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Session 1: Word List

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

automobile

n. a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods

synonym : car, vehicle, motorcar

(1) driverless **automobile**, (2) **automobile** insurance

The **automobile** industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.

idol

n. an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

synonym : icon, hero, legend

(1) **idol** worship, (2) **idol** singer

He was an **idol** to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

nostalgia

n. a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past

synonym : longing, wistfulness, yearning

(1) a warm **nostalgia**, (2) **nostalgia** trip

The ice cream truck's sound brought back **nostalgia** for my childhood.

adventurous

adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things

synonym : daring, risk-taking, bold

(1) lead an **adventurous** life, (2) **adventurous** pioneers

He has an **adventurous** spirit and is unafraid of risks.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym: flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

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.

decline

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

synonym: descend, drop, deny

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

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

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym : equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

smallpox

n. a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death

synonym : variola

(1) **smallpox** epidemic, (2) **smallpox** vaccine

An outbreak of **smallpox** occurred in the 1920s.

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym : alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

demography

n. the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics

synonym : population statistics, human ecology

(1) **demography** study, (2) the city's **demography** report

The **demography** of the country is changing rapidly due to migration and the aging population

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

vanish

v. disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely

synonym: disappear, go away, evaporate

(1) **vanish** into thin air, (2) **vanish** amid the crowd

Two months later, my tumor **vanished** utterly.

vanquish

v. to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something

synonym: conquer, triumph over, defeat

(1) **vanquish** an opponent, (2) **vanquish** a fear

The army successfully **vanquished** their enemy in the battle and gained control of the territory.

puffy

adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;

synonym: swollen, distended, inflated

(1) **puffy** off-shore winds, (2) **puffy** eyes

His cheeks looked **puffy** after he overate junk food.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

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

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

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.

diphtheria

n. an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, characterized by inflammation and the formation of a thick, grayish membrane in the nose, throat, and other respiratory passages

(1) **diphtheria** vaccine, (2) **diphtheria** infection

Due to the **diphtheria** outbreak, the government declared a state of emergency and began vaccinating the population.

rubella

n. an infectious viral disease, also known as German measles, characterized by a rash, mild fever, and swollen lymph nodes, especially dangerous to pregnant women as it can cause congenital disabilities

synonym : German measles, three-day measles

(1) **rubella** outbreak, (2) congenital **rubella**

Pregnant women are advised to vaccinate against **rubella** to protect their unborn babies.

polio

n. an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability

synonym : poliomyelitis, infantile paralysis

(1) **polio** epidemic, (2) **polio** eradication

The **polio** vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.

vaccine

n. a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)

synonym : vaccinum

(1) development of **vaccines**, (2) an oral **vaccine**

The mRNA **vaccine** was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.

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.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**
The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement
synonym : victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit
The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

accomplishment

n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
synonym : success, achievement, complete

(1) proud of his **accomplishments**, (2) the **accomplishment** of a social goal
Graduating from college was a major **accomplishment** for her.

humanity

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

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**
They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

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.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

disgrace

n. a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

synonym: shame, dishonor, humiliation

(1) **disgrace** our family name, (2) political **disgrace**

The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a **disgrace** to their leadership

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

thorough

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

synonym: complete, comprehensive, meticulous

(1) **thorough** investigation, (2) provide **thorough** analysis

A **thorough** brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

trash

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

synonym: garbage, waste, refuse

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

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

potable

adj. suitable for drinking; safe and fit to be consumed as a beverage

synonym: drinkable, pure, clean

(1) **potable** wells, (2) **potable** drinking source

We should always ensure that we have a **potable** water

source when going camping.

arable

adj. relating to land that is suitable for growing crops;
capable of being plowed and used for agriculture

synonym : cultivable, tillable, farmable

(1) **arable** soil, (2) **arable** farming

The **arable** land in the valley was ideal for growing wheat and corn.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

mess

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

synonym : disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym : hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

destroy

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

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

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**.

progression

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

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

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

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

deploy

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

synonym : set up, expand, launch

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

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

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of

something, particularly a physical boundary or border
synonym : brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears
He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

enlightenment

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

synonym : civilization, awareness, sophistication

(1) spiritual **enlightenment**, (2) **enlightenment** activity
He finally brought his **enlightenment** to perfection.

vigorously

adv. in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic

synonym : energetically, forcefully, strongly

(1) **vigorously** shake, (2) mix **vigorously** by hand
He **vigorously** scrubbed the stains on the shirt.

wrap

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

synonym : surround, cover, bandage

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

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget
The national election was held amid **tight** security.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

awhile

adv. for a short time; a little while

synonym: for a while, temporarily, briefly

(1) rest **awhile**, (2) to be patient **awhile**

They spent **awhile** longer admiring the view before heading back.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

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

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

opposition

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

(1) **opposition** campaign, (2) meet with **opposition**

The **opposition** party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym: hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant

The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym : insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

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.

molecule

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

synonym : particle, element, atom

(1) small **molecules**, (2) **molecule** behavior

The shape of the DNA **molecule** is a double helix.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym : particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

haphazard

adj. marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan

synonym : random, careless, arbitrary

(1) **haphazard** approach, (2) **haphazard** design

The company's hiring process was **haphazard**, with no objective criteria or standards.

trespass

v. to enter someone's private property without permission or legal authority; to infringe upon or violate someone's rights, boundaries, or personal space

synonym : intrude, invade, encroach

(1) **trespass** against his rights, (2) **trespass** into the country's waters

The sign warns visitors not to **trespass** on private property.

journalist

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

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

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

bother

v. to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

synonym: annoy, pester, irritate

(1) **bother** the neighbors, (2) **bother** with details

Please don't **bother** me while I'm trying to concentrate.

eventually

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

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

fanatic

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

synonym: zealous, extremist, passionate

(1) **fanatic** about germs, (2) **fanatic** devotion

The **fanatic** supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.

thoughtful

adj. characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought

synonym : considerate, attentive, kind

(1) **thoughtful** consideration, (2) **thoughtful** gift

The company's CEO made a **thoughtful** decision to offer employees more flexibility in their work schedules.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym : knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

synonym : respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

disturb

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

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

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

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

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

ambivalent

adj. having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

synonym : conflicted, indecisive, unsure

(1) **ambivalent** feelings, (2) **ambivalent** attitude

I feel **ambivalent** about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

quote

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

synonym : cite, reference, mention

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

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

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

challenger

n. a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge

synonym : contender, rival, contestant

(1) **challenger** brand, (2) political **challenger**

The **challenger** in the boxing match put up a good fight.

mass

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

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym : devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

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

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

skeptical

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

synonym : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym : testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym: outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

autism

n. a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication

(1) high-functioning **autism**, (2) **autism** spectrum disorder

There is no cure for **autism**, but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.

measles

n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children

synonym: rash, red measles, rubella

(1) **measles** outbreak, (2) **measles** vaccine

The school sent a notice of a **measles** case in one of the classrooms.

mumps

n. a contagious viral infection characterized by painful swelling of the salivary glands, especially the parotid glands located on the sides of the face

synonym: swelling, parotitis

(1) **mumps** virus, (2) contagious **mumps**

The outbreak of **mumps** in the school caused widespread concern among parents.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym: terrifying, frightening, alarming

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

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

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.

correlation

n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

synonym: relationship, connection, association

(1) ecological **correlation**, (2) **correlation** coefficient

There is a strong **correlation** between education level and income.

anecdote

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

synonym: story, account, tale

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

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

bunch

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

synonym: group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

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.

