreme ca____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
116. the acc_____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
117. have ex_____ve vocabulary *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
118. first design sk___hes *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
119. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
120. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
121. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
122. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
123. benign pa_____gy *n.* the study of the nature and cause of diseases and disorders; the medical specialty that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and disorders
124. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 115. caution, 116. accomplishment, 117. extensive, 118. sketch, 119. dismiss, 120. brain, 121. shift, 122. voter, 123. pathology, 124. software

125. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
126. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
127. a h__e in prices *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
128. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
129. fo____l request *adj.* following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
130. di_____et manner *adj.* characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense
131. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
132. the Italian fr_____er with Switzerland *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
133. ba_____id solution *n.* a small strip or patch of adhesive material, with a sterile gauze pad in the center, used to cover a minor wound or injury and help promote healing

ANSWERS: 125. estimate, 126. foundation, 127. hike, 128. whisper, 129. formal, 130. discreet, 131. accident, 132. frontier, 133. band-aid

134. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
135. di____st in politics *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
136. ov____ul process *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
137. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
138. di____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
139. limited jur_____ion *n.* the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised

ANSWERS: 134. logic, 135. distrust, 136. overhaul, 137. claim, 138. discuss, 139. jurisdiction

140. sw_____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
141. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
142. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
143. the national con_____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something
144. pa_____n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
145. ac____d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
146. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
147. g__e in amazement *n.* an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement
148. bit of a he_____he *n.* pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble

ANSWERS: 140. swallow, 141. involve, 142. crazy, 143. constitution, 144. passion, 145. accord, 146. propose, 147. gape, 148. headache

149. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
150. a court re____s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
151. hu____e race *n.* a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
152. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
153. gr_____y size *n.* (also "silvertip") a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
154. ic_____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
155. voc_____ry list *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
156. me__y-making *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
157. fr_____er disputes *n.* a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
158. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 149. extreme, 150. recess, 151. hurdle, 152. disrupt, 153. grizzly, 154. iceberg, 155. vocabulary, 156. merry, 157. frontier, 158. philosophy

159. act with ca_____n *n.* great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts
160. me__y laughter *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
161. int_____te disputes *adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
162. pa_____n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
163. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
164. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
165. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
166. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
167. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
168. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

ANSWERS: 159. caution, 160. merry, 161. interstate, 162. passion, 163. forth, 164. random, 165. element, 166. circumstance, 167. quest, 168. pollution

169. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
170. si_____er look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
171. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
172. ma__o economy *n.* (computing) a set of instructions that automate a frequently used series of keystrokes or mouse actions; (photography) a lens that allows you to take close-up photographs; (economics) a large-scale economic policy or system
173. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
174. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
175. imp_____ble difference *adj.* undetectable or indiscernible by the senses or by normal means of measurement; extremely subtle, faint, or gradual
176. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
177. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 169. phenomenon, 170. sinister, 171. viol, 172. macro, 173. firm, 174. suppose, 175. imperceptible, 176. ordinary, 177. AI

178. 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
179. hu____ze my pet *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
180. es____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
181. pr____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
182. j__y duty *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
183. structural fo____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
184. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
185. binational ac____d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
186. se____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
187. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 178. refer, 179. humanize, 180. estimate, 181. principle, 182. jury, 183. formula, 184. suppose, 185. accord, 186. separate, 187. label

188. geographical bo_____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
189. li_____ty insurance *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
190. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
191. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
192. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
193. re_____te our conduct *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
194. su_____d a decision *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
195. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
196. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
197. con_____cy of results *n.* the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions
198. ex_____ve experience *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
199. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 188. boundary, 189. liability, 190. uncertain, 191. grade, 192. separate, 193. regulate, 194. suspend, 195. interpret, 196. ban, 197. consistency, 198. extensive, 199. argument

200. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
201. 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
202. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
203. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
204. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
205. aggressive in_____ct *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
206. art_____al environment *adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
207. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

ANSWERS: 200. dismiss, 201. literally, 202. process, 203. random, 204. extreme, 205. instinct, 206. artificial, 207. pollute

208. home in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
209. de_____ve weapons *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
210. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
211. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
212. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
213. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
214. a legal di_____e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
215. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
216. wh___y healthy food *adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation
217. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
218. gr_____ck situation *n.* a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making
219. color pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge

ANSWERS: 208. invasion, 209. defensive, 210. disappear, 211. phenomenon, 212. reliable, 213. whisper, 214. dispute, 215. drag, 216. wholly, 217. dense, 218. gridlock, 219. prejudice

220. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
221. the pr__g on the electrical outlet *n.* a pointed projecting part, typically one of two or more, on a fork or other implement; a projecting pointed part of an antler (= branched structure that grows from the head of most male deer and some female deer)
222. lack con_____cy *n.* the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions
223. ped_____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
224. deep-rooted pr_____ce *n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
225. acc_____sh military operations *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
226. financial ob_____ve *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
227. tu__r growth *n.* a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way

