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Session 1: Word List

debate

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

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

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

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

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a

full-time job.

architectural

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

synonym : structural, building, constructive

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

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

tower

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

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

gherkin

n. a small cucumber that is typically pickled or used for its tangy flavor, often used as an ingredient in salads, sandwiches, or relishes

synonym : pickle, cucumber, vinegared cucumber

(1) pickled **gherkin**, (2) crunchy **gherkin**

The sandwich was topped with a slice of tangy **gherkin**.

sausage

n. a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

synonym : bratwurst, wurst, frankfurter

(1) beef **sausage**, (2) German **sausage**

The mother sliced off a piece of **sausage**.

invention

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

synonym : creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym: amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

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.

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym: adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

improvisation

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

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

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

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

turmoil

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

synonym: chaos, confusion, disorder

(1) political **turmoil**, (2) the **turmoil** of the war

The company experienced financial **turmoil** after the CEO was arrested.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym: event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

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

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

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

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.

postmodern

adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

synonym : contemporary, poststructural, relativistic

(1) **postmodern** art, (2) **postmodern** anthropology

The **postmodern** architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.

bore

v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

synonym : bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories

The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

promiscuous

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

synonym : indiscriminate, unselective, libertine

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym: amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland
Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

crisis

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

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

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

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

avant-garde

adj. relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

synonym: innovative, experimental, unconventional

(1) **avant-garde** art, (2) **avant-garde** music

The artist's **avant-garde** approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.

negative

adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

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.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

rebel

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

synonym: insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

(1) **rebel** uprising, (2) group of **rebels**

The **rebels** fought against the government for their

independence.

establishment

n. a business or organization, especially a well-established one; the act of starting or forming something that is meant to last for a long time

synonym: institution, organization, business

(1) run a large **establishment**, (2) **establishment** of a new government

The community celebrated the **establishment** of the new school.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym: hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

gradual

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

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

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

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

adapt

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

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

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

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.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym : developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

diagram

n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

synonym : chart, figure, graph

(1) 3D **diagram**, (2) in a **diagram**

He is drawing a **diagram** illustrating how the equipment operates.

generation

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

synonym : cohort, age group, era

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

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

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym: applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness

The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being dropped.

mate

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

synonym: companion, partner, spouse

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

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

mutant

n. an organism that has characteristics resulting from a mutation (= alteration in the nucleic acid sequence of the genome)

(1) **mutant** Omicron strain, (2) **mutant** animal

The biologist thinks this **mutant** gene links to cancer.

offspring

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

synonym: children, descendants, heirs

(1) female **offspring**, (2) produce **offspring**

How many **offspring** does the average lion have?

literal

adj. adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or

metaphorical meaning

synonym : exact, precise, accurate

(1) **literal** translation, (2) **literal** understanding

Her **literal** interpretation of the text caused her to miss the deeper meaning behind the author's words.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

rational

adj. based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking

synonym : logical, reasonable, sensible

(1) **rational** decision, (2) the **rational** faculty

The **rational** approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

surrounding

adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something

synonym : circumferent, encircling, neighboring

(1) **surrounding** areas, (2) a fence **surrounding** a castle

The **surrounding** mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.

expand

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

synonym: extend, grow, boost

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

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

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.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

subspecies

n. a taxonomic category within a species comprising distinct populations of organisms that share certain characteristics and are geographically or genetically isolated from other populations of the same species

synonym: variety, breed, race

(1) **subspecies** extinction, (2) distinct **subspecies**

The zoologist studied the different **subspecies** of birds in the area.

branch

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

synonym: limb, twig, bough

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

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

context

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

synonym: background, setting, environment

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

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

arch

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym: turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

warp

v. to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

synonym: twist, distort, deform

(1) **warp** under pressure, (2) become **warped**

The ship's hull was **warped** from years of use in rough seas.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using

different voices for other characters.

happenstance

n. an occurrence that happens by chance; a fortuitous event, or a coincidence

synonym: coincidence, chance, accident

(1) **happenstance** event, (2) meet by **happenstance**

It was a mere **happenstance** that they both ended up at the same restaurant.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

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.

pavilion

n. a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

synonym: gazebo, kiosk, pagoda

(1) garden **pavilion**, (2) beach **pavilion**

The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful **pavilion** overlooking the lake.

exposition

n. a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

synonym: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**
The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

mascot

n. a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values

synonym: symbol, emblem, icon

(1) team **mascot**, (2) corporate **mascot**

The city's **mascot** is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.

submit

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

synonym: hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym: strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

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.

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.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym : evidently, obviously, supposedly

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

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

republic

n. a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

synonym : democracy, federation, commonwealth

(1) **republic** democracy, (2) the **republic** of art

The United States is a federal presidential constitutional **republic**.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym : display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

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**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym : ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

interpreter

n. a person who translates spoken or written language from one language to another

synonym : translator, mediator, spokesperson

(1) **interpreter** for the hard of hearing, (2) sign language **interpreter**

She worked as an **interpreter** at the United Nations.

mayor

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

synonym : governor, leader, chief executive

(1) a deputy **mayor**, (2) **mayor's** race

The incumbent **mayor** announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

synonym : display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening
The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city
synonym: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed **skyscraper**

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

gap

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

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**
Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories
They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature
The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

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.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges
Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

theme

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

synonym: subject, topic, motif

(1) **theme** park, (2) central **theme**

The **theme** of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

sustainable

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

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

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

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

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on

the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym: reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

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?

shower

n. a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

synonym: rain, sprinkle, downpour

(1) take a quick **shower**, (2) bridal **shower**

The weather forecast predicted a **shower** in the afternoon.

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**.

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**.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym: pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

synonym : wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

swan

n. a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance

synonym : cygnet, waterfowl, bird

(1) **swan** song, (2) black **swan**

The **swan's** feathers glistened in the sunlight.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym : versifier, rhymer, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

curriculum

n. a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.

synonym : program, syllabus, course of study

(1) a **curriculum** vitae, (2) an academic **curriculum**

A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the **curriculum**.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

synonym : sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym : canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

emperor

n. the male ruler of an empire

synonym : ruler, king, dictator

(1) **emperor** of Rome, (2) former **emperor**

The **Emperor** once lived in the vast palace.

matchstick

n. a small, thin stick made of wood or cardboard, typically coated with a combustible substance on one end, used for lighting fires or as a component of a match

(1) burning **matchstick**, (2) **matchstick** figure

She carved the carrot into **matchstick-sized** pieces for the salad.

mermaid

n. a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish

synonym : siren, naiad, sea-maiden

(1) **mermaid** costume, (2) **mermaid** tail

The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl

discovering a secret **mermaid** kingdom beneath the sea.

fragment

n. a small piece or part broken off or detached

synonym : piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

integrate

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

synonym : mix, merge, combine

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

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

attraction

n. a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity

synonym : allure, appeal, interest

(1) the big **attraction** of the event, (2) popular tourist **attraction**

She felt an instant **attraction** toward him.

canal

n. a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation

synonym : aqueduct, trench, channel

(1) an ear **canal**, (2) an irrigation **canal**

Our container ship went through the Panama **Canal**.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

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

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

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

jam

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

synonym: difficulty, mess, preserve

(1) a traffic **jam**, (2) a jar of **jam**

The shredder in the print room often has paper **jams**.

forbidden

adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

synonym: prohibited, banned, illegal

(1) **forbidden** words, (2) **forbidden** love

Taking photographs inside the museum is **forbidden**.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym: roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

commute

v. to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

synonym : travel, journey, trip

(1) **commute** to work, (2) daily **commute**

He had to **commute** two hours each way to get to work.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym : bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

donate

v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

synonym : bestow, contribute, grant

(1) **donate** to charity, (2) **donate** blood to the Red Cross

Our company **donates** to the school endowment fund every year.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym : port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

realm

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

synonym: domain, empire, kingdom

(1) public **realm**, (2) beyond the **realm** of possibility

Her passions are in the **realm** of real-world political affairs.

fin

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

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

propaganda

n. information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology

synonym: disinformation, misinformation, publicity

(1) **propaganda** campaign, (2) self-serving **propaganda**

The government used **propaganda** pictures to spread its message of national unity.