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

synonym : catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

ashamed

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

synonym : regretful, repentant, mortified

(1) feel **ashamed** of him, (2) cast **ashamed** eyes

You don't have to be **ashamed**.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym : rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym : expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

platform

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

synonym : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise
The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

causation

n. the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens

synonym: cause, reason, origin

(1) **causation** analysis, (2) direct **causation**

The **causation** of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.

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**.

scourge

n. a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

synonym: plague, disaster, curse

(1) **scourge** of AIDS, (2) bring a **scourge** under control

The plague was a **scourge** that killed millions of people.

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

synonym: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

agony

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym: anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

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.

rotavirus

n. a virus commonly causes gastroenteritis, an inflammation of the stomach and intestines, particularly in young children. It is spread via contaminated food, water, and surfaces

synonym: gastroenteritis, stomach flu, intestinal virus

(1) **rotavirus** infection, (2) spread of **rotavirus**

The symptoms of **rotavirus** include diarrhea, vomiting, and fever.

whine

v. to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner

synonym: complain, moan, whimper

(1) **whine** about homework, (2) **whine** about the weather

The child began to **whine** when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.

terror

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

synonym: fear, alarm, horror

(1) **terror** attack, (2) **terror** group

The bomb blast spread **terror** among the people.

testify

v. to provide evidence or give a statement under oath, often in a legal or formal setting, such as a court of law; to bear witness to or affirm the truth of something based on personal knowledge or experience

synonym : attest, affirm, declare

(1) **testify** under oath, (2) **testify** as an alibi witness

The witness took the stand to **testify** about what she saw on the night of the crime.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

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

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

numb

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

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

strident

adj. loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner

synonym : shrill, loud, piercing

(1) **strident** call for action, (2) **strident** criticism

Her **strident** voice made it difficult for anyone to ignore her.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym : immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

lax

adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

synonym : loose, slack, relaxed

(1) **lax** border controls, (2) **lax** attitude

The **lax** security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

attend

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

synonym : go, be present, accompany

(1) **attend** a meeting, (2) **attend** service

We must **attend** to this matter.

fabulous

adj. extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories

synonym : amazing, wonderful, astonishing

(1) a **fabulous** price, (2) a **fabulous** monster

Thank you for inviting such a **fabulous** party tonight.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym : noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

paralysis

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

synonym : immobility, stiffness, palsy

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

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

vitamin

n. any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body

synonym: nutrient, micronutrient, dietary supplement

(1) rich in **vitamin D**, (2) **vitamin** deficiency

Vitamin C is important for immune system function and skin health.

antioxidant

n. a substance that inhibits oxidation, especially one used to counteract the deterioration of stored food products

(1) high levels of **antioxidants**, (2) **antioxidant** behavior

Fruits and vegetables are good sources of **antioxidants**.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

useless

adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result

synonym: ineffectual, unhelpful, worthless

(1) **useless** information, (2) **useless** in the kitchen

The old, rusty tools were now **useless** and had to be thrown away.

urine

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

synonym: excrement, dung, pee

(1) **urine** composition, (2) blood in the **urine**

They collected a **urine** specimen for urinalysis.

doll

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

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

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

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

pharmaceutical

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

synonym : drug, medication, prescription

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

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

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

afford

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

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

placebo

n. harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug

(1) **placebo** therapy, (2) patient in the **placebo** group

A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and **placebo** effects.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

ginkgo

n. a type of large, deciduous tree native to China that is prized for its leaves, which are used in traditional medicine and supplements, also commonly grown as an ornamental tree

synonym: maidenhair tree, Japanese silver apricot

(1) **ginkgo** extract, (2) **ginkgo** biloba

The **ginkgo** tree leaves turn a beautiful golden yellow in the fall.

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym: trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

secretary

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

synonym : assistant, clerk, administrator

(1) a confidential **secretary**, (2) **secretary** general

The chief **secretary** was responsible for organizing the meeting.

mammography

n. the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer

synonym : breast imaging, mammogram, breast X-ray

(1) diagnostic **mammography**, (2) digital **mammography**

Women should get regular **mammography** screenings as a preventative measure for breast cancer.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym : tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

quack

n. a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck

synonym : charlatan, impostor, fraud

(1) **quack** doctor, (2) **quack** product

The healthcare industry is cracking down on **quack** remedies and treatments that lack scientific evidence.

patient

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

synonym : client, recipient, subject

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

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

enema

n. a medical procedure in which a liquid solution is introduced into the rectum or colon to cleanse, lubricate, or administer medication, often used as a treatment or a means of preparing for certain medical procedures

synonym : colonic, rectal douche, rectal wash

(1) medical **enema**, (2) saline **enema**

Before the surgery, the patient was instructed to undergo a cleansing **enema**.

magic

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

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

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

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

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym : substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

beet

n. a thick, fleshy, edible root vegetable typically having a dark red or purplish color; a plant of the goosefoot family that produces this vegetable

(1) **beet** salad, (2) roasted **beet**

She made a delicious salad using fresh **beets** from her garden.

garlic

n. a strong-smelling pungent-tasting bulb used as a seasoning in cooking

synonym : bulb, allium, clove

(1) **garlic** bulb, (2) **garlic** herb

When using fresh **garlic** in cooking, it's important to carefully mince or press the cloves to release their flavor and aroma fully.

retrovirus

n. a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

(1) **retrovirus** infection, (2) feline **retrovirus**

The patient's condition improved after beginning a **retrovirus-targeted** treatment regimen.

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym : unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

plague

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

synonym : epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

consequence

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

synonym : result, impact, outcome

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

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

mindless

adj. lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed

synonym : senseless, thoughtless, irresponsible

(1) **mindless** task, (2) **mindless** entertainment

Mindless scrolling on social media can be a time waster.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

proponent

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

synonym : advocate, devotee, follower

(1) enthusiastic **proponent**, (2) **proponent** of world peace

Einstein was a **proponent** of the theory of relativity.

organic

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

synonym : biological

(1) **organic** soils, (2) eat **organic** food

The kidney is an **organic** component of the body.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

idiot

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

synonym : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

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

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

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.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym: credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

grain

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

synonym: seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**

Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

sprig

n. a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached

synonym: twig, shoot, branchlet

(1) **sprig** of rosemary, (2) mint **sprig**

I picked a **sprig** of lavender from my garden to freshen up my room.

parsley

n. a biennial herb with flat or curly green leaves that are commonly used as a garnish or seasoning in cooking often added to dishes for its fresh flavor and decorative purposes

synonym : cilantro, coriander, herb

(1) Italian **parsley**, (2) chopped **parsley**

I added some fresh **parsley** to the dish for added flavor.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly; (noun) a young shoot or plant that emerges from a seed and starts to grow

synonym : germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

modify

v. to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

synonym : adjust, alter, revise

(1) genetically **modify** food, (2) **modify** my behavior

We use adverbs to **modify** verbs and adjectives.

tangerine

n. a sweet, juicy citrus fruit that is smaller and sweeter than an orange, usually with a reddish-orange peel

synonym : mandarin, citrus, clementine

(1) **tangerine** peel, (2) **tangerine** flavor

I love the taste of fresh **tangerine** juice in the morning.

cantaloupe

n. a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in various culinary preparations

synonym : melon, muskmelon

(1) sliced **cantaloupe**, (2) sweet **cantaloupe**

I bought a ripe and juicy **cantaloupe** from the grocery store for a refreshing snack.