ANSWERS: 220. software, 221. prong, 222. consistency, 223. pediatrics, 224. prejudice, 225. accomplish, 226. objective, 227. tumor

228. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
229. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
230. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
231. ma__o scale *n.* (computing) a set of instructions that automate a frequently used series of keystrokes or mouse actions; (photography) a lens that allows you to take close-up photographs; (economics) a large-scale economic policy or system
232. a young bus_____son *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
233. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
234. pe_____e an atmosphere *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate
235. su_____d fruits from the ceiling *v.* to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely
236. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

ANSWERS: 228. defend, 229. president, 230. discuss, 231. macro, 232. businessperson, 233. dense, 234. pervade, 235. suspend, 236. conscious

237. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
238. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
239. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
240. civil lit_____on *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
241. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
242. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
243. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
244. re_____s a person *v.* to correct an error, a fault, or something bad
245. am__d his writing *v.* to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
246. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 237. biology, 238. concept, 239. lifetime, 240. litigation, 241. judge, 242. basis, 243. philosophy, 244. redress, 245. amend, 246. survey

247. ped_____cs department *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
248. perfect ut___a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
249. funny an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
250. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
251. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
252. on the western ou_____rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
253. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
254. well-st_____d decision *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
255. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
256. systemic ra_____m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
257. daily d___e *n.* a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation

ANSWERS: 247. pediatrics, 248. utopia, 249. anecdote, 250. bias, 251. candidate, 252. outskirts, 253. decline, 254. studied, 255. biology, 256. racism, 257. dose

258. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
259. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
260. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
261. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
262. the ou_____rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
263. re____m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
264. pro_____nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
265. during noon re____s *n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court
266. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
267. certified pro_____nal secretary *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

ANSWERS: 258. district, 259. scenario, 260. drown, 261. drown, 262. outskirts, 263. reform, 264. professional, 265. recess, 266. hell, 267. professional

268. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
269. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
270. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
271. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
272. unn_____ry expense *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
273. vehicle ov_____ul *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
274. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
275. nonmetallic el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
276. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
277. 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

ANSWERS: 268. complicated, 269. descend, 270. absolutely, 271. accomplishment, 272. unnecessary, 273. overhaul, 274. propose, 275. element, 276. essential, 277. union

278. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
279. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
280. feel a slight ch__l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
281. pr_____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
282. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
283. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
284. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
285. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
286. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
287. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
288. an unr_____ble amount of money *adj.* not fair, sensible, or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 278. district, 279. boundary, 280. chill, 281. proceed, 282. statistics, 283. compete, 284. conscious, 285. transform, 286. evolve, 287. gender, 288. unreasonable

289. aff_____ve decision *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
290. ambitious ag___a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
291. ex_____te the circumstances *v.* to lessen or partially excuse the seriousness, magnitude, or impact of something, typically by providing explanations or mitigating factors; to make something appear less severe or significant
292. bu___e with books *v.* to protrude or extend outward
293. ve___r stone *n.* a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it
294. the af_____ed part *adj.* influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere
295. research on anti-ra___m *n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized
296. clinical pa_____gy *n.* the study of the nature and cause of diseases and disorders; the medical specialty that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and disorders

ANSWERS: 289. affirmative, 290. agenda, 291. extenuate, 292. bulge, 293. veneer, 294. affected, 295. racism, 296. pathology

297. bring fo__h a beautiful vase
adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
298. a learning-di_____ed child
adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
299. t__s the bottle into a trash can
v. to throw something carelessly with a light motion
300. de___d against a threat
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
301. run like h__l
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
302. fou_____on course
n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
303. the ar_____nt against capital punishment
n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
304. learn new co_____ts
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
305. AI expert
n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 297. forth, 298. disabled, 299. toss, 300. defend, 301. hell, 302. foundation, 303. argument, 304. concept, 305. AI

306. int_____te travel *adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
307. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
308. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
309. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
310. metal co_____on *n.* the process of gradual deterioration or destruction of a material, typically metal, due to a chemical reaction with its environment, often resulting in rust or decay
311. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
312. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
313. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 306. interstate, 307. compete, 308. responsible, 309. transform, 310. corrosion, 311. tip, 312. idiot, 313. patient

314. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
315. s_e a company for damages *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
316. middle of the ju___e *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
317. escaping from qu____nd *n.* a type of loose sand or soil that behaves like a liquid, capable of trapping and engulfing living beings or objects that become stuck in it; dangerous or difficult situations that can trap or overwhelm people who find themselves in them
318. se___w motion *n.* a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground
319. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
320. re____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
321. cir____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 314. intern, 315. sue, 316. jungle, 317. quicksand, 318. seesaw, 319. suffer, 320. reliable, 321. circumstance