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.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym: bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

dive

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

synonym: dip, leap, plunge

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

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

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

container

n. a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land

synonym: receptacle, holder, vessel

(1) plastic **container**, (2) **container** ship

The restaurant uses large **containers** to store its food ingredients.

ballast

n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support

synonym: weight, stabilizer, counterbalance

(1) **ballast** weight, (2) **ballast** water

The ship's **ballast** helped to keep it stable during the storm.

hitch

v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

synonym: fasten, jerk, tether

(1) **hitch** a ride, (2) **hitch** up my trousers

The mechanics **hitched** the trailer to the broken-down car.

reinterpretation

n. a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

synonym: re-evaluation, re-assessment, re-examination

(1) **reinterpretation** of history, (2) **reinterpretation** of the Constitution

The artist's **reinterpretation** of the classic painting received mixed reviews.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym : circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

ensorship

n. the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security

synonym : restriction, suppression

(1) clear **ensorship** by the Education Ministry, (2) form of **ensorship**

Newspapers were subjected to **ensorship** a few days later.

monument

n. a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

synonym : memorial, marker, statue

(1) humanity's **monument**, (2) **monument** honoring

The stone **monument** was built to commemorate the war heroes.

moving

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

synonym : emotional, poignant, touching

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

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

parliament

n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

synonym : congress, assembly, legislature

(1) disband **parliament**, (2) event of a hung **parliament**

He was a member of **parliament**.

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.

bailout

n. the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

synonym : help, aid, support

(1) **bailout** bill, (2) **bailout** bottle

Many countries provided a **bailout** to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

packaging

n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

synonym : wrapping, packing, boxing

(1) **packaging** materials, (2) biodegradable **packaging**

The **packaging** for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.

invest

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

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

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

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

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

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

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

installation

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

synonym: induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

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**.

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.

intervene

v. to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse

synonym: interfere, mediate, intercede

(1) **intervene** in a dispute, (2) **intervene** between quarreling parties

Following international law, our country does not **intervene** in the internal affairs of our neighbors.

apartment

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

synonym: flat, dwelling, unit

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

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

landscape

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

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

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

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

triangular

adj. having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)

synonym: three-cornered, trilateral

(1) a **triangular** alliance, (2) **triangular** form

The **triangular** shape of the pyramid was an important architectural feature.

balcony

n. a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space

synonym : terrace, veranda, deck

(1) **balcony** view, (2) **balcony** seating

They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the **balcony** overlooking the city.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym : perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

backyard

n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house

synonym : courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue

He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

radial

adj. of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point

synonym : concentric, central, spoke-like

(1) **radial** symmetry, (2) in a **radial** direction

The **radial** design of the wheel allows for maximum strength and stability.

meter

n. a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

synonym : gauge, indicator, rhythm

(1) a gas **meter**, (2) poetic **meter**

The **meter** on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.

distortion

n. the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted

synonym : twist, deformity, misrepresentation

(1) **distortion** of the earth's surface, (2) horizontal

distortion

Her report was criticized as a gross **distortion** of the truth.

zigzag

adj. having short sharp turns or angles

synonym: bent, crinkled, crooked

(1) **zigzag** sewing machine, (2) a **zigzag** line

We had to go through a **zigzag** course.

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.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

stack

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

synonym: accumulation, heap, pile

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

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

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

penthouse

n. a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building

synonym : apartment, suite, flat

(1) **penthouse** apartment, (2) **penthouse** terrace

The **penthouse** in the city center offers stunning views of the skyline.

podium

n. a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards

synonym : lectern, stand, dais

(1) win a **podium** position, (2) **podium** finisher

The speaker stood confidently on the **podium** while delivering their speech.

slope

n. a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other

synonym : gradient, pitch, slant

(1) an abrupt **slope**, (2) slide down a **slope** on a ski

The hut stands on the **slope** of a mountain.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym : capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

occupy

v. to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

synonym : inhabit, settle, populate

(1) **occupy** his time, (2) **occupy** a position

The young prince will soon **occupy** the throne.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

layer

n. a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

synonym : stratum, sheet, coating

(1) **layer** cake, (2) **layer** of paint

The **layer** of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

splendor

n. great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence

synonym : brightness, magnificence, grandeur

(1) **splendor** of nature, (2) **splendor** of art

The **splendor** of the palace was breathtaking.

suburb

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

synonym : outskirts, district, quarter

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

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

metropolitan

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

synonym : urban, city, municipal

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

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

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.

locate

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

synonym : discover, find, place

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

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

aerial

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

synonym : antenna, skywire, transmitter

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

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

diagonal

adj. at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle

synonym : oblique, sloping, slanting

(1) **diagonal** pattern, (2) place at a **diagonal**

The **diagonal** cut of the skirt added movement and flair to the outfit.

elevator

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

synonym : lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

facade

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym : front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth
A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest
He was **naturally** gifted.

ventilate

v. to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it

synonym : air out, circulate, freshen

(1) **ventilate** my opinion, (2) **ventilate** air

It's important to **ventilate** the room to avoid the buildup of harmful gases.

perforate

v. to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object

synonym : puncture, pierce, penetrate

(1) **perforate** paper, (2) **perforate** eardrum

After the medical exam, the doctor suspected that the patient's ulcer might have **perforated**, leading to more severe health complications.

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym : huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

raster

n. a grid pattern of pixels used to represent an image or facilitate the display of graphics in computer systems

synonym : grid, matrix, pattern

(1) **raster** scanning, (2) color **raster**

The graphic designer used a **raster** image to create a realistic digital painting.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

photograph

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

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

synonym: climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

artwork

n. the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

synonym: painting, picture, graphics

(1) ancient **artwork**, (2) **artwork** conservation

Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil **artwork** have been popular worldwide.

corridor

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

synonym: hallway, passageway, aisle

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

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

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

synonym : aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing

He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

oasis

n. a fertile land in a desert or semi-desert environment where there is water and therefore plants and trees and sometimes a village or town

(1) tropical **oasis**, (2) **oasis** farming

The **oasis** supplied water for early farms until the modern age.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym : precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

accumulate

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

synonym : amass, stash, earn

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

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

automatic

adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

synonym: mechanical, robotic, intuitive

(1) **automatic** operation, (2) the **automatic** shrinking of the pupils

In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an **automatic** pilot during cruising.

irrigation

n. the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

(1) an **irrigation** ditch, (2) underground **irrigation** system

Archaeologists found traces of agricultural **irrigation** channels at the historic site.

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.

temple

n. a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

synonym: shrine, mosque, synagogue

(1) **temple** complex, (2) a tour guide at the **temple**

He visited the **temple** to pray and make offerings to the gods.

ruin

v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,

synonym: bankrupt, demolish, destroy

(1) **ruin** the plan, (2) **ruin** the reputation

He knocked over the red wine and **ruined** the tablecloth.

alchemy

n. a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that

appears magical or mysterious

synonym: sorcery, magic, transmutation

(1) **alchemy** experiment, (2) **alchemy** of emotions

Today, the study of **alchemy** remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym: element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

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.