- rid** v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
synonym: do away with, free, clear
(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products
We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.
- precise** *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
synonym: accurate, exact, distinct
(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs
The content is **precise** and informative for me.
- prolong** v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
synonym: extend, lengthen, stretch
(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan
We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
- constantly** *adv.* all the time
synonym: continuously, always, frequently
(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind
The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.
- chemical** *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
synonym: chemic, synthetic
(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound
The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.
- pesticide** *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
synonym: insecticide, herbicide, fungicide
(1) **pesticide** application, (2) **pesticide** residue
The farmer sprayed **pesticide** on his crops to protect them from insects.

hormone

n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

(1) **hormone** secretion, (2) female **hormone**

The doctor diagnosed me with a **hormone** disorder.

monoculture

n. the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area

synonym: single crop, uniform, homogenous

(1) **monoculture** strategy, (2) corn **monoculture**

Monoculture farming can also increase the risk of pests and diseases, as the lack of diversity makes it easier for these organisms to spread and cause harm to the crop.

giant

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

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

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

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

patent

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

synonym: copyright, trademark, license

(1) **patent** application, (2) **patent** law

The company has filed for a **patent** to protect its new invention.

seed

n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

synonym: germ, kernel, ovule

(1) a **seed** coat, (2) **seed** money

He planted the **seed** in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

morality

n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
synonym: decency, rectitude, righteousness

(1) business **morality**, (2) sense of **morality**

She found fault with the **morality** of politicians.

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.

deaden

v. to make something less intense, active, or lively; to reduce the effect, force, or impact of something

synonym: dampen, muffle, suppress

(1) **deaden** the impact, (2) **deaden** the pain

The thick curtains helped **deaden** the sound coming from the busy street outside.

prosper

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

synonym: thrive, flourish, succeed

(1) **prosper** in the long run, (2) **prosper** as a trading hub

With careful planning and hard work, she was able to **prosper** in her new business venture.

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.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

cassava

n. a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

synonym: manioc, yuca

(1) **cassava** flour, (2) **cassava** starch

Cassava leaves are also eaten as a vegetable in some parts of the world.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

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

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

calorie

n. unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce

(1) **calorie** calculation, (2) reduce my **calorie** intake

It would be best if you burned off **calories** through vigorous exercise.

nutrient

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

synonym : food, vitamin

(1) **nutrient** medicine, (2) a **nutrient** for hair

They used fast-acting **nutrients** on the flowers in the flower beds.

protein

n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

(1) stress **protein**, (2) **protein** synthesis

The body needs a certain amount of **protein** to build and repair tissues.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

gene

n. the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.

synonym : factor, cistron

(1) **gene** expression, (2) **gene** cloning

A defective **gene** is responsible for the disease.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym : absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

passion

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

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

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

insistence

n. the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

synonym: persistence, determination, demand

(1) collective **insistence**, (2) rigid **insistence**

Despite her **insistence**, he refused to change his mind.

singular

n. being only one of its kind; unique

synonym: unique, sole, individual

(1) **singular** purpose, (2) **singular** goal

The **singular** beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym: culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym : imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

selfish

adj. concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest

synonym : egocentric, self-centered, narcissistic

(1) **selfish** motive, (2) **selfish** desire

His **selfish** ambition caused him to step on others to climb the corporate ladder.

ugly

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive

(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building

The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

conversation

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

synonym : chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

concerned

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

synonym: worried, caring, involved

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. me____n in a report
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
2. 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
3. in____t over and over
v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
4. se____h motive
adj. concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest
5. bl__d to the beauties
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
6. health ep____ic
n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
7. gu____y verdict
adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
8. st____e for a victory
v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 1. mention, 2. develop, 3. insist, 4. selfish, 5. blind, 6. epidemic, 7. guilty, 8. starve

9. 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
10. ret_____us infection *n.* a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)
11. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
12. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
13. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
14. mo___g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
15. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
16. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 9. hero, 10. retrovirus, 11. idiot, 12. numb, 13. modern, 14. moving, 15. convinced, 16. insist

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| 17. absolutely dis_____us effect | <i>adj.</i> extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful |
| 18. mu__s virus | <i>n.</i> a contagious viral infection characterized by painful swelling of the salivary glands, especially the parotid glands located on the sides of the face |
| 19. personal an_____te | <i>n.</i> a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person |
| 20. th_____en a healthy relationship | <i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone |
| 21. a con_____ly innovative enterprise | <i>adv.</i> all the time |
| 22. the ground be_____h my feet | <i>adv.</i> in or to a lower place than someone or something |
| 23. spiritual enl_____ent | <i>n.</i> education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge |
| 24. deadly pl_____e | <i>n.</i> any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body |
| 25. tec_____cal policy | <i>adj.</i> based on scientific and industrial progress |
| 26. tr_____ss into the country's waters | <i>v.</i> to enter someone's private property without permission or legal authority; to infringe upon or violate someone's rights, boundaries, or personal space |
| 27. tr_____h of the spirit | <i>n.</i> a great victory or achievement |
| 28. pr_____e analyses | <i>adj.</i> sharply exact or accurate or delimited |

ANSWERS: 17. disastrous, 18. mumps, 19. anecdote, 20. threaten, 21. constantly, 22. beneath, 23. enlightenment, 24. plague, 25. technological, 26. trespass, 27. triumph, 28. precise

29. 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
30. a worldwide ep____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
31. pr____r as a trading hub *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
32. mon____re strategy *n.* the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
33. an u__y sound *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
34. or____c soils *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
35. gen____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
36. di____ce our family name *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something
37. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 29. hero, 30. epidemic, 31. prosper, 32. monoculture, 33. ugly, 34. organic, 35. generation, 36. disgrace, 37. crazy

38. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
39. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
40. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
41. 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
42. patient in the pl_____o group *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
43. fa_____c about germs *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
44. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
45. collective ins_____ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
46. pe_____de application *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

ANSWERS: 38. infect, 39. quote, 40. afford, 41. debate, 42. placebo, 43. fanatic, 44. humankind, 45. insistence, 46. pesticide

47. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
48. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
49. ab___d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
50. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
51. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
52. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
53. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
54. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
55. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
56. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 47. progression, 48. prop, 49. absurd, 50. beneath, 51. rot, 52. patient, 53. encourage, 54. possibility, 55. quest, 56. destroy

57. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
58. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
59. commercial pha_____cal products *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
60. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
61. im_____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
62. reduce my ca_____e intake *n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce
63. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
64. ne_____ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
65. mo___g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
66. ru_____a outbreak *n.* an infectious viral disease, also known as German measles, characterized by a rash, mild fever, and swollen lymph nodes, especially dangerous to pregnant women as it can cause congenital disabilities

ANSWERS: 57. invest, 58. din, 59. pharmaceutical, 60. grandparent, 61. imaginary, 62. calorie, 63. mass, 64. needless, 65. moving, 66. rubella

67. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
68. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
69. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
70. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
71. mi_____ss entertainment *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
72. 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
73. improve social mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
74. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
75. va___h into thin air *v.* disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely

ANSWERS: 67. starve, 68. eventually, 69. constantly, 70. ugly, 71. mindless, 72. debate, 73. mobility, 74. planet, 75. vanish

76. si_____ar goal *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
77. gen_____ly inherited traits *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
78. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
79. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
80. development of va_____es *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
81. l_x border controls *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
82. saline en__a *n.* a medical procedure in which a liquid solution is introduced into the rectum or colon to cleanse, lubricate, or administer medication, often used as a treatment or a means of preparing for certain medical procedures
83. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
84. enl_____ent activity *n.* education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge
85. spread of ro_____us *n.* a virus commonly causes gastroenteritis, an inflammation of the stomach and intestines, particularly in young children. It is spread via contaminated food, water, and surfaces

ANSWERS: 76. singular, 77. genetically, 78. institutionalize, 79. rainforest, 80. vaccine, 81. lax, 82. enema, 83. vaccinate, 84. enlightenment, 85. rotavirus

86. pr____r in the long run *v.* to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish
87. funny an____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
88. ho____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
89. va____h amid the crowd *v.* disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely
90. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
91. ha____rd design *adj.* marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan
92. 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
93. vi____n deficiency *n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body
94. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 86. prosper, 87. anecdote, 88. horrible, 89. vanish, 90. giant, 91. haphazard, 92. AI, 93. vitamin, 94. globe

95. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
96. ta_____ne peel *n.* a sweet, juicy citrus fruit that is smaller and sweeter than an orange, usually with a reddish-orange peel
97. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
98. de___y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
99. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
100. pr_____n synthesis *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
101. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
102. 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

ANSWERS: 95. scream, 96. tangerine, 97. rid, 98. deploy, 99. instance, 100. protein, 101. encourage, 102. process

103. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
104. a de___t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
105. dip_____ia vaccine *n.* an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, characterized by inflammation and the formation of a thick, grayish membrane in the nose, throat, and other respiratory passages
106. cast as____d eyes *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
107. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
108. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
109. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
110. rest aw___e *adv.* for a short time; a little while
111. ecological cor_____on *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

ANSWERS: 103. leap, 104. decent, 105. diphtheria, 106. ashamed, 107. doll, 108. invest, 109. din, 110. awhile, 111. correlation

112. i__l worship *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
113. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
114. re____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
115. diagnostic mam____hy *n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer
116. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
117. political cha____er *n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
118. an ab____d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
119. ta____ne flavor *n.* a sweet, juicy citrus fruit that is smaller and sweeter than an orange, usually with a reddish-orange peel
120. amb____nt attitude *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
121. ca____a starch *n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

ANSWERS: 112. idol, 113. instance, 114. reshape, 115. mammography, 116. mass, 117. challenger, 118. absurd, 119. tangerine, 120. ambivalent, 121. cassava

122. ed____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
123. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
124. po____e wells *adj.* suitable for drinking; safe and fit to be consumed as a beverage
125. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
126. sk_____al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
127. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
128. sense of mo____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
129. lead an adv_____us life *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
130. on the ve__e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
131. history of hu_____nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
132. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
133. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
134. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

ANSWERS: 122. educated, 123. globe, 124. potable, 125. journalist, 126. skeptical, 127. scary, 128. morality, 129. adventurous, 130. verge, 131. humankind, 132. grant, 133. incredible, 134. vaccinate

135. feel a bit gu___y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
136. ca_____a flour *n.* a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world
137. ca_____e calculation *n.* unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce
138. se_____h desire *adj.* concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest
139. yearn for the de___t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
140. a cr___l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
141. qu___e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
142. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
143. a confidential se_____ry *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

ANSWERS: 135. guilty, 136. cassava, 137. calorie, 138. selfish, 139. decent, 140. cruel, 141. quote, 142. journalist, 143. secretary

144. de___n the impact *v.* to make something less intense, active, or lively; to reduce the effect, force, or impact of something
145. tr_____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
146. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
147. medical en__a *n.* a medical procedure in which a liquid solution is introduced into the rectum or colon to cleanse, lubricate, or administer medication, often used as a treatment or a means of preparing for certain medical procedures
148. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
149. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
150. no_____ia trip *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
151. ar___e farming *adj.* relating to land that is suitable for growing crops; capable of being plowed and used for agriculture
152. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
153. tr__h bin *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste

ANSWERS: 144. deaden, 145. triumph, 146. leap, 147. enema, 148. rid, 149. numb, 150. nostalgia, 151. arable, 152. engineer, 153. trash

154. ba____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
155. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
156. bring a sc_____e under control *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
157. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
158. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
159. ga___c bulb *n.* a strong-smelling pungent-tasting bulb used as a seasoning in cooking
160. victim of fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
161. po__o epidemic *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
162. feline ret_____us *n.* a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

ANSWERS: 154. backward, 155. doe, 156. scourge, 157. amaze, 158. giant, 159. garlic, 160. fraud, 161. polio, 162. retrovirus

163. business mo____ty *n.* principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
164. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
165. me____s vaccine *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
166. ca____r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
167. an arrival pl____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
168. vig____ly shake *adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic
169. ho____e secretion *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
170. the gen____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 163. morality, 164. planet, 165. measles, 166. cancer, 167. platform, 168. vigorously, 169. hormone, 170. generation

171. ed____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
172. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
173. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
174. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
175. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
176. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
177. major pha_____cal companies *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
178. oppressive co_____al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
179. amb_____nt feelings *adj.* having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take
180. bo___r the neighbors *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
181. pu___y off-shore winds *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;

ANSWERS: 171. educated, 172. concerned, 173. statistics, 174. government, 175. rainforest, 176. ridiculous, 177. pharmaceutical, 178. colonial, 179. ambivalent, 180. bother, 181. puffy

182. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
183. roasted b__t *n.* a thick, fleshy, edible root vegetable typically having a dark red or purplish color; a plant of the goosefoot family that produces this vegetable
184. direct ca_____on *n.* the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
185. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
186. va_____sh a fear *v.* to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something
187. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
188. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
189. aut_____le insurance *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
190. ga___c herb *n.* a strong-smelling pungent-tasting bulb used as a seasoning in cooking

ANSWERS: 182. illiterate, 183. beet, 184. causation, 185. platform, 186. vanquish, 187. pretension, 188. grandparent, 189. automobile, 190. garlic

191. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
192. wh__e about homework *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
193. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
194. en____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
195. si____ar purpose *n.* being only one of its kind; unique
196. pos____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
197. a nu____nt for hair *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
198. 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
199. gi____o extract *n.* a type of large, deciduous tree native to China that is prized for its leaves, which are used in traditional medicine and supplements, also commonly grown as an ornamental tree

ANSWERS: 191. proof, 192. whine, 193. destroy, 194. entitle, 195. singular, 196. possibility, 197. nutrient, 198. AI, 199. ginkgo