322. ap_____te procedure *adj.* relating to or having the power to hear appeals from lower courts or tribunals; referring to a court that primarily hears appeals
323. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
324. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
325. ind_____on of inflation *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
326. go on a h__e *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
327. t__s a coin *v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion
328. intelligence ag____y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
329. a g_m suit *n.* a place equipped for exercise and other physical training

ANSWERS: 322. appellate, 323. process, 324. progressive, 325. indication, 326. hike, 327. toss, 328. agency, 329. gym

330. s_e my boss for harassment *v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress
331. a fo___l festival *adj.* following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
332. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
333. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
334. hi_____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
335. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
336. gr_____y encounter *n.* (also "silvertip") a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
337. temporary ba_____id fix *n.* a small strip or patch of adhesive material, with a sterile gauze pad in the center, used to cover a minor wound or injury and help promote healing
338. a cr_____ng strike *adj.* causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm
339. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 330. sue, 331. formal, 332. eliminate, 333. maintain, 334. highway, 335. norm, 336. grizzly, 337. band-aid, 338. crippling, 339. involve

340. dis_____ed customer *adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
341. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
342. ob_____ve assessment *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
343. st_____d analysis *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
344. re_____s gender disparities *v.* to correct an error, a fault, or something bad
345. ep_____e of vertigo *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
346. ev_____e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
347. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
348. hu_____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

ANSWERS: 340. disgruntled, 341. release, 342. objective, 343. studied, 344. redress, 345. episode, 346. evolve, 347. ordinary, 348. humanize

349. an eligible vo__r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
350. sink in qu_____nd *n.* a type of loose sand or soil that behaves like a liquid, capable of trapping and engulfing living beings or objects that become stuck in it; dangerous or difficult situations that can trap or overwhelm people who find themselves in them
351. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
352. l__e foreign investment *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
353. inv_____le principles *adj.* not to be violated or broken; secure from being violated, desecrated, or compromised
354. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
355. growing di_____st *n.* a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something
356. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
357. unn_____ry hassle *adj.* not needed or required; not essential or important
358. a comprehensive su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 349. voter, 350. quicksand, 351. government, 352. lure, 353. inviolable, 354. viol, 355. distrust, 356. tragic, 357. unnecessary, 358. survey

359. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
360. a binomial fo____a *n.* a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
361. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
362. end of the first ep____e *n.* a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness
363. ap____te jurisdiction *adj.* relating to or having the power to hear appeals from lower courts or tribunals; referring to a court that primarily hears appeals
364. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
365. become dis____ed at work *adj.* displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
366. pe____e society *v.* to spread throughout something; to permeate

ANSWERS: 359. threaten, 360. formula, 361. doll, 362. episode, 363. appellate, 364. stud, 365. disgruntled, 366. pervade

367. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
368. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
369. wh____y inadequate *adv.* completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation
370. d__e adjustment *n.* a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation
371. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
372. dis_____ate between different things *v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things
373. pr__g hook *n.* a pointed projecting part, typically one of two or more, on a fork or other implement; a projecting pointed part of an antler (= branched structure that grows from the head of most male deer and some female deer)
374. soft c__f *n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear

ANSWERS: 367. maintain, 368. justice, 369. wholly, 370. dose, 371. terrify, 372. discriminate, 373. prong, 374. cuff

375. pr_____al actor *adj.* most important, main, or chief
376. ra_____ad industry *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
377. w__e down a street *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
378. common den_____or *n.* the number below the line in a fraction
379. pro_____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
380. navigate the mi_____ld *n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps
381. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
382. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
383. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
384. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 375. principal, 376. railroad, 377. wade, 378. denominator, 379. progressive, 380. minefield, 381. candidate, 382. decision, 383. concerned, 384. president

385. as___t a free society *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
386. aff_____ve action *adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone
387. at_____te the change to their marriage *v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
388. a cr___y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
389. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
390. have a b___s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
391. ex_____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
392. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
393. academic voc_____ry *n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
394. beat sle_____ess *n.* the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
395. an ap_____ng offer *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

ANSWERS: 385. assert, 386. affirmative, 387. attribute, 388. crazy, 389. relative, 390. bias, 391. extinct, 392. complexity, 393. vocabulary, 394. sleeplessness, 395. appealing

396. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
397. cap_____te to fear *v.* to surrender, especially under agreed-upon conditions, usually after a prolonged resistance; to acknowledge defeat or give in to an opponent or adversary
398. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
399. government acc_____ity *n.* the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance
400. acc_____sh a goal *v.* to finish or achieve something successfully
401. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
402. cr_____ng debt *adj.* causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm
403. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew

ANSWERS: 396. disrupt, 397. capitulate, 398. structure, 399. accountability, 400. accomplish, 401. creative, 402. crippling, 403. rebuild

404. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
405. pajama pa___s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
406. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
407. basic br___n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
408. principles of un____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
409. coastal d___e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
410. lit____on process *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
411. pr____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
412. w___n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
413. si____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