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

improvise

v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

synonym: ad-lib, extemporize

(1) **improvise** a joke, (2) **improvise** an escape plan

We had to **improvise** a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.

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.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

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

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

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

recreate

v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

synonym: renovate, vivify, revive

(1) **recreate** a single country, (2) **recreate** the feeling of the 1920s

She **recreated** the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.

silhouette

n. an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color

synonym: outline, contour, shape

(1) a person's **silhouette**, (2) the **silhouette** of a garment

After the war, the **silhouette** of the country appears.

significance

n. the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

synonym: importance, value, worth

(1) **significance** level, (2) mystical **significance**

The **significance** of his discovery cannot be overstated.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

soundtrack

n. the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game

synonym : score, background music, accompaniment

(1) **soundtrack** album, (2) a motion picture with a **soundtrack**

The **soundtrack** to the movie was composed by a famous musician.

crescent

n. a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape

(1) **crescent** moon, (2) **crescent** beach

The river formed a **crescent** shape around the bend.

bay

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

synonym : inlet, cove, gulf

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

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

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

topography

n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial

elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

synonym: terrain, landscape, geography

(1) **topography** map, (2) detailed **topography**

The **topography** of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

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

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

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

vegetation

n. plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

synonym: flora, leafage, foliage

(1) tropical **vegetation**, (2) dense **vegetation**

The **vegetation** in the area is quite diverse.

ecosystem

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

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

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

exploit

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

synonym: use, abuse, control

(1) **exploit** a security hole, (2) **exploit** a valuable opportunity

We **exploit** our mining resources to strengthen our national power.

desalination

n. the process of removing salt, especially from seawater

(1) shut down a **desalination** plant, (2) water **desalination**

He worked on improving the equipment using the freeze-**desalination** method.

thermal

adj. relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat

synonym: heat-related, warm, hot

(1) **thermal** insulation, (2) **thermal** energy

The **thermal** imaging camera was used to detect heat signatures in the dark.

excess

n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

synonym: exuberance, glut, surplus

(1) lose **excess** weight, (2) an **excess** of exports

The road of **excess** leads to the palace of wisdom.

freshwater

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

(1) **freshwater** area, (2) **freshwater** aquatic bird

This microbe is a parasite of **freshwater** fish.

wastewater

n. water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.

synonym: drainage, sewerage

(1) **wastewater** disposal equipment, (2) biological **wastewater**

As that country developed its industry, it began to invest more in **wastewater** treatment technology.

filter

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

synonym: strainer

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

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

organically

adv. in a way that is related to or in accordance with the principles or practices of organic farming or living; naturally; without the use of synthetic or artificial substances

synonym: naturally, biologically

(1) evolve **organically**, (2) **organically** certified

The company prides itself on using **organically** grown ingredients in its products.

lush

adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal

synonym: leafy, overgrown, dense

(1) **lush** and fertile land, (2) the abundance of **lush** vegetation

This area has an environment of **lush** greenery and water courses.

expense

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

synonym: cost, expenditure, outlay

(1) enormous **expenses**, (2) **expense** account

For this project to be successful, we must control **expenses** strictly.

invoke

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason

or justification for actions or decisions

synonym : evoke, summon, call forth

(1) **invoke** memories, (2) **invoke** the right to remain silent

The politician **invoked** the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

imagery

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

synonym : metaphors, symbolism, imaging

(1) visual **imagery**, (2) satellite **imagery**

This movie is famous for its romantic **imagery**.

operate

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

synonym : work, use, employ

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

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

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

solar

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

(1) the **solar** system, (2) a **solar** eclipse

Solar panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

approve

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

synonym : accept, authorize, agree

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

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

construct

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

synonym: build, assemble, create

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

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

carbon

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

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

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

neutral

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

synonym: impartial, uninvolved, halfhearted

(1) permanently **neutral** country, (2) **neutral** colors

A legislative speaker should always be **neutral**.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym: damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mo__t a hill
v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
2. ex___e the crowd
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
3. a gas me__r
n. a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
4. de____p a strategy
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
5. become ess_____ly same
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
6. steel-framed sky_____er
n. a very tall building, typically one in a city
7. high st__k
n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
8. sp_____or of art
n. great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence

ANSWERS: 1. mount, 2. excite, 3. meter, 4. develop, 5. essentially, 6. skyscraper, 7. stack, 8. splendor

9. pe_____te paper *v.* to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object
10. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
11. study arc_____ral engineering *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
12. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
13. 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
14. ba_____t bill *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
15. exh_____on opening *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
16. te___e complex *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead

ANSWERS: 9. perforate, 10. argue, 11. architectural, 12. relevance, 13. process, 14. bailout, 15. exhibition, 16. temple

17. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
18. va___y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
19. self-serving pro_____da *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
20. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
21. permanently ne_____l country *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
22. a ne_____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
23. est_____ent of a new government *n.* a business or organization, especially a well-established one; the act of starting or forming something that is meant to last for a long time
24. daily co_____e *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work
25. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
26. an international exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display

ANSWERS: 17. adapt, 18. valley, 19. propaganda, 20. traffic, 21. neutral, 22. negative, 23. establishment, 24. commute, 25. statistics, 26. exposition

27. d__e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
28. corporate ma___t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
29. ex_____t a valuable opportunity *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.
30. mo___g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
31. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
32. field of fun_____al medicine *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
33. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
34. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
35. the com_____on of murder *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
36. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 27. dive, 28. mascot, 29. exploit, 30. moving, 31. competition, 32. functional, 33. apparently, 34. approve, 35. commission, 36. photograph

37. fa__y tale *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
38. lose ex___s weight *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
39. bridal sh___r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
40. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
41. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
42. the outside fa___e of a castle *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
43. tr_____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
44. produce of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
45. beautiful arc_____ral landmarks *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures

ANSWERS: 37. fairy, 38. excess, 39. shower, 40. carbon, 41. competition, 42. facade, 43. trigger, 44. offspring, 45. architectural

46. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
47. top_____hy map *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
48. bus_____son network *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
49. an academic cur_____um *n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
50. win a po___m position *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
51. a motion picture with a sou_____ck *n.* the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game
52. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
53. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
54. a broken fr_____nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
55. hi__h up my trousers *v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

ANSWERS: 46. trigger, 47. topography, 48. businessperson, 49. curriculum, 50. podium, 51. soundtrack, 52. corruption, 53. integrate, 54. fragment, 55. hitch

56. dr___n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
57. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
58. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
59. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
60. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
61. pro_____nt theology *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
62. a gr_____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
63. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
64. ba_____rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
65. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 56. dragon, 57. commit, 58. environment, 59. recreation, 60. gap, 61. protestant, 62. gradual, 63. overlook, 64. backyard, 65. misunderstand

66. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
67. dr____n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
68. an irrigation ca__l *n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
69. su____b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
70. the re____ic of art *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
71. pro____us lifestyle *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
72. hap____nce event *n.* an occurrence that happens by chance; a fortuitous event, or a coincidence
73. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
74. modern el____or *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

ANSWERS: 66. suppose, 67. dragon, 68. canal, 69. suburb, 70. republic, 71. promiscuous, 72. happenstance, 73. melt, 74. elevator