200. contagious mu__s	<i>n.</i> a contagious viral infection characterized by painful swelling of the salivary glands, especially the parotid glands located on the sides of the face
201. blood in the ur__e	<i>n.</i> a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
202. g__e cloning	<i>n.</i> the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
203. to be patient aw___e	<i>adv.</i> for a short time; a little while
204. sm_____ox vaccine	<i>n.</i> a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
205. industry-sp_____ic regulations	<i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
206. us_____s in the kitchen	<i>adj.</i> not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
207. mass of hu_____ty	<i>n.</i> all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
208. estimate pr_____e costs	<i>adj.</i> sharply exact or accurate or delimited
209. es_____al amino acid	<i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental
210. traditional me_____al	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 200. mumps, 201. urine, 202. gene, 203. awhile, 204. smallpox, 205. specific, 206. useless, 207. humanity, 208. precise, 209. essential, 210. medicinal

211. pr_____nt of world peace *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
212. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
213. mo_____le behavior *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
214. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
215. lack in mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
216. religious fa__h *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
217. co_____al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
218. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
219. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
220. political di_____ce *n.* a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

ANSWERS: 211. proponent, 212. rot, 213. molecule, 214. ironic, 215. mobility, 216. faith, 217. colonial, 218. amazing, 219. innovate, 220. disgrace

221. se_____ry general	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
222. corn mon_____re	<i>n.</i> the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
223. de_____e a job offer	<i>v.</i> to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
224. sweet can_____pe	<i>n.</i> a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in various culinary preparations
225. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl	<i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
226. st_____nt call for action	<i>adj.</i> loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner
227. opp_____on campaign	<i>n.</i> the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
228. me_____n name	<i>v.</i> to speak or write about something or someone briefly
229. an alt_____ve plan	<i>n.</i> one of two or more available possibilities or choice
230. a sk_____al attitude	<i>adj.</i> doubting that something is accurate or useful
231. make ast_____ng gains	<i>adj.</i> surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
232. a civil en_____er	<i>n.</i> a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 221. secretary, 222. monoculture, 223. decline, 224. cantaloupe, 225. absolutely, 226. strident, 227. opposition, 228. mention, 229. alternative, 230. skeptical, 231. astonishing, 232. engineer

233. qu__k product *n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck
234. qu__k doctor *n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck
235. po__o eradication *n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
236. th____gh investigation *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate
237. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
238. mi_____ss task *adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
239. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
240. rigid ins_____ce *n.* the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence
241. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
242. bo___r with details *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

ANSWERS: 233. quack, 234. quack, 235. polio, 236. thorough, 237. concerned, 238. mindless, 239. relation, 240. insistence, 241. astonishing, 242. bother

243. mo___y my behavior *v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose
244. tho_____ul gift *adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
245. earn el___e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
246. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
247. sp___t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly; (noun) a young shoot or plant that emerges from a seed and starts to grow
248. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
249. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
250. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
251. sp___g of rosemary *n.* a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached

ANSWERS: 243. modify, 244. thoughtful, 245. elite, 246. tight, 247. sprout, 248. wealth, 249. par, 250. afford, 251. sprig

252. dem_____hy study *n.* the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics
253. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
254. de___n the pain *v.* to make something less intense, active, or lively; to reduce the effect, force, or impact of something
255. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
256. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
257. ne_____ss argument *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
258. ha_____rd approach *adj.* marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan
259. nu_____nt medicine *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
260. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 252. demography, 253. magic, 254. deaden, 255. amazing, 256. consequence, 257. needless, 258. haphazard, 259. nutrient, 260. doll

261. i__l singer *n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered
262. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
263. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
264. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
265. sp___t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly; (noun) a young shoot or plant that emerges from a seed and starts to grow
266. flour made from gr__n *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
267. measures to pr_____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
268. cor_____on coefficient *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
269. pa_____n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
270. a gr__n of sand *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

ANSWERS: 261. idol, 262. fantastic, 263. replace, 264. deploy, 265. sprout, 266. grain, 267. prolong, 268. correlation, 269. passion, 270. grain

271. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
272. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
273. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
274. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
275. ur__e composition *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
276. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
277. 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
278. at___d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
279. rich in vi_____n D *n.* any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body

ANSWERS: 271. specific, 272. ridiculous, 273. stick, 274. relation, 275. urine, 276. grant, 277. process, 278. attend, 279. vitamin

280. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
281. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
282. the acc_____ent of a social goal *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
283. a fa_____us price *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
284. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
285. mint sp___g *n.* a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached
286. va_____sh an opponent *v.* to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something
287. te___r attack *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
288. adv_____us pioneers *adj.* willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
289. id__t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
290. genetically mo___y food *v.* to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 280. eventually, 281. alternative, 282. accomplishment, 283. fabulous, 284. disease, 285. sprig, 286. vanquish, 287. terror, 288. adventurous, 289. idiot, 290. modify

291. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
292. moral pa_____is *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
293. pe_____de residue *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
294. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
295. gi___o biloba *n.* a type of large, deciduous tree native to China that is prized for its leaves, which are used in traditional medicine and supplements, also commonly grown as an ornamental tree
296. hu_____ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
297. st_____nt criticism *adj.* loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner
298. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
299. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
300. sliced can_____pe *n.* a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in various culinary preparations

ANSWERS: 291. tight, 292. paralysis, 293. pesticide, 294. scream, 295. ginkgo, 296. humanity, 297. strident, 298. disturb, 299. blind, 300. cantaloupe

301. dip_____ia infection *n.* an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, characterized by inflammation and the formation of a thick, grayish membrane in the nose, throat, and other respiratory passages
302. te____r group *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
303. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
304. cha_____er brand *n.* a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge
305. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
306. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
307. a warm no_____ia *n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
308. te_____y as an alibi witness *v.* to provide evidence or give a statement under oath, often in a legal or formal setting, such as a court of law; to bear witness to or affirm the truth of something based on personal knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 301. diphtheria, 302. terror, 303. illiterate, 304. challenger, 305. destruction, 306. patient, 307. nostalgia, 308. testify

309. toxic ch____als	<i>adj.</i> relating to or connected with chemistry;
310. a bu__h of schoolgirls	<i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
311. me_____al chemistry	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
312. pa___t law	<i>n.</i> a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
313. emotional ag__y	<i>n.</i> extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
314. w__p up a meeting	<i>v.</i> to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
315. es_____al commodities of life	<i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental
316. emotional p__p	<i>n.</i> a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
317. get money by fr__d	<i>n.</i> the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
318. have a whole m__s	<i>n.</i> a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
319. digital mam_____hy	<i>n.</i> the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer

ANSWERS: 309. chemical, 310. bunch, 311. medicinal, 312. patent, 313. agony, 314. wrap, 315. essential, 316. prop, 317. fraud, 318. mess, 319. mammography

320. a fa____us monster *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
321. eat or____c food *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
322. pa___t application *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
323. visual me____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
324. high levels of ant_____nts *n.* a substance that inhibits oxidation, especially one used to counteract the deterioration of stored food products
325. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
326. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
327. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
328. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 320. fabulous, 321. organic, 322. patent, 323. metaphor, 324. antioxidant, 325. rap, 326. conversation, 327. chemical, 328. wealth

329. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
330. congenital ru____a *n.* an infectious viral disease, also known as German measles, characterized by a rash, mild fever, and swollen lymph nodes, especially dangerous to pregnant women as it can cause congenital disabilities
331. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
332. catch the pl____e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
333. small mo____les *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
334. in____t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
335. proud of his acc_____ents *n.* the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
336. tho____ul consideration *adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
337. abs____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 329. quest, 330. rubella, 331. cruel, 332. plague, 333. molecule, 334. infect, 335. accomplishment, 336. thoughtful, 337. absolutely

338. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
339. feel as _____d of him *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
340. re_____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
341. me _____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
342. sc_____e of AIDS *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
343. female ho _____e *n.* a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood
344. ir____c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
345. even more unf _____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
346. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 338. convinced, 339. ashamed, 340. reshape, 341. metaphor, 342. scourge, 343. hormone, 344. ironic, 345. unfortunately, 346. disease

347. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
348. high-functioning au___m *n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
349. mix vig_____ly by hand *adv.* in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic
350. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
351. driverless aut_____le *n.* a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
352. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
353. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
354. 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
355. me_____s outbreak *n.* a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
356. l_x attitude *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
357. chopped pa_____y *n.* a biennial herb with flat or curly green leaves that are commonly used as a garnish or seasoning in cooking often added to dishes for its fresh flavor and decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 347. modern, 348. autism, 349. vigorously, 350. destruction, 351. automobile, 352. imaginary, 353. government, 354. develop, 355. measles, 356. lax, 357. parsley

358. at___d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
359. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
360. po____e drinking source *adj.* suitable for drinking; safe and fit to be consumed as a beverage
361. meet with opp____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
362. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
363. in____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
364. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
365. tr__h disposal site *n.* discarded material, refuse, or waste
366. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
367. te____y under oath *v.* to provide evidence or give a statement under oath, often in a legal or formal setting, such as a court of law; to bear witness to or affirm the truth of something based on personal knowledge or experience
368. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
369. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 358. attend, 359. backward, 360. potable, 361. opposition, 362. consequence, 363. innovate, 364. progression, 365. trash, 366. disturb, 367. testify, 368. scary, 369. opportune

370. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
371. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
372. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
373. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
374. s__d money *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
375. the id_____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
376. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
377. ca_____on analysis *n.* the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
378. severe ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
379. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

ANSWERS: 370. unfortunately, 371. mess, 372. stick, 373. par, 374. seed, 375. ideology, 376. entitle, 377. causation, 378. agony, 379. doe

380. political id____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
381. b__t salad *n.* a thick, fleshy, edible root vegetable typically having a dark red or purplish color; a plant of the goosefoot family that produces this vegetable
382. sm____ox epidemic *n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
383. the city's dem____hy report *n.* the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics
384. pa____is in the leg *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
385. tr____ss against his rights *v.* to enter someone's private property without permission or legal authority; to infringe upon or violate someone's rights, boundaries, or personal space
386. ca____r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
387. pa____n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
388. provide th____gh analysis *adj.* done completely; significantly careful and accurate

ANSWERS: 380. ideology, 381. beet, 382. smallpox, 383. demography, 384. paralysis, 385. trespass, 386. cancer, 387. passion, 388. thorough

389. au___m spectrum disorder *n.* a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
390. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
391. have dis_____us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
392. an oral va_____e *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
393. a cr___y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
394. she is ma___c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
395. am___e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
396. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
397. fa_____c devotion *adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism

ANSWERS: 389. autism, 390. pretension, 391. disastrous, 392. vaccine, 393. crazy, 394. magic, 395. amaze, 396. rap, 397. fanatic

398. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
399. ar___e soil *adj.* relating to land that is suitable for growing crops; capable of being plowed and used for agriculture
400. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
401. wh__e about the weather *v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
402. w__p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
403. Italian pa_____y *n.* a biennial herb with flat or curly green leaves that are commonly used as a garnish or seasoning in cooking often added to dishes for its fresh flavor and decorative purposes
404. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
405. fa__h in government *n.* complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
406. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
407. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
408. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

ANSWERS: 398. fantastic, 399. arable, 400. replace, 401. whine, 402. wrap, 403. parsley, 404. bunch, 405. faith, 406. horrible, 407. proof, 408. preach

409. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
410. pl_____o therapy *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
411. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
412. enthusiastic pr_____nt *n.* a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause
413. pu__y eyes *adj.* swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
414. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
415. ant_____nt behavior *n.* a substance that inhibits oxidation, especially one used to counteract the deterioration of stored food products
416. ro_____us infection *n.* a virus commonly causes gastroenteritis, an inflammation of the stomach and intestines, particularly in young children. It is spread via contaminated food, water, and surfaces
417. gen_____ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
418. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 409. prolong, 410. placebo, 411. decline, 412. proponent, 413. puffy, 414. statistics, 415. antioxidant, 416. rotavirus, 417. genetically, 418. conversation

419. us____s information *adj.* not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
420. a s__d coat *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
421. ve__e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
422. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
423. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
424. pr____h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
425. g__e expression *n.* the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
426. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
427. stress pr____n *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

ANSWERS: 419. useless, 420. seed, 421. verge, 422. opportune, 423. threaten, 424. preach, 425. gene, 426. institutionalize, 427. protein

428. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
429. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
430. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 428. elite, 429. incredible, 430. technological

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ industry is a major contributor to air pollution in cities.
n. a road vehicle that has four wheels and is powered by an engine, used for transporting people or goods
2. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
3. I have limited _____ in my arms.
n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
4. The shape of the DNA _____ is a double helix.
n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
5. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
6. I picked a _____ of lavender from my garden to freshen up my room.
n. a small stem or shoot of a plant, usually with leaves or flowers attached
7. The body needs a certain amount of _____ to build and repair tissues.
n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
8. He kept his robust _____ in his company.
n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. automobile, 2. numb, 3. mobility, 4. molecule, 5. unfortunately, 6. sprig, 7. protein, 8. faith

9. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

10. I love the taste of fresh _____ juice in the morning.

n. a sweet, juicy citrus fruit that is smaller and sweeter than an orange, usually with a reddish-orange peel

11. We should always ensure that we have a _____ water source when going camping.

adj. suitable for drinking; safe and fit to be consumed as a beverage

12. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.

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

13. The army successfully _____ their enemy in the battle and gained control of the territory.

v. to defeat or conquer thoroughly; to overcome and gain control over someone or something

14. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

15. The patient's condition improved after beginning a _____ treatment regimen.

n. a type of RNA virus that uses the enzyme reverse transcriptase to convert its RNA into DNA, which then inserts itself into the host cell's genome, which can cause a variety of diseases in humans and animals, including HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

16. The _____ of the country is changing rapidly due to migration and the aging population

n. the study of the statistics of human populations, such as size, growth, density, distribution, and vital statistics

ANSWERS: 9. amazing, 10. tangerine, 11. potable, 12. declines, 13. vanquished, 14. humankind, 15. retrovirus-targeted, 16. demography

17. He finally brought his _____ to perfection.

n. education that results in understanding and the spread of knowledge

18. Thank you for inviting such a _____ party tonight.

adj. extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories

19. The _____ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

20. This _____ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

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

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

22. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

23. A defective _____ is responsible for the disease.

n. the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.

24. Pregnant women are advised to vaccinate against _____ to protect their unborn babies.

n. an infectious viral disease, also known as German measles, characterized by a rash, mild fever, and swollen lymph nodes, especially dangerous to pregnant women as it can cause congenital disabilities

ANSWERS: 17. enlightenment, 18. fabulous, 19. genetically, 20. needless, 21. quoted, 22. ideology, 23. gene, 24. rubella

25. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

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

26. Please don't _____ me while I'm trying to concentrate.

- v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

27. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.

- adj.* indispensable; fundamental

28. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.