ANSWERS: 404. nation, 405. pants, 406. define, 407. brain, 408. universal, 409. dike, 410. litigation, 411. preserve, 412. warn, 413. simplify

414. in____ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
415. criminal ju_____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
416. the ch__l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
417. career co_____l *n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance
418. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
419. a sw_____w tail *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
420. mi_____e a service *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
421. throughout the co____y *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
422. hea_____re agency *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

ANSWERS: 414. instinct, 415. justice, 416. chill, 417. counsel, 418. broad, 419. swallow, 420. migrate, 421. county, 422. healthcare

423. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
424. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
425. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
426. assume the de_____ve *adj.* used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression
427. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
428. 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
429. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
430. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
431. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
432. tr___c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

ANSWERS: 423. platform, 424. sect, 425. scenario, 426. defensive, 427. highway, 428. decision, 429. literally, 430. government, 431. define, 432. tragic

433. re_____e the emperor to the throne *v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
434. a di_____ed veteran *adj.* having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
435. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
436. si_____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
437. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
438. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
439. hit an ic_____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
440. lea_____ip by politicians *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
441. reg_____on by the government *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
442. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 433. restore, 434. disabled, 435. peer, 436. simplify, 437. aft, 438. structure, 439. iceberg, 440. leadership, 441. regulation, 442. suffer

443. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
444. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
445. mi_____e across borders *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
446. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
447. pe___e pathway *n.* a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water
448. enter a political mi_____ld *n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps
449. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
450. animal mo__f *n.* a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music
451. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

ANSWERS: 443. confer, 444. firm, 445. migrate, 446. judgment, 447. pebble, 448. minefield, 449. relative, 450. motif, 451. county

452. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
453. pa_____is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
454. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
455. 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
456. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
457. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
458. un_____al life *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
459. as___t a claim for unjust enrichment *v.* to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true
460. sub_____ous behavior *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
461. environmental ind_____on *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

ANSWERS: 452. ban, 453. paralysis, 454. absolutely, 455. refer, 456. explanation, 457. judge, 458. universal, 459. assert, 460. subconscious, 461. indication

462. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
463. the Turkish in_____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
464. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
465. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
466. 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
467. real estate ag____y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
468. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
469. g_m membership *n.* a place equipped for exercise and other physical training
470. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 462. individual, 463. invasion, 464. claim, 465. uncertain, 466. decide, 467. agency, 468. disappear, 469. gym, 470. sect

471. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
472. w__e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
473. to _____ce for risk *n.* the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
474. moral pa_____is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
475. sq___t against the sun *v.* to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism
476. ve___r knowledge *n.* a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it
477. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
478. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

ANSWERS: 471. alarm, 472. wade, 473. tolerance, 474. paralysis, 475. squint, 476. veneer, 477. decide, 478. reform

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| 479. re_____e order | v. | to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position |
| 480. the threats te_____y him | v. | to frighten someone very much |
| 481. bus_____son network | n. | a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive |
| 482. individual acc_____ity | n. | the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance |
| 483. he_____he accompanied by fever | n. | pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble |
| 484. the fr__e of the policy | n. | a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window |
| 485. political gr_____ck | n. | a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making |
| 486. coast-to-coast ra_____ad | n. | metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization |
| 487. medical in_____n | v. | to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria |

ANSWERS: 479. restore, 480. terrify, 481. businessperson, 482. accountability, 483. headache, 484. frame, 485. gridlock, 486. railroad, 487. intern

488. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
489. sq___t at the radar screen *v.* to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism
490. ap_____ng design *adj.* attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something
491. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
492. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
493. herbal aph_____ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
494. intentional t__t *n.* a civil wrong or breach of duty that results in harm or loss to someone, for which legal action can be taken to claim compensation
495. c__f bracelet *n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear
496. powerful aph_____ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance

ANSWERS: 488. relation, 489. squint, 490. appealing, 491. confer, 492. environment, 493. aphrodisiac, 494. tort, 495. cuff, 496. aphrodisiac

497. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
498. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
499. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
500. under his lea_____ip *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
501. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
502. sub_____ous influence *adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior
503. water d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
504. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
505. a penciled sk___h *n.* a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something

ANSWERS: 497. interaction, 498. quest, 499. tip, 500. leadership, 501. nation, 502. subconscious, 503. dike, 504. basis, 505. sketch

506. ju___e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
507. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
508. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
509. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
510. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
511. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 506. jungle, 507. eliminate, 508. threaten, 509. norm, 510. responsible, 511. release

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The incident attracted _____ media coverage throughout the world.
adj. covering a large area; having a wide range
2. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
3. The right to privacy is considered _____ in many democratic societies.
adj. not to be violated or broken; secure from being violated, desecrated, or compromised
4. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
5. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
6. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
7. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 1. extensive, 2. concept, 3. inviolable, 4. humanize, 5. individual, 6. pollution, 7. platform