75. distinct sub_____es *n.* a taxonomic category within a species comprising distinct populations of organisms that share certain characteristics and are geographically or genetically isolated from other populations of the same species
76. the sil_____te of a garment *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
77. m_r a proper relationship *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
78. 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
79. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
80. meet by hap_____nce *n.* an occurrence that happens by chance; a fortuitous event, or a coincidence
81. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
82. cr_____nt moon *n.* a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape
83. fo_____en love *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

ANSWERS: 75. subspecies, 76. silhouette, 77. mar, 78. AI, 79. rainwater, 80. happenstance, 81. evolutionary, 82. crescent, 83. forbidden

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| 84. the g_p between ideal and reality | <i>n.</i> | a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc. |
| 85. s__n song | <i>n.</i> | a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance |
| 86. in_____ne in a dispute | <i>v.</i> | to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse |
| 87. sy___l for happiness | <i>n.</i> | something visible that is used to represent something else |
| 88. acc_____te evidence | <i>v.</i> | to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time |
| 89. water des_____ion | <i>n.</i> | the process of removing salt, especially from seawater |
| 90. shut down a des_____ion plant | <i>n.</i> | the process of removing salt, especially from seawater |
| 91. a ge___s for music | <i>n.</i> | someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality |
| 92. horizontal dis_____on | <i>n.</i> | the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted |
| 93. fre_____er aquatic bird | <i>adj.</i> | living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt |
| 94. com_____on appointed by the government | <i>n.</i> | a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something |

ANSWERS: 84. gap, 85. swan, 86. intervene, 87. symbol, 88. accumulate, 89. desalination, 90. desalination, 91. genius, 92. distortion, 93. freshwater, 94. commission

95. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
96. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
97. fun____al deafness *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
98. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
99. la__r cake *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
100. a tri____ar alliance *adj.* having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)
101. rei_____ion of history *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork
102. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
103. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
104. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
105. de__t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

ANSWERS: 95. context, 96. modern, 97. functional, 98. norm, 99. layer, 100. triangular, 101. reinterpretation, 102. improvisation, 103. profoundly, 104. negative, 105. desert

106. poetic me__r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
107. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
108. cause an ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
109. injury in a car ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
110. a gr____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
111. gen____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
112. ma__r's race *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
113. fr____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
114. ve____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
115. re____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch

ANSWERS: 106. meter, 107. struggle, 108. accident, 109. accident, 110. gradual, 111. generation, 112. mayor, 113. frustrate, 114. vertical, 115. republic

116. do___e to charity *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
117. the mouth of a b_y *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
118. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
119. bo___g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
120. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
121. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
122. age-old cl___e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
123. disband par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
124. a traffic j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
125. black s__n *n.* a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance

ANSWERS: 116. donate, 117. bay, 118. revolution, 119. boring, 120. courage, 121. architecture, 122. cliché, 123. parliament, 124. jam, 125. swan

126. mu___t animal *n.* an organism that has characteristics resulting from a mutation (= alteration in the nucleic acid sequence of the genome)
127. pa_____ng materials *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
128. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
129. cl___e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
130. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
131. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
132. visual im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
133. the au_____ic shrinking of the pupils *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
134. clear cen_____ip by the Education Ministry *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security

ANSWERS: 126. mutant, 127. packaging, 128. profoundly, 129. cliché, 130. conclude, 131. invite, 132. imagery, 133. automatic, 134. censorship

135. pro_____ve development *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
136. fr_____te the advancement *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
137. central th__e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
138. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
139. biological was_____er *n.* water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.
140. mystical sig_____nce *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
141. an ex___s of exports *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
142. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
143. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
144. sig_____nce level *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

ANSWERS: 135. progressive, 136. frustrate, 137. theme, 138. straight, 139. wastewater, 140. significance, 141. excess, 142. branch, 143. conclude, 144. significance

145. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
146. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
147. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
148. 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
149. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
150. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
151. la___r of paint *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
152. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
153. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

ANSWERS: 145. adaptation, 146. invest, 147. debate, 148. refer, 149. volume, 150. fin, 151. layer, 152. define, 153. valley

154. fr____nt of a text *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
155. fo_____en words *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
156. humanity's mo____nt *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
157. pro_____ve taxation *adj.* relating to or supporting development or advancement, especially social or political one
158. rented ap____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
159. ava_____de art *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions
160. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
161. al____y of emotions *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
162. ha___r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

ANSWERS: 154. fragment, 155. forbidden, 156. monument, 157. progressive, 158. apartment, 159. avant-garde, 160. locate, 161. alchemy, 162. harbor

163. oc___y a position *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
164. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
165. group of re__ls *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
166. sign language int_____er *n.* a person who translates spoken or written language from one language to another
167. tropical veg_____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
168. b_y area *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
169. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
170. 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
171. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 163. occupy, 164. radical, 165. rebel, 166. interpreter, 167. vegetation, 168. bay, 169. discovery, 170. process, 171. industrious

172. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
173. 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
174. popular tourist att____on *n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
175. org____ly certified *adv.* in a way that is related to or in accordance with the principles or practices of organic farming or living; naturally; without the use of synthetic or artificial substances
176. fa____e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
177. li____l translation *adj.* adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning
178. gi____ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
179. ex____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

ANSWERS: 172. struggle, 173. discuss, 174. attraction, 175. organically, 176. facade, 177. literal, 178. gigantic, 179. exhibit

180. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
181. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
182. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
183. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
184. dis_____on of the earth's surface *n.* the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted
185. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
186. take a quick sh___r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
187. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
188. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 180. crisis, 181. invention, 182. revolution, 183. symbol, 184. distortion, 185. creative, 186. shower, 187. proportion, 188. refer

189. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
190. ve_____te my opinion *v.* to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it
191. a pilot sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
192. ambitious ag___a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
193. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
194. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
195. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
196. tropical oa___s *n.* a fertile land in a desert or semi-desert environment where there is water and therefore plants and trees and sometimes a village or town
197. 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
198. ba_____y seating *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space

ANSWERS: 189. mar, 190. ventilate, 191. scheme, 192. agenda, 193. Christ, 194. branch, 195. boring, 196. oasis, 197. jury, 198. balcony

199. air co____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
200. pro____us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
201. Mi____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
202. me____d costume *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
203. pro____da campaign *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
204. positive feedback l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
205. bio____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
206. smoking m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
207. the so__r system *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun

ANSWERS: 199. corridor, 200. promiscuous, 201. minister, 202. mermaid, 203. propaganda, 204. loop, 205. biodiversity, 206. mate, 207. solar

208. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
209. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
210. ba_____y view *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
211. ag____a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
212. place at a di_____al *adj.* at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle
213. a so__r eclipse *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
214. female of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
215. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
216. ex_____t a security hole *v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 208. discovery, 209. economy, 210. balcony, 211. agenda, 212. diagonal, 213. solar, 214. offspring, 215. hero, 216. exploit

217. rational exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
218. 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
219. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
220. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
221. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
222. German sa_____e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
223. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
224. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
225. rei_____ion of the Constitution *n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

ANSWERS: 217. exposition, 218. structure, 219. tradition, 220. introduction, 221. construct, 222. sausage, 223. underneath, 224. accumulate, 225. reinterpretation

226. de____p a skill v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
227. dense veg____on n. plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
228. im____se an escape plan v. to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
229. mat____ck figure n. a small, thin stick made of wood or cardboard, typically coated with a combustible substance on one end, used for lighting fires or as a component of a match
230. inspire co____e n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
231. sp____or of nature n. great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence
232. hi__h a ride v. to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle
233. underground irr____on system n. the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

ANSWERS: 226. develop, 227. vegetation, 228. improvise, 229. matchstick, 230. courage, 231. splendor, 232. hitch, 233. irrigation

234. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
235. draw out a sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
236. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
237. pe_____se terrace *n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building
238. ba_____t water *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
239. mo_____nt honoring *n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event
240. team ma___t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
241. tri_____ar form *adj.* having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)
242. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 234. industrious, 235. scheme, 236. evolutionary, 237. penthouse, 238. ballast, 239. monument, 240. mascot, 241. triangular, 242. evolution

243. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
244. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
245. ex_____e account *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
246. garden pa_____on *n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
247. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
248. a water fa__y *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
249. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
250. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
251. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
252. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
253. zi____g sewing machine *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles

ANSWERS: 243. sustainable, 244. architect, 245. expense, 246. pavilion, 247. desert, 248. fairy, 249. loop, 250. genius, 251. ingredient, 252. norm, 253. zigzag

254. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
255. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
256. the a__h of a person's foot *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
257. ae___l antenna *n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air
258. su___t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
259. th_____l energy *adj.* relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat
260. agree to su___t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
261. beef sa_____e *n.* a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices

ANSWERS: 254. filter, 255. invite, 256. arch, 257. aerial, 258. submit, 259. thermal, 260. submit, 261. sausage

262. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
263. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
264. co__c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
265. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
266. a fence sur_____ng a castle *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
267. the big att_____on of the event *n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
268. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
269. first l__e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
270. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
271. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
272. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
273. ar_____k conservation *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.

ANSWERS: 262. poet, 263. sustainable, 264. comic, 265. context, 266. surrounding, 267. attraction, 268. survive, 269. lane, 270. corruption, 271. modern, 272. overlook, 273. artwork

274. di____al pattern *adj.* at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle
275. gi____ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
276. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
277. env____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
278. manually op____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
279. do___e blood to the Red Cross *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
280. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
281. the ra____al faculty *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
282. su____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
283. 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
284. a ra____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
285. in a di____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

ANSWERS: 274. diagonal, 275. gigantic, 276. fin, 277. environment, 278. operate, 279. donate, 280. obvious, 281. rational, 282. survival, 283. jury, 284. radical, 285. diagram

286. traffic in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
287. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
288. was_____er disposal equipment *n.* water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.
289. 3D di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
290. gas fi_____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
291. met_____tan city *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
292. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
293. dog-loving m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
294. th_____l insulation *adj.* relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat
295. ba_____t bottle *n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy

ANSWERS: 286. incident, 287. normally, 288. wastewater, 289. diagram, 290. filter, 291. metropolitan, 292. apparently, 293. mate, 294. thermal, 295. bailout

296. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
297. ancient ar_____k *n.* the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
298. ba_____t weight *n.* heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
299. sur_____ng areas *adj.* that is near or around, or closely encircling something
300. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
301. enormous ex_____es *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
302. re_____te the feeling of the 1920s *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
303. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
304. in___e memories *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

ANSWERS: 296. landscape, 297. artwork, 298. ballast, 299. surrounding, 300. argue, 301. expense, 302. recreate, 303. universe, 304. invoke

305. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
306. a zi___g line *adj.* having short sharp turns or angles
307. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
308. 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
309. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
310. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
311. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
312. 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
313. im_____se a joke *v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something

ANSWERS: 305. hero, 306. zigzag, 307. skyscraper, 308. discuss, 309. inhabit, 310. shelter, 311. nation, 312. structure, 313. improvise

314. crunchy gh_____n *n.* a small cucumber that is typically pickled or used for its tangy flavor, often used as an ingredient in salads, sandwiches, or relishes
315. biodegradable pa_____ng *n.* the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging
316. in___e the right to remain silent *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
317. ra_____al decision *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
318. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
319. dr_____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
320. su___b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
321. a person's sil_____te *n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
322. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 314. gherkin, 315. packaging, 316. invoke, 317. rational, 318. evolution, 319. drawing, 320. suburb, 321. silhouette, 322. misunderstand

323. run a large est_____ent *n.* a business or organization, especially a well-established one; the act of starting or forming something that is meant to last for a long time
324. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
325. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
326. mo____g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
327. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
328. walk along a co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
329. loss of bio_____ity *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
330. beach pa_____on *n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
331. ava_____de music *adj.* relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

ANSWERS: 323. establishment, 324. relevance, 325. ecosystem, 326. moving, 327. construct, 328. corridor, 329. biodiversity, 330. pavilion, 331. avant-garde

332. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
333. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
334. play in the ba____rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
335. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
336. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
337. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
338. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
339. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
340. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
341. ve_____te air *v.* to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it
342. wi___m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
343. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

ANSWERS: 332. mount, 333. define, 334. backyard, 335. normally, 336. survival, 337. storytelling, 338. exhibit, 339. hire, 340. dense, 341. ventilate, 342. wisdom, 343. contemplate

344. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
345. a cur_____um vitae *n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
346. b__e diameter *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
347. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
348. fre_____er area *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
349. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
350. an abrupt sl__e *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
351. pe_____se apartment *n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building
352. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
353. the tu_____l of the war *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

ANSWERS: 344. locate, 345. curriculum, 346. bore, 347. survive, 348. freshwater, 349. statistics, 350. slope, 351. penthouse, 352. probable, 353. turmoil

354. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
355. po___m finisher *n.* a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
356. an ear ca___l *n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
357. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
358. co_____er ship *n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
359. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
360. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
361. the s___n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
362. ad___t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
363. re_____te a single country *v.* to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again

ANSWERS: 354. invest, 355. podium, 356. canal, 357. essentially, 358. container, 359. adaptation, 360. invention, 361. span, 362. adapt, 363. recreate

364. pa____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
365. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
366. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
367. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
368. tr____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
369. hard-line Pro____nt *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
370. pho____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
371. a fountain of wi____m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
372. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 364. parallel, 365. Christ, 366. straight, 367. nation, 368. transform, 369. protestant, 370. photograph, 371. wisdom, 372. creative

373. become w__ped *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
374. the abundance of l__h vegetation *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
375. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
376. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
377. an irr_____on ditch *n.* the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well
378. beyond the re__m of possibility *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
379. technical dr_____g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
380. sou_____ck album *n.* the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game
381. co_____e to work *v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

ANSWERS: 373. warp, 374. lush, 375. optimism, 376. lane, 377. irrigation, 378. realm, 379. drawing, 380. soundtrack, 381. commute

382. pos_____rn anthropology *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
383. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
384. form of cen_____ip *n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
385. detailed top_____hy *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
386. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
387. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
388. co_____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
389. sub_____es extinction *n.* a taxonomic category within a species comprising distinct populations of organisms that share certain characteristics and are geographically or genetically isolated from other populations of the same species

ANSWERS: 382. postmodern, 383. debate, 384. censorship, 385. topography, 386. contemplate, 387. expand, 388. combine, 389. subspecies

390. a deputy ma__r *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
391. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
392. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
393. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
394. pos_____rn art *adj.* relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation
395. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
396. event of a hung par_____nt *n.* a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state
397. 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
398. oc___y his time *v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time

ANSWERS: 390. mayor, 391. proportion, 392. naturally, 393. architecture, 394. postmodern, 395. universe, 396. parliament, 397. AI, 398. occupy

399. a medical ins_____ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
400. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
401. el_____or ride *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
402. a personal exh_____on *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
403. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
404. al_____y experiment *n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
405. a co__c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
406. d__e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater

ANSWERS: 399. installation, 400. expand, 401. elevator, 402. exhibition, 403. reintroduce, 404. alchemy, 405. comic, 406. dive