- v.* to change the form or structure of something

29. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

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

30. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

31. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.

- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

32. His final goal is to sail around the _____.

- n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 25. magic, 26. bother, 27. essential, 28. reshaped, 29. platform, 30. insisted, 31. disease, 32. globe

33. They spent _____ longer admiring the view before heading back.

adv. for a short time; a little while

34. The government's failure to address the poverty issue was a _____ to their leadership

n. a loss of respect, honor, or dignity; a state of shame or public humiliation; an action or behavior that is seen as immoral or unacceptable; (verb) to bring shame, dishonor, or discredit upon someone or something

35. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

36. A _____ brushing helps to keep your mouth fresh.

adj. done completely; significantly careful and accurate

37. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.

v. to take the place of something

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

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

39. Two months later, my tumor _____ utterly.

v. disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely

40. _____ leaves are also eaten as a vegetable in some parts of the world.

n. a starchy, tuberous root plant that is native to South America and is grown in many tropical and subtropical regions around the world

ANSWERS: 33. awhile, 34. disgrace, 35. encouraged, 36. thorough, 37. replace, 38. destroyed, 39. vanished, 40. Cassava

41. I added some fresh _____ to the dish for added flavor.
n. a biennial herb with flat or curly green leaves that are commonly used as a garnish or seasoning in cooking often added to dishes for its fresh flavor and decorative purposes
42. She was close to her paternal _____ and often spent summers with them.
n. a parent of one's father or mother
43. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
44. He has an _____ spirit and is unafraid of risks.
adj. willing to take risks and try new or difficult things
45. The emission of hazardous substances has _____ effects on the ecology of a region.
adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
46. The ___ security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.
adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
47. The ___ of the city was overwhelming.
n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
48. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

ANSWERS: 41. parsley, 42. grandparents, 43. mentioned, 44. adventurous, 45. disastrous, 46. lax, 47. din, 48. rainforest

49. The company's hiring process was _____ with no objective criteria or standards.

adj. marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan

50. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

51. I feel _____ about attending the party since I don't know anyone there.

adj. having mixed or conflicting feelings or attitudes towards something or someone; uncertainty or indecision about what course of action to take

52. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

53. We have finally lost our last _____.

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

54. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

55. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

56. Due to the _____ outbreak, the government declared a state of emergency and began vaccinating the population.

n. an infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Corynebacterium diphtheriae*, characterized by inflammation and the formation of a thick, grayish membrane in the nose, throat, and other respiratory passages

ANSWERS: 49. haphazard, 50. blind, 51. ambivalent, 52. fraud, 53. prop, 54. prolong,

55. infect, 56. diphtheria

57. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.
n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
58. Her _____ voice made it difficult for anyone to ignore her.
adj. loud, harsh, and grating to the ears; presenting a forceful or insistent tone or manner
59. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.
adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
60. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
61. It would be best if you burned off _____ through vigorous exercise.
n. unit of heat defined as the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water by 1 degree Celsius at atmospheric pressure, used by nutritionists to measure how much energy food will produce
62. The school sent a notice of a _____ case in one of the classrooms.
n. a highly infectious viral disease that causes fever, red spots on the skin, and other flu-like symptoms, typically affects children
63. She gave money to help set up a _____ laboratory.
adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
64. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 57. passion, 58. strident, 59. cruel, 60. afford, 61. calories, 62. measles, 63. pharmaceutical, 64. debate

65. _____ is better than argument.

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

66. 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

67. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

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

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

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

69. The national election was held amid _____ security.

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

70. They collected a _____ specimen for urinalysis.

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

71. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

72. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 65. Proof, 66. invest, 67. mass, 68. relations, 69. tight, 70. urine, 71. destruction, 72. horrible

73. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

74. Our farm experienced a _____ of locusts this year.

n. any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

75. We must _____ to this matter.

v. to be present at an event, to go to a place

76. There is a strong _____ between education level and income.

n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

77. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

adj. having received a high standard of education

78. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

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

79. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

80. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

ANSWERS: 73. beneath, 74. plague, 75. attend, 76. correlation, 77. educated, 78. journalists, 79. metaphors, 80. amazed

81. Einstein was a _____ of the theory of relativity.

n. a person who supports an idea or pleads for a cause

82. The kidney is an _____ component of the body.

adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals

83. _____ farming can also increase the risk of pests and diseases, as the lack of diversity makes it easier for these organisms to spread and cause harm to the crop.

n. the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area

84. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

85. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

86. The outbreak of _____ in the school caused widespread concern among parents.

n. a contagious viral infection characterized by painful swelling of the salivary glands, especially the parotid glands located on the sides of the face

87. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

88. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

ANSWERS: 81. proponent, 82. organic, 83. Monoculture, 84. nutrients, 85. guilty, 86. mumps, 87. incredible, 88. crazy

89. She found fault with the _____ of politicians.
n. principles of right and evil or good and bad behavior
90. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
91. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
92. There is no cure for _____ but early intervention and therapy can improve outcomes for individuals with the condition.
n. a developmental disorder characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication
93. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
94. His cheeks looked _____ after he overate junk food.
adj. swollen or distended, especially with air or gas;
95. We must ___ ourselves of pollution.
v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
96. The plague was a _____ that killed millions of people.
n. a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

ANSWERS: 89. morality, 90. vaccinated, 91. possibility, 92. autism, 93. elites, 94. puffy, 95. rid, 96. scourge

97. The child began to _____ when his mom said they couldn't go to the park.
- v.* to utter a high-pitched, complaining sound, often in a tone that is irritating or grating to others; to express discontent or dissatisfaction in a persistent or annoying manner
98. 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
99. The new ____ album is getting a lot of attention.
- n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
100. The mRNA _____ was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.
- n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
101. The ice cream truck's sound brought back _____ for my childhood.
- n.* a sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past
102. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
- n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
103. The antique ____ was worth thousands of dollars.
- n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 97. whine, 98. AI, 99. rap, 100. vaccine, 101. nostalgia, 102. patient's, 103. doll

104. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

105. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

106. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly _____.

adj. doubting that something is accurate or useful

107. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

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

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

109. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

110. Fruits and vegetables are good sources of _____.

n. a substance that inhibits oxidation, especially one used to counteract the deterioration of stored food products

ANSWERS: 104. colonial, 105. illiterate, 106. skeptical, 107. cancer, 108. deployed, 109. specific, 110. antioxidants

111. He planted the _____ in the soil and waited for it to sprout.
- n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
112. The _____ supporters of the sports team traveled across the country to watch the match.
- adj.* characterized by excessive enthusiasm or zeal; displaying irrational or extreme devotion to a cause, ideology, or person, often to the point of intolerance or extremism
113. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
- v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
114. _____ scrolling on social media can be a time waster.
- adj.* lacking in awareness, thought, or attention; done without thinking or consideration; pointless or empty-headed
115. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
- adj.* extremely good; excellent
116. The _____ vaccine development is regarded as one of the greatest medical achievements of the 20th century.
- n.* an acute infectious disease caused by a virus that attacks nerve cells in the spinal cord and brain, leading to paralysis, muscle weakness, and potentially lifelong disability
117. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 111. seed, 112. fanatic, 113. institutionalize, 114. Mindless, 115. fantastic, 116. polio, 117. statistics