8. Humankind took centuries to _____ true democracy.
v. to finish or achieve something successfully
9. She picked up a _____ from the beach and put it in her pocket as a souvenir.
n. a small, smooth, rounded rock, especially one worn by the action of water
10. The event required _____ attire, so he wore a suit and tie.
adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
11. The _____ highway connects the major cities of the state.
adj. between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
12. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
13. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
14. The extra steps in the process were deemed _____ and removed to streamline production.
adj. not needed or required; not essential or important
15. He worked at the _____ of behavioral economics.
n. a border that separates two countries, or the area near this line
16. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 8. accomplish, 9. pebble, 10. formal, 11. interstate, 12. declines, 13. software, 14. unnecessary, 15. frontier, 16. doll

17. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

18. Faces are a good _____ of age.

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

19. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.

20. The well-crafted plot and interesting characters made the book very _____ to readers

adj. attractive or exciting; evoking a positive response or desire; having qualities that are likely to encourage someone to like or enjoy something

21. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

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

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

23. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

24. She _____ that she was innocent, despite the evidence against her.

v. to state something firmly and confidently, often in a way that is intended to convince others that it is true

ANSWERS: 17. chill, 18. indication, 19. grade, 20. appealing, 21. label, 22. process, 23. claim, 24. asserted

25. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.
n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
26. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ in her lung.
n. a mass of diseased tissue that forms when cells in the body divide and grow in an uncontrolled way
27. This village is still in a dense _____.
n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
28. She took the recommended _____ of medication to treat her headache.
n. a quantity or amount of medicine or a drug that is taken or administered at one time, typically measured out in specific units; a similar measure of exposure to a harmful substance or radiation
29. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
30. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
31. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
32. I had to _____ my eyes to read the small print on the menu.
v. to look at something with half-closed eyes, especially when trying to see more clearly or in bright light; to consider or examine something with suspicion, doubt, or skepticism

ANSWERS: 25. highway, 26. tumor, 27. jungle, 28. dose, 29. survey, 30. associate, 31. preserve, 32. squint

33. The fork had a sharp _____ for skewering meat.
- n.* a pointed projecting part, typically one of two or more, on a fork or other implement; a projecting pointed part of an antler (= branched structure that grows from the head of most male deer and some female deer)
34. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
35. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.
- adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
36. Oysters are believed to be a natural _____ encouraging sexual desire.
- n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
37. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
38. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
- n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
39. Using proper _____ is essential for writing a good essay.
- n.* the words used by a language, group, or individual; the knowledge and understanding of words and their meanings that a person possesses
40. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
- adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

ANSWERS: 33. prong, 34. philosophy, 35. vital, 36. aphrodisiac, 37. nation, 38. accomplishment, 39. vocabulary, 40. reliable,

41. Yesterday, I created a rough _____ of the plan.
n. a simple, quickly-made picture that does not have many details; a short descriptive summary of something
42. He tried various treatments for his _____ but nothing seemed to work.
n. the condition of being unable to sleep or having difficulty sleeping
43. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.
n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
44. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
45. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
46. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
47. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
48. His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with _____ confidence.
adj. deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

ANSWERS: 41. sketch, 42. sleeplessness, 43. agency, 44. basis, 45. discuss, 46. judgments, 47. gender, 48. studied

49. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.
n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
50. The _____ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
51. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
52. The study's main _____ is to identify risk factors for heart disease.
n. a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
53. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.
v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
54. Different people might _____ this news differently.
v. to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
55. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
56. An _____ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.
n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

ANSWERS: 49. dispute, 50. outskirts, 51. complexity, 52. objective, 53. proceed, 54. interpret, 55. essential, 56. invasion

57. He _____ the disappointing results to the economic downturn.
- v.* to say or regard that something is the result of a particular thing; (noun) a quality or feature that someone or something possesses;
58. The hiker stumbled upon a _____ bear in the woods and quickly retreated.
- n.* (also "silvertip") a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
59. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
- adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
60. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
- v.* to pull or haul with force
61. There's no _____ in his description.
- n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
62. This community is free of social _____.
- n.* a thought or feeling that is unfair and makes no sense, mainly when it is formed without enough thought or knowledge
63. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
64. The doctor used a blood pressure _____ to measure my vitals.
- n.* a band or strip of material, usually worn around the wrist or ankle, often used to secure or fasten something in place; a blow or hit delivered with an open hand, typically to the head or ear

ANSWERS: 57. attributes, 58. grizzly, 59. aft, 60. dragged, 61. logic, 62. prejudice, 63. interaction, 64. cuff

65. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.
v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something
66. You should remove the seeds from the _____ before cooking.
n. a dried plum that has a black, wrinkled appearance; (verb) to cut off branches from a tree, bush, or plant, especially to encourage growth
67. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.
n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
68. The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the _____ and it grew rapidly as a result.
n. metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
69. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
70. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
adj. no longer in existence
71. Please _____ your explanation for the children.
v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
72. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