407. burning mat_____ck *n.* a small, thin stick made of wood or cardboard, typically coated with a combustible substance on one end, used for lighting fires or as a component of a match
408. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
409. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
410. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
411. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
412. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
413. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
414. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
415. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

ANSWERS: 407. matchstick, 408. aft, 409. stack, 410. opportune, 411. aft, 412. approve, 413. span, 414. government, 415. melt

416. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
417. cr_____nt beach *n.* a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape
418. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
419. furnished ap_____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
420. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
421. ne_____l colors *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
422. former em_____r *n.* the male ruler of an empire
423. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
424. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
425. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
426. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

ANSWERS: 416. improvisation, 417. crescent, 418. inhabit, 419. apartment, 420. probable, 421. neutral, 422. emperor, 423. recreation, 424. generation, 425. minister, 426. volume

427. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
428. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
429. ra____r scanning *n.* a grid pattern of pixels used to represent an image or facilitate the display of graphics in computer systems
430. mu____t Omicron strain *n.* an organism that has characteristics resulting from a mutation (= alteration in the nucleic acid sequence of the genome)
431. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
432. li____l understanding *adj.* adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning
433. ev____e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
434. au____ic operation *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
435. co____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

ANSWERS: 427. economy, 428. hire, 429. raster, 430. mutant, 431. tower, 432. literal, 433. evolve, 434. automatic, 435. combine

436. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
437. b__e him with his stories *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
438. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
439. ins_____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
440. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
441. slide down a sl__e on a ski *n.* a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other
442. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
443. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
444. me_____d tail *n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
445. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 436. opportune, 437. bore, 438. incident, 439. installation, 440. storytelling, 441. slope, 442. government, 443. poet, 444. mermaid, 445. suppose

446. in a ra___l direction *adj.* of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point
447. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
448. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
449. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
450. a jar of j_m *n.* a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit
451. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
452. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
453. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
454. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
455. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
456. ae___l photography *n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air

ANSWERS: 446. radial, 447. ecosystem, 448. ancient, 449. shelter, 450. jam, 451. underneath, 452. dense, 453. transform, 454. excite, 455. rainwater, 456. aerial

457. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
458. color ra___r *n.* a grid pattern of pixels used to represent an image or facilitate the display of graphics in computer systems
459. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
460. an a__h-shaped stone structure *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
461. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
462. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
463. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
464. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
465. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

ANSWERS: 457. carbon, 458. raster, 459. optimism, 460. arch, 461. ruin, 462. tale, 463. unfortunately, 464. crisis, 465. parallel

466. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
467. a young bus_____son *n.* a person who is engaged in business, typically as an owner or executive
468. pickled gh_____n *n.* a small cucumber that is typically pickled or used for its tangy flavor, often used as an ingredient in salads, sandwiches, or relishes
469. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
470. l__h and fertile land *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
471. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
472. oa__s farming *n.* a fertile land in a desert or semi-desert environment where there is water and therefore plants and trees and sometimes a village or town
473. major met_____tan area *adj.* of or relating to a large city or a city that is considered to be the cultural or economic center of a region or country
474. co___t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
475. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

ANSWERS: 466. landscape, 467. businessperson, 468. gherkin, 469. ingredient, 470. lush, 471. ancient, 472. oasis, 473. metropolitan, 474. commit, 475. vertical

476. in_____ne between quarreling parties *v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
477. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
478. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
479. a sheltered ha____r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
480. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
481. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
482. plastic co_____er *n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
483. w__p under pressure *v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something

ANSWERS: 476. intervene, 477. architect, 478. traffic, 479. harbor, 480. tower, 481. introduction, 482. container, 483. warp

484. th__e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
485. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
486. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
487. political tu_____l *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions
488. ra____l symmetry *adj.* of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point
489. public re__m *n.* a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge
490. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
491. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
492. a tour guide at the te___e *n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
493. int_____er for the hard of hearing *n.* a person who translates spoken or written language from one language to another
494. re__l uprising *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

ANSWERS: 484. theme, 485. operate, 486. tale, 487. turmoil, 488. radial, 489. realm, 490. reintroduce, 491. ruin, 492. temple, 493. interpreter, 494. rebel

495. ev___e v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
496. evolve org_____ly *adv.* in a way that is related to or in accordance with the principles or practices of organic farming or living; naturally; without the use of synthetic or artificial substances
497. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
498. em_____r of Rome *n.* the male ruler of an empire
499. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
500. in_____te into the existing system v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
501. satellite im_____y *n.* the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events
502. pe_____te eardrum v. to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object
503. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
504. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city

ANSWERS: 495. evolve, 496. organically, 497. tradition, 498. emperor, 499. obvious, 500. integrate, 501. imagery, 502. perforate, 503. naturally, 504. urban

505. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

506. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city

ANSWERS: 505. unfortunately, 506. urban

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful _____ overlooking the lake.
 - n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

2. 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

3. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
 - v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

4. The 50-floor _____ loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.
 - n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city

5. The company prides itself on using _____ grown ingredients in its products.
 - adv.* in a way that is related to or in accordance with the principles or practices of organic farming or living; naturally; without the use of synthetic or artificial substances

6. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
 - v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

7. The artist's _____ of the classic painting received mixed reviews.
 - n.* a new or different interpretation or explanation of something, especially a text or piece of artwork

ANSWERS: 1. pavilion, 2. government, 3. evolved, 4. skyscraper, 5. organically, 6. reintroduce, 7. reinterpretation

8. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
9. The _____ mountains make the city difficult to be invaded.
adj. that is near or around, or closely encircling something
10. The ship's _____ helped to keep it stable during the storm.
n. heavy material, usually stones or sand, used to stabilize a ship or other structure; anything that provides stability or support
11. She _____ the atmosphere of the pre-war age with her stage setting.
v. to make something that existed previously happen or appear to exist again
12. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
13. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
14. Mozart was a musical _____.
n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
15. This area has an environment of _____ greenery and water courses.
adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
16. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

ANSWERS: 8. expand, 9. surrounding, 10. ballast, 11. recreated, 12. modern, 13. combine, 14. genius, 15. lush, 16. optimism

17. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

18. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.

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

19. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

20. The _____ for the fragile items was made of sturdy materials and could withstand rough handling during shipping.

n. the process, materials, or container used to wrap or contain a product for distribution, storage, or sale; the design or appearance of a product's packaging

21. 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

22. Her research team made an important _____.

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

23. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

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

ANSWERS: 17. apparently, 18. norms, 19. lane, 20. packaging, 21. AI, 22. discovery, 23. filter

24. Our container ship went through the Panama _____.
- n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
25. I am seeking a spacious _____ with a balcony and a parking spot.
- n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
26. He grows vegetables in his _____.
- n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
27. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
28. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
- v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
29. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.
- adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
30. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.
- n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
31. 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

ANSWERS: 24. Canal, 25. apartment, 26. backyard, 27. invention, 28. marred, 29. profoundly, 30. elevator, 31. jury

32. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
33. A committee was appointed to manage the reorganization of the _____.
- n.* a series of subjects comprising a course of study in a school, college, etc.
34. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.
- v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
35. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
36. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.
- adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
37. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
38. After the war, the _____ of the country appears.
- n.* an outline of a solid object that you see against a light background; a drawing of the outline of an object filled in with some uniform color
39. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
- n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

ANSWERS: 32. statistics, 33. curriculum, 34. contemplated, 35. Christmas, 36. urban, 37. locate, 38. silhouette, 39. relevance

40. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
v. to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
41. The _____ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.
n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
42. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.
v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
43. As that country developed its industry, it began to invest more in _____ treatment technology.
n. water that contains waste substances from homes, farms, factories, etc.
44. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.
n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
45. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
46. The _____ once lived in the vast palace.
n. the male ruler of an empire
47. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.
n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

ANSWERS: 40. ruined, 41. theme, 42. exhibit, 43. wastewater, 44. carbon, 45. architect, 46. Emperor, 47. adaptation

48. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

49. She felt an instant _____ toward him.

n. a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity

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

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

51. The incumbent _____ announced his plans to address the city's homelessness crisis.

n. an elected official who presides over a city or town government

52. How many _____ does the average lion have?

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

53. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

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

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

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

55. _____ panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

ANSWERS: 48. radical, 49. attraction, 50. moving, 51. mayor, 52. offspring, 53. gradual, 54. transformed, 55. Solar

56. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

57. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

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

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

59. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.