118. The news of her sudden death was _____ to everyone who knew her.

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

119. The _____ land in the valley was ideal for growing wheat and corn.

adj. relating to land that is suitable for growing crops; capable of being plowed and used for agriculture

120. Despite her _____ he refused to change his mind.

n. the act or an instance of demanding or saying something clearly; persistence

121. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

122. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

123. The city is taking measures to reduce the amount of _____ in the streets.

n. discarded material, refuse, or waste

124. The company's CEO made a _____ decision to offer employees more flexibility in their work schedules.

adj. characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought

125. The _____ beauty of the night sky never ceases to amaze him.

n. being only one of its kind; unique

ANSWERS: 118. astonishing, 119. arable, 120. insistence, 121. scary, 122. starve, 123. trash, 124. thoughtful, 125. singular

126. Graduating from college was a major _____ for her.
n. the successful completion of a task or goal; an ability that has been acquired by training
127. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
128. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
129. I bought a ripe and juicy _____ from the grocery store for a refreshing snack.
n. a type of melon with a ribbed, greenish peel and sweet, orange flesh, commonly consumed as a fruit and used in various culinary preparations
130. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.
n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
131. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen _____.
n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
132. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
133. The _____ in the boxing match put up a good fight.
n. a person or thing that challenges or competes with someone or something else; a contestant in a competition or challenge

ANSWERS: 126. accomplishment, 127. Technological, 128. threatening, 129. cantaloupe, 130. epidemic, 131. grains, 132. constantly, 133. challenger

134. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

adj. existing only in someone's mind

135. The athlete fell to the ground in _____ after injuring their ankle.

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

136. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.

n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

137. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

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

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

139. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

140. The doctor diagnosed me with a _____ disorder.

n. a chemical substance made by organs that encourages or influences the development, growth, sex, etc., of an animal and is carried around the body in the blood

141. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.

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

ANSWERS: 134. imaginary, 135. agony, 136. opposition, 137. consequences, 138. moving, 139. wealth, 140. hormone, 141. idiot

142. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

143. 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

144. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

145. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

146. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

147. The company has filed for a _____ to protect its new invention.

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

148. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

149. The farmer sprayed _____ on his crops to protect them from insects.

n. a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

ANSWERS: 142. opportune, 143. process, 144. terror, 145. precise, 146. absurd, 147. patent, 148. alternative, 149. pesticide

150. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

n. a great victory or achievement

151. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

n. a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

152. Before the surgery, the patient was instructed to undergo a cleansing _____.

n. a medical procedure in which a liquid solution is introduced into the rectum or colon to cleanse, lubricate, or administer medication, often used as a treatment or a means of preparing for certain medical procedures

153. Massive demonstrations lead to total _____ of transportation.

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

154. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

155. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

156. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

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

157. He earned a _____ salary at his job.

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

ANSWERS: 150. triumph, 151. mess, 152. enema, 153. paralysis, 154. stick, 155. absolutely, 156. medicinal, 157. decent

158. An outbreak of _____ occurred in the 1920s.
- n.* a highly contagious viral disease characterized by fever, weakness, spots on the skin, and often death
159. The symptoms of _____ include diarrhea, vomiting, and fever.
- n.* a virus commonly causes gastroenteritis, an inflammation of the stomach and intestines, particularly in young children. It is spread via contaminated food, water, and surfaces
160. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
- v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
161. 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
162. You don't have to be _____.
- adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
163. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
164. 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
165. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.
- n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

ANSWERS: 158. smallpox, 159. rotavirus, 160. disturb, 161. generation, 162. ashamed, 163. doe, 164. government, 165. verge

166. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.

adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at

167. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

168. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

169. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

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

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

171. 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

172. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

173. When using fresh _____ in cooking, it's important to carefully mince or press the cloves to release their flavor and aroma fully.

n. a strong-smelling pungent-tasting bulb used as a seasoning in cooking

ANSWERS: 166. ugly, 167. instances, 168. innovate, 169. chemical, 170. progression, 171. develop, 172. modern, 173. garlic

174. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.
n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
175. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
176. A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and _____ effects.
n. harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
177. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.
v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly; (noun) a young shoot or plant that emerges from a seed and starts to grow
178. The old, rusty tools were now _____ and had to be thrown away.
adj. not serving any useful purpose; having no practical result
179. 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
180. The _____ of the disease is still under investigation by medical researchers.
n. the action or relationship between an event or action and its effect or consequence; the explanation for why something happens
181. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 174. secretary, 175. backward, 176. placebo, 177. sprout, 178. useless, 179. hero, 180. causation, 181. conversation

182. The healthcare industry is cracking down on _____ remedies and treatments that lack scientific evidence.

n. a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck

183. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

184. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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

185. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

186. With careful planning and hard work, she was able to _____ in her new business venture.

v. to be successful or thriving, especially financially; to grow and develop well; to flourish

187. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

188. _____ C is important for immune system function and skin health.

n. any of a group of organic compounds that are essential in small quantities to the diet and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body

ANSWERS: 182. quack, 183. quest, 184. giant, 185. pretensions, 186. prosper, 187. eventually, 188. Vitamin

189. The thick curtains helped _____ the sound coming from the busy street outside.

- v.* to make something less intense, active, or lively; to reduce the effect, force, or impact of something

190. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

- v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

191. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

- adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

192. Women should get regular _____ screenings as a preventative measure for breast cancer.

- n.* the process of using X-rays to examine the breast for the early detection of breast cancer

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

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

194. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

195. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.

- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

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

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

ANSWERS: 189. deaden, 190. granted, 191. ironic, 192. mammography, 193. humanity, 194. planet, 195. entitled, 196. anecdotes

197. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.

- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

198. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

199. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

200. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

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

201. The sign warns visitors not to _____ on private property.

- v.* to enter someone's private property without permission or legal authority; to infringe upon or violate someone's rights, boundaries, or personal space

202. The witness took the stand to _____ about what she saw on the night of the crime.

- v.* to provide evidence or give a statement under oath, often in a legal or formal setting, such as a court of law; to bear witness to or affirm the truth of something based on personal knowledge or experience

203. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

- adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

204. His _____ ambition caused him to step on others to climb the corporate ladder.

- adj.* concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest

ANSWERS: 197. leap, 198. engineer, 199. bunch, 200. Wrap, 201. trespass, 202. testify, 203. ridiculous, 204. selfish

205. She made a delicious salad using fresh _____ from her garden.

n. a thick, fleshy, edible root vegetable typically having a dark red or purplish color; a plant of the goosefoot family that produces this vegetable

206. He _____ scrubbed the stains on the shirt.

adv. in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic

207. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

208. She kept _____ for an ambulance.

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

209. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

210. We use adverbs to _____ verbs and adjectives.

v. to change something slightly, such as a plan, option, law, etc., especially to make it more suitable for a particular purpose

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

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

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

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

213. The _____ tree leaves turn a beautiful golden yellow in the fall.

n. a type of large, deciduous tree native to China that is prized for its leaves, which are used in traditional medicine and supplements, also commonly grown as an ornamental tree

ANSWERS: 205. beets, 206. vigorously, 207. convinced, 208. screaming, 209. preached, 210. modify, 211. concerned, 212. par, 213. ginkgo

214. He was an _____ to his fans, who looked up to him as a role model.

- n.* an image or representation of a god or goddess, or a person or thing that is greatly admired, loved, or revered

215. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.

- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

ANSWERS: 214. idol, 215. rot