ANSWERS: 65. lure, 66. prunes, 67. pediatrics, 68. railroad, 69. patient's, 70. extinct, 71. simplify, 72. foundation

73. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.
n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
74. 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
75. The _____ court reviews cases that have already been tried in lower courts.
adj. relating to or having the power to hear appeals from lower courts or tribunals; referring to a court that primarily hears appeals
76. The _____ employee quit her job after being passed over for a promotion.
adj. displeased, dissatisfied, or resentful, often because of unfair treatment or perceived injustices
77. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
78. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
79. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
80. The first step is to rationalize the _____ of a fraction.
n. the number below the line in a fraction

ANSWERS: 73. idiot, 74. decide, 75. appellate, 76. disgruntled, 77. defend, 78. terrify, 79. compete, 80. denominator

81. The country's _____ has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.
- n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
82. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.
- n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
83. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
- v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
84. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.
- n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
85. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.
- n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
86. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
87. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 81. leadership, 82. passion, 83. dismiss, 84. tips, 85. boundary, 86. involves, 87. institutes

88. The _____ approach to education emphasizes hands-on learning and student-centered classrooms.
adj. relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
89. The teacher told the students to memorize the math _____.
n. a group of symbols, letters, or numbers that represent a rule, law, or mathematical statement
90. She researched gender _____ in politics.
n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
91. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
92. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
93. I used an optical _____ to observe the small organisms in the water sample.
n. an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
94. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.
adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
95. The employee's consistent tardiness and lack of accountability made her coworkers develop _____ in her abilities.
n. a lack of trust or confidence in someone or something

ANSWERS: 88. progressive, 89. formula, 90. bias, 91. candidate's, 92. threatening, 93. microscope, 94. tragic, 95. distrust

96. Boxing fans often criticize his _____ stance.

adj. used or intended to protect someone or something against attack or aggression

97. Activists questioned the company's _____ for the environmental impact of its operations.

n. the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance

98. 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

99. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

100. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

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

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

102. The military regime has promised to _____ democracy as soon as possible.

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

103. 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

ANSWERS: 96. defensive, 97. accountability, 98. creative, 99. concerned, 100. alarm, 101. biology, 102. restore, 103. brain

104. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
105. My father's death _____ my life completely.
v. to change in outward structure or looks;
106. The family decided to _____ in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.
n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
107. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
108. A rainbow is a natural _____.
n. something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
109. The _____ reason for the company's success is its innovative products.
adj. most important, main, or chief
110. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have
111. The repeating floral _____ in the wallpaper added a touch of elegance to the room.
n. a recurring element in an artistic or literary work, typically a particular image or idea; a theme that is repeated or elaborated in a piece of music

ANSWERS: 104. agenda, 105. transformed, 106. hike, 107. district, 108. phenomenon, 109. principal, 110. accord, 111. motif

112. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

113. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

114. The rush hour traffic in the city often leads to _____ on the highways.

n. a situation in which traffic or progress is obstructed due to congestion, blockage, or a lack of movement; a deadlock or impasse in negotiations or decision-making

115. It would be _____ for me to expect you to work overtime without any extra compensation.

adj. not fair, sensible, or likely to be true

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

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

117. He gave a stern _____ to the naughty student.

n. great care and attention that you take to avoid danger or mistakes; a warning against certain acts

118. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

ANSWERS: 112. broad, 113. warn, 114. gridlock, 115. unreasonable, 116. stud, 117. caution, 118. viol

119. The opposing army finally decided to _____ and surrender to the victorious troops.

- v.* to surrender, especially under agreed-upon conditions, usually after a prolonged resistance; to acknowledge defeat or give in to an opponent or adversary

120. The government is considering _____ against the company for environmental violations.

- n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system

121. Please hang your towel on a _____.

- n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

122. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

123. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

124. That monk tried to _____ wrongs in his kingdom in a non-violent manner.

- v.* to correct an error, a fault, or something bad

125. We should _____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

- v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

126. The sound was _____ to the human ear, but the sensitive microphone could pick it up.

- adj.* undetectable or indiscernible by the senses or by normal means of measurement; extremely subtle, faint, or gradual

ANSWERS: 119. capitulate, 120. litigation, 121. hook, 122. sect, 123. president, 124. redress, 125. ban, 126. imperceptible

127. You should not _____ against minorities.

- v.* to treat a person or particular group of people worse or better than another, especially in an unfair way; to recognize or perceive the difference between people or things

128. The company decided to take a _____ and reconvene the meeting later that day.

- n.* a period of time when the members of a parliament, committee, etc., are adjourned; a short break in a trial in court

129. 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

130. The old pipes in the building showed signs of severe _____ leading to leaks and water damage.

- n.* the process of gradual deterioration or destruction of a material, typically metal, due to a chemical reaction with its environment, often resulting in rust or decay