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

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

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

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

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

62. She walked along the _____ and collected shells.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 56. ancient, 57. Essentially, 58. integrate, 59. suburbs, 60. branch, 61. improvisation, 62. bay, 63. metropolitan,

64. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
65. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
- v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
66. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
67. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny _____ of pottery found at the dig site.
- n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
68. The _____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.
- n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
69. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
- v.* to do something illegal or wrong
70. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.
- adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
71. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.
- adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

ANSWERS: 64. economy, 65. adapt, 66. universe, 67. fragments, 68. arch, 69. committed, 70. parallel, 71. Protestant

72. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.
v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
73. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
74. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.
adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
75. The biologist thinks this _____ gene links to cancer.
n. an organism that has characteristics resulting from a mutation (= alteration in the nucleic acid sequence of the genome)
76. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
77. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.
n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
78. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.
adj. able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
79. Archaeologists found traces of agricultural _____ channels at the historic site.
n. the agricultural practice of supplying land with water through pipes or channels so that crops grow well

ANSWERS: 72. melted, 73. suppose, 74. boring, 75. mutant, 76. rainwater, 77. exhibition, 78. automatic, 79. irrigation

80. The _____ style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.
adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
81. They study the _____ of the universe.
n. a gradual process of transformation of living things
82. The sandwich was topped with a slice of tangy _____.
n. a small cucumber that is typically pickled or used for its tangy flavor, often used as an ingredient in salads, sandwiches, or relishes
83. The road of _____ leads to the palace of wisdom.
n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
84. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
85. He was known for his _____ behavior.
adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
86. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
87. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

ANSWERS: 80. architectural, 81. evolution, 82. gherkin, 83. excess, 84. tower, 85. promiscuous, 86. argue, 87. fins

88. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

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

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

90. The _____ design of the wheel allows for maximum strength and stability.

adj. of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point

91. The company experienced financial _____ after the CEO was arrested.

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often marked by intense activity or strong emotions

92. The graphic designer used a _____ image to create a realistic digital painting.

n. a grid pattern of pixels used to represent an image or facilitate the display of graphics in computer systems

93. 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

94. The river formed a _____ shape around the bend.

n. a shape that is curved and tapering, often resembling a moon's crescent shape

95. Her passions are in the _____ of real-world political affairs.

n. a domain of activity, interest, or knowledge

ANSWERS: 88. opportune, 89. mate, 90. radial, 91. turmoil, 92. raster, 93. creative, 94. crescent, 95. realm

96. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
97. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
- n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
98. Today, the study of _____ remains an important part of the history of science and philosophy
- n.* a medieval chemical philosophy and speculative theory that aimed to transform base metals into gold or produce a universal elixir that could cure all diseases and grant immortality; a process of transformation or creation that appears magical or mysterious
99. The _____ approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.
- adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
100. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.
- adj.* extremely large
101. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
102. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
- n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
103. We _____ our mining resources to strengthen our national power.
- v.* to make full use of and gain an advantage from resources, opportunities, etc.

ANSWERS: 96. gap, 97. proportion, 98. alchemy, 99. rational, 100. gigantic, 101. volume, 102. competition, 103. exploit

104. The _____ view from the airplane showed the beautiful landscape below.
- n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air
105. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
- v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
106. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.
- n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
107. Newspapers were subjected to _____ a few days later.
- n.* the act or process of suppression or restriction of any portions of books, films, news, etc. that are judged obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security
108. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
- n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
109. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
- n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
110. Following international law, our country does not _____ in the internal affairs of our neighbors.
- v.* to intentionally get involved in a situation to improve it or prevent it from getting worse
111. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job

ANSWERS: 104. aerial, 105. operate, 106. harbor, 107. censorship, 108. accident, 109. symbol, 110. intervene, 111. hire

112. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
113. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
114. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
115. The _____ of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.
n. a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
116. This region is predominantly _____.
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
117. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
118. 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
119. 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

ANSWERS: 112. storytelling, 113. span, 114. survive, 115. layer, 116. desert, 117. negative, 118. discuss, 119. progressive

120. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
121. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
122. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.
- n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
123. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.
- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
124. Our company _____ to the school endowment fund every year.
- v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
125. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.
- n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
126. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.
- n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

ANSWERS: 120. constructs, 121. photograph, 122. drawing, 123. frustrate, 124. donates, 125. corruption, 126. recreation

127. 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

128. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

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

129. The zoologist studied the different _____ of birds in the area.

- n.* a taxonomic category within a species comprising distinct populations of organisms that share certain characteristics and are geographically or genetically isolated from other populations of the same species

130. 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

131. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

132. The mechanics _____ the trailer to the broken-down car.

- v.* to move something into a different position jerkily; to travel by getting free rides from motorists; to hook or entangle

133. They need food and _____.

- n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

ANSWERS: 127. refer, 128. landscape, 129. subspecies, 130. process, 131. unfortunately, 132. hitched, 133. shelter

134. Many countries provided a _____ to the private sector to minimize the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.
- n.* the provision of financial help to a corporation or country which is on the brink of bankruptcy
135. The long _____ was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.
- n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
136. The government used _____ pictures to spread its message of national unity.
- n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
137. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.
- n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
138. The weather forecast predicted a _____ in the afternoon.
- n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
139. The _____ imaging camera was used to detect heat signatures in the dark.
- adj.* relating to heat or temperature; designed for or capable of producing or maintaining heat
140. The stone _____ was built to commemorate the war heroes.
- n.* a statue, building, or other structure erected to commemorate a person or event

ANSWERS: 134. bailout, 135. corridor, 136. propaganda, 137. minister, 138. shower, 139. thermal, 140. monument

141. The lecture on quantum physics _____ me to tears.

- v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

142. Please _____ the assignment to me.

- v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

143. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.

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

144. The _____ in the city center offers stunning views of the skyline.

- n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building

145. It was a mere _____ that they both ended up at the same restaurant.

- n.* an occurrence that happens by chance; a fortuitous event, or a coincidence

146. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

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

147. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

- adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

ANSWERS: 141. bored, 142. submit, 143. stack, 144. penthouse, 145. happenstance, 146. context, 147. Evolutionary

148. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.

- n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

149. It's important to _____ the room to avoid the buildup of harmful gases.

- v.* to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it

150. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.

- v.* to live in a specific location; to reside

151. 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

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

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

153. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

- adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

154. She gets a _____ on each contract.

- n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

155. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 148. ingredient, 149. ventilate, 150. inhabit, 151. environment, 152. architecture, 153. industrious, 154. commission, 155. hero

156. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.