131. He made several _____ about her personal life during the meeting.

- n.* an indirect or subtle suggestion, hint, or insinuation, typically of a negative or derogatory nature, often in a suggestive or critical way

132. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

133. The teacher gave an _____ nod to let the student know they had answered the question correctly.

- adj.* indicating agreement, support, or confirmation; positive or assertive in tone

ANSWERS: 127. discriminate, 128. recess, 129. union, 130. corrosion, 131. innuendos, 132. define, 133. affirmative

134. _____ is the start, not the end, of intelligence.
n. a feeling of being uncertain about something, especially about how good or accurate it is
135. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
136. She entertained the guests with _____ about her travels and experiences.
n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
137. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
138. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
139. He was _____ with the sensitive information he had been entrusted with.
adj. characterized by the ability to keep secrets or maintain confidentiality; showing prudence, tact, or reserve in behavior or speech; not likely to draw attention or cause offense
140. The school's diversity program aimed to promote _____ and understanding among the students.
n. the willingness to accept or tolerate something, especially something that is different or unpleasant
141. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.
n. a fundamental or essential part of something

ANSWERS: 134. Doubt, 135. forth, 136. anecdotes, 137. principle, 138. universal, 139. discreet, 140. tolerance, 141. element

142. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial _____ was to flee.

n. an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

143. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

144. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

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

145. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

146. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

147. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

148. Wear a mask when using this chemical to avoid inhaling _____ fumes.

adj. causing or likely to damage or injury to somebody or something,

149. 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

ANSWERS: 142. instinct, 143. suppose, 144. shift, 145. firm, 146. justice, 147. ordinary, 148. harmful, 149. separate

150. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

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

151. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

152. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

153. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

154. The dark clouds in the sky gave off a _____ feeling.

adj. giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

155. He has a _____ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

156. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

157. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 150. scenarios, 151. uncertain, 152. AI, 153. relatives, 154. sinister, 155. professional, 156. pollute, 157. crazy

158. The muscles in his arm _____ as he lifted the heavyweights.

v. to protrude or extend outward

159. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

160. I am _____ committed to this project and will work hard to bring it to fruition.

adv. completely, entirely, or altogether; without exception or reservation

161. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

162. We had a _____ time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

adj. cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

163. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

164. She went to the fully equipped _____ to work out every day.

n. a place equipped for exercise and other physical training

165. 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

ANSWERS: 158. bulged, 159. eliminate, 160. wholly, 161. explanation, 162. merry, 163. county's, 164. gym, 165. refer

166. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

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

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

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

168. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

169. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.

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

170. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

171. The company is facing a _____ for its alleged discrimination against employees.

n. a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law, typically seeking damages or some other form of remedy for perceived wrongs or harms suffered

172. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

173. I want to put that _____ of my life behind me.

n. a happening or story that is distinctive in a series of related events; an abrupt short period during which someone suffers from the effects of a physical or mental illness

ANSWERS: 166. circumstances, 167. tweak, 168. dense, 169. accident, 170. quest, 171. lawsuit, 172. release, 173. episode

174. The judge instructed the _____ on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.
n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
175. The smell of baking bread _____ the kitchen.
v. to spread throughout something; to permeate
176. She sought the _____ of her trusted advisor before making a decision.
n. advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance
177. He is still struggling with a _____ disease.
adj. causing someone to become unable to walk or move; causing severe damage or harm
178. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
179. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
v. to build again or anew
180. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
181. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.
v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

ANSWERS: 174. jury, 175. pervaded, 176. counsel, 177. crippling, 178. lifetime, 179. rebuild, 180. disappear, 181. migrated

182. 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

183. The University _____ the most recalcitrant demonstrators.

v. to stop something from continuing or being in force or effect, either temporarily or permanently; to hang something freely

184. I cut my finger, so I put a _____ on the wound.

n. a small strip or patch of adhesive material, with a sterile gauze pad in the center, used to cover a minor wound or injury and help promote healing

185. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

186. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

187. We must manage to _____ our expenditure.

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

188. 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

189. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 182. literally, 183. suspended, 184. band-aid, 185. norms, 186. descended, 187. regulate, 188. decision, 189. whispered

190. The company faced several _____ in the development of its new product.
n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
191. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
192. The president agreed to _____ the ill-defined regulations.
v. to change a text, law, statement, etc., slightly to remove faults or errors or to improve it
193. She was _____ in a car accident.
adj. having a physical or mental condition that limits someone's specific actions that most other people can do
194. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
195. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
196. During my hiking trip, I got stuck in _____ and had to be rescued.
n. a type of loose sand or soil that behaves like a liquid, capable of trapping and engulfing living beings or objects that become stuck in it; dangerous or difficult situations that can trap or overwhelm people who find themselves in them
197. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.
n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

ANSWERS: 190. hurdles, 191. statistics, 192. amend, 193. disabled, 194. estimated, 195. voter, 196. quicksand, 197. judge

198. The children played on the _____ in the park.

- n.* a long, narrow board balanced on a fulcrum or pivot point, often used as a toy or play equipment in a children's playground

199. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

200. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.

- n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

201. He was a successful _____ and had much experience in the field.

- n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive

202. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

203. _____ photography is a technique that allows you to take close-up photos of small objects.

- n.* (computing) a set of instructions that automate a frequently used series of keystrokes or mouse actions; (photography) a lens that allows you to take close-up photographs; (economics) a large-scale economic policy or system

204. The case fell under the _____ of the state court system.

- n.* the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised

ANSWERS: 198. seesaw, 199. argument, 200. pants, 201. businessperson, 202. frame, 203. Macro, 204. jurisdiction

205. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
206. Massive demonstrations lead to total _____ of transportation.
- n. a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
207. I had to ____ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.
- v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
208. The corporate restructuring process was a _____ with many obstacles that needed to be navigated.
- n. an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps
209. The apology did little to _____ the gravity of the offense committed.
- v. to lessen or partially excuse the seriousness, magnitude, or impact of something, typically by providing explanations or mitigating factors; to make something appear less severe or significant
210. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
- v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
211. She teaches _____ at the local university.
- n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

ANSWERS: 205. suffers, 206. paralysis, 207. wade, 208. minefield, 209. extenuate, 210. drown, 211. archaeology

212. Her _____ accent made it difficult to take her seriously.

adj. influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere

213. The mechanic suggested an _____ of the engine to improve performance.

n. a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard

214. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

215. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

216. With _____ we can see that investing in that company was a mistake.

n. understanding or knowledge that comes after an event has occurred; the ability to perceive or understand events with greater clarity or accuracy in retrospect

217. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

218. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 212. affected, 213. overhaul, 214. regulation, 215. evolved, 216. hindsight, 217. responsible, 218. peer

219. He became _____ that he was being followed.

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

220. The wooden table had a thin _____ of cherry wood on top, giving it a beautiful and glossy finish.

n. a thin layer of material applied to the surface of something for decoration or protection; a superficial or deceptive outward appearance that conceals the true nature of something beneath it

221. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

222. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

223. The _____ report showed no signs of cancer, giving her family a sense of relief.

n. the study of the nature and cause of diseases and disorders; the medical specialty that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and disorders

224. This pill will relieve your _____ immediately.

n. pain in the head; someone or something that causes anxiety or trouble

225. The company is facing a potential _____ of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.

n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

ANSWERS: 219. conscious, 220. veneer, 221. swallowed, 222. random, 223. pathology, 224. headaches, 225. liability

226. Canada _____ on the United States.
- v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
227. The town council plans to repair the damaged _____ along the riverbank.
- n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
228. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
229. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
- v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
230. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
231. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.
- n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
232. In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality _____.
- n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

ANSWERS: 226. bounds, 227. dike, 228. reform, 229. hopped, 230. medicinal, 231. utopia, 232. healthcare

233. It would be best if you _____ out all those old magazines.

- v.* to throw something carelessly with a light motion

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

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

235. The _____ mind is said to hold our deepest desires and fears.

- adj.* relating to or concerning the part of the mind that is not fully conscious but still influences thoughts, feelings, and behavior

236. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

237. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

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

238. 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

239. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

- adj.* very great in amount or degree

240. He planned to ____ the organization for negligence.

- v.* to claim a person or organization, especially by filing a legal claim for money or redress

ANSWERS: 233. tossed, 234. government, 235. subconscious, 236. disrupt, 237. environment, 238. confer, 239. extreme, 240. sue

241. The _____ of the Grand Canyon is an awe-inspiring sight.

- n.* an act of opening the mouth wide, often as a sign of surprise, wonder, or boredom; a wide opening or gap in something, especially in a physical object or landscape; (verb) to open one's mouth wide, often as a result of surprise, shock, or amazement

242. The school's lack of diversity was a clear indication of the _____ present in the community.

- n.* prejudice, discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people based on their membership in a particular ethnic group, typically one that is a minority or marginalized

243. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

244. The ship encountered a series of _____ and had to change its course.

- n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

245. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

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

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

247. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

- n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

ANSWERS: 241. gape, 242. racism, 243. absolutely, 244. icebergs, 245. hell, 246. complicated, 247. constitution

248. He is regarded as a passionate social _____.

n. a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it

249. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

250. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

251. There's no _____ in his arguments.

n. the quality of acting or being done in the same way over time; the quality of not containing any logical contradictions

252. 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

253. 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

254. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

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

255. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 248. reformer, 249. maintain, 250. interned, 251. consistency, 252. artificial, 253. relations, 254. propose, 255. structure

256. The lawyer presented a strong case to win the _____ lawsuit.

- n.* a civil wrong or breach of duty that results in harm or loss to someone, for which legal action can be taken to claim compensation

ANSWERS: 256. tort