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

157. The penny fell _____ the piano.

- adv.* under or below something else

158. The _____ cut of the skirt added movement and flair to the outfit.

- adj.* at an angle or slant; (noun) a line that runs across a surface or figure at an angle

159. The sperm whale can _____ to 1,000 meters.

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

160. He had to _____ two hours each way to get to work.

- v.* to regularly travel a particular journey, especially between one's home and place of work; (noun) a regular journey of some distance to and from your place of work

161. The _____ supplied water for early farms until the modern age.

- n.* a fertile land in a desert or semi-desert environment where there is water and therefore plants and trees and sometimes a village or town

162. The _____ to the movie was composed by a famous musician.

- n.* the recorded audio that accompanies a movie, television program, or video game

163. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

- adv.* usually; under normal conditions

ANSWERS: 156. approve, 157. underneath, 158. diagonal, 159. dive, 160. commute, 161. oasis, 162. soundtrack, 163. normally

164. She carved the carrot into _____ pieces for the salad.
- n.* a small, thin stick made of wood or cardboard, typically coated with a combustible substance on one end, used for lighting fires or as a component of a match
165. The community celebrated the _____ of the new school.
- n.* a business or organization, especially a well-established one; the act of starting or forming something that is meant to last for a long time
166. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.
- n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
167. The _____ shape of the pyramid was an important architectural feature.
- adj.* having three angles or sides; forming or shaped like a triangle (= a three-sided polygon)
168. We had to _____ a tent using a tarp and sticks since we didn't have a proper one.
- v.* to create or perform something on the spot, without preparation or planning; to use what one has available to do or create something
169. The ship's hull was _____ from years of use in rough seas.
- v.* to twist or bend out of shape, especially as a result of being heated; to distort or twist the meaning or sense of something
170. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.
- n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

ANSWERS: 164. matchstick-sized, 165. establishment, 166. exposition, 167. triangular, 168. improvise, 169. warped, 170. biodiversity

171. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

172. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

173. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

174. The _____ of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.

n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

175. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

176. He was _____ gifted.

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

177. The artist's _____ approach to sculpture challenged conventional ideas of art.

adj. relating to or characteristic of experimental or innovative ideas, especially in the arts, culture, or politics; pushing boundaries and challenging established norms and traditions

178. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 171. survival, 172. probable, 173. incident, 174. topography, 175. cliché, 176. naturally, 177. avant-garde, 178. excited

179. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

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

180. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

181. 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

182. The _____ feathers glistened in the sunlight.

n. a large waterbird with a long neck, bill, and webbed feet; known for their elegant and graceful appearance

183. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

184. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

185. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

186. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

ANSWERS: 179. dense, 180. courage, 181. businessperson, 182. swan's, 183. valley, 184. tradition, 185. installation, 186. misunderstand

187. This movie is famous for its romantic _____.

n. the use of words or pictures in books, photographs, paintings, etc., that produces pictures in the minds of people; the ability to form mental images of things or events

188. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

189. We had to go through a _____ course.

adj. having short sharp turns or angles

190. The restaurant uses large _____ to store its food ingredients.

n. a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land

191. The _____ architecture of the building was a contrast to the traditional designs in the neighborhood.

adj. relating to or characterized by a rejection of objective truth and global cultural narratives and instead emphasizing the role of personal interpretation

192. The novel is _____ and tragic.

adj. funny and making you laugh

193. For this project to be successful, we must control _____ strictly.

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

194. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

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

ANSWERS: 187. imagery, 188. functional, 189. zigzag, 190. containers, 191. postmodern, 192. comic, 193. expenses, 194. sustainable

195. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.
- n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
196. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
197. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
198. The city's _____ is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.
- n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
199. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.
- v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
200. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
201. The _____ in the area is quite diverse.
- n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

ANSWERS: 195. ecosystem, 196. introduction, 197. crisis, 198. mascot, 199. mounted, 200. define, 201. vegetation

202. The hut stands on the _____ of a mountain.

n. a surface with one end or side that is higher than the other

203. A gentle _____ concealed his powerfulness.

n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

204. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

205. She worked as an _____ at the United Nations.

n. a person who translates spoken or written language from one language to another

206. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

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

207. Her _____ interpretation of the text caused her to miss the deeper meaning behind the author's words.

adj. adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning

208. The shredder in the print room often has paper _____.

n. a situation in which something becomes stuck because of a dense crowd of people, vehicles, etc.; a preserve of crushed fruit

209. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

ANSWERS: 202. slope, 203. facade, 204. straight, 205. interpreter, 206. debate, 207. literal, 208. jams, 209. fairy

210. After the medical exam, the doctor suspected that the patient's ulcer might have _____ leading to more severe health complications.
- v. to make small holes or punctures in something, often with a tool or sharp object
211. The _____ of his discovery cannot be overstated.
- n. the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
212. The mother sliced off a piece of _____.
- n. a type of meat product usually made from pork, beef, or poultry, chopped into small pieces, put in a long tube of skin, then cooked or served cold in thin slices
213. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
- n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
214. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.
- n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
215. 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
216. Her report was criticized as a gross _____ of the truth.
- n. the alteration or misrepresentation of something so that it is no longer true or accurate; the way in which a sound or image is changed or distorted
217. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 210. perforated, 211. significance, 212. sausage, 213. scheme, 214. dragons, 215. structure, 216. distortion, 217. invite

218. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.
- n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
219. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.
- v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
220. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
221. The movie tells the enchanting tale of a young girl discovering a secret _____ kingdom beneath the sea.
- n.* a mythical sea creature with the upper body of a human and the tail of a fish
222. The young prince will soon _____ the throne.
- v.* to consume all of someone's space, attention, or time
223. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.
- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
224. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
225. 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

ANSWERS: 218. wisdom, 219. accumulated, 220. revolution, 221. mermaid, 222. occupy, 223. overlook, 224. traffic, 225. nation

226. They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the _____ overlooking the city.
n. a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
227. A legislative speaker should always be _____.
adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
228. He worked on improving the equipment using the freeze-_____ method.
n. the process of removing salt, especially from seawater
229. 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
230. Taking photographs inside the museum is _____.
adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
231. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
232. He is drawing a _____ illustrating how the equipment operates.
n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
233. The speaker stood confidently on the _____ while delivering their speech.
n. a raised platform or stand that is used for delivering speeches, conducting meetings, or presenting awards
234. He was a member of _____.
n. a legislative body, especially the one that represents the people of a country or state

ANSWERS: 226. balcony, 227. neutral, 228. desalination, 229. agenda, 230. forbidden, 231. triggered, 232. diagram, 233. podium, 234. parliament

235. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
236. The _____ fought against the government for their independence.
n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
237. We _____ a cease-fire.
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
238. The politician _____ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.
v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
239. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
240. 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
241. Videos documenting the process of creating this pencil _____ have been popular worldwide.
n. the pieces of art, such as pictures and photographs used in books, magazines, etc.
242. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 235. generation, 236. rebels, 237. concluded, 238. invoked, 239. obvious, 240. aft, 241. artwork, 242. invest

243. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.
- n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
244. He visited the _____ to pray and make offerings to the gods.
- n.* a place of worship, especially one that is associated with a particular religion or faith; the flat area on either side of the forehead
245. The _____ on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.
- n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
246. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.
- adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
247. This microbe is a parasite of _____ fish.
- adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
248. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
249. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
250. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.
- n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

ANSWERS: 243. republic, 244. temple, 245. meter, 246. vertical, 247. freshwater, 248. struggle, 249. develop, 250. loop

251. The _____ of the palace was breathtaking.

n. great brightness; brilliant or stunning appearance; magnificence

252. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.

n. a person who writes poetry

253. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

ANSWERS: 251. splendor, 252. poet, 253. tales