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Session 1: Word List

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

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

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

crisis

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

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

gap

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

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

hop

v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

diverge

v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

synonym : separate, split, part

(1) **diverge** from tradition, (2) **diverge** from the main topic

As tectonic plates **diverge**, new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

weep

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

synonym : cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

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.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym : bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym : repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

punctuate

v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically

synonym :

emphasize, accent, mark

(1) **punctuate** a sentence, (2) **punctuate** his talk
Strikes had also **punctuated** the preceding weeks.

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.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym: concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge

She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

suffer

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

synonym:

endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

snob

n. a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured

synonym: snoot, elitist, pretentious person

(1) have **snob** appeal, (2) rich **snob**

He's a **snob** when it comes to music and only listens to classical.

snobbery

n. the behavior or attitude of a person who believes they are superior to others because of their social status, wealth, or education and who looks down on those they consider inferior

synonym: elitism, arrogance, haughtiness

(1) cultural **snobbery**, (2) academic **snobbery**

Her **snobbery** and pretentious behavior made it difficult for her to make friends.

distinctively

adv. in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized by a particular quality or feature

synonym: uniquely, characteristically, peculiarly

(1) **distinctively** different, (2) **distinctively** bold

The dish's **distinctively** spicy flavor resulted from the unique blend of spices used.

phenomenon

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

synonym: marvel, wonder, splendor

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

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

fixate

v. to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image

synonym: obsess, fix, concentrate

(1) **fixate** on a problem, (2) **fixate** on a picture

She tends to **fixate** on small details, often losing sight of the bigger picture.

organization

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym: association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

nowadays

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

synonym: currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

encounter

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

synonym: meet, run into, come across

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

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

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym: figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

accord

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

synonym: alliance, pact, agreement

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

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

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make

someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

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.

necessarily

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

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

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

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

achievement

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

synonym: accomplishment, attainment, triumph

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

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

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.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym : rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

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.

romantic

adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship

synonym : idealistic, unrealistic, amatory

(1) **romantic** movies, (2) **romantic** breakup

It was his first **romantic** love.

define

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

synonym : characterize, depict, express

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

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

hierarchy

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

synonym : ranking, order, scale

(1) top of the **hierarchy**, (2) **hierarchy** of folders

She has taken a step up in the organizational **hierarchy**.

materialistic

adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

synonym : worldly, consumerist, acquisitive

(1) **materialistic** lifestyle, (2) **materialistic** values

Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a **materialistic** goal.

greedy

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

synonym : avaricious, covetous, grasping

(1) **greedy** person, (2) **greedy** for money

His **greedy** behavior led him to steal from the company.

peg

n. a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object

synonym : pin, dowel, spike

(1) **peg** in the ground, (2) **peg** an exchange rate

The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic **pegs** in their ears.

emotional

adj. relating to people's feelings

synonym : affecting, impactful, impressive

(1) **emotional** health, (2) **emotional** distress

Human **emotional** responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards

Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

acquisition

n. the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort

synonym : purchase, possession, obtaining

(1) merger and **acquisition**, (2) **acquisition** process

The company's latest **acquisition** of a rival firm has dramatically expanded its market share.

luxury

n. a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

synonym: extravagance, indulgence, opulence

(1) get into the **luxury** car market, (2) **luxury** hotel

His anti- **luxury** practices were quite strict.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

sympathy

n. the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

synonym: compassion, empathy, understanding

(1) **sympathy** card, (2) feel **sympathy**

I expressed my **sympathy** to my friend after her cat passed away.

contempt

n. the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn

synonym: scorn, disdain, disrespect

(1) display **contempt**, (2) below **contempt**

The defendant's **contempt** for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.

paradoxical

adj. seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

synonym: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

lifespan

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

synonym : duration, lifetime, continuance

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

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

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym : class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

equality

n. the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality

synonym : sameness, equity, parity

(1) **equality** act, (2) **equality** in education

Everyone deserves **equality** regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym : covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him
I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

taboo

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

synonym : forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**
In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

emotion

n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others

synonym : feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**
Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

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.

envious

adj. feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy

synonym : jealous, covetous, green-eyed

(1) **envious** gaze, (2) feel **envious**
She was **envious** of her friend's success in the stock market.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

background

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

synonym : ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

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.

identification

n. the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something

synonym: recognition, designation, label

(1) an **identification** tag for children, (2) personal **identification** number

Eye movements complicate **identification** by retinal scanning.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym: by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned

Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

reunion

n. a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again

synonym: social gathering, alum association

(1) a class **reunion**, (2) the annual **reunion** of the alum

I will attend my college **reunion** tomorrow.

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

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

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

jean

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

synonym: denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

combine

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

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

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

(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

inequality

n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different

synonym : imbalance, prejudice, unfairness

(1) **inequality** in salary, (2) algebraic **inequality**

There are several causes of economic **inequality** within societies.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

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

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

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym : doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

accede

v. to agree to a request, demand, or proposal; to give in to someone's opinion or desire; to assume a position of power or authority, especially after the death or retirement of a predecessor

synonym : acquiesce, consent, agree

(1) **accede** to a treaty, (2) **accede** to the throne

After much deliberation, the committee finally **acceded** to the workers' demands.

rank

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

synonym : position, status, standing

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

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

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded

aristocracy

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

outlet

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

synonym: opening, vent, aperture

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

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

garage

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

synonym: carport, shed, barn

(1) electrical **garage** door, (2) **garage** repair

He parked his car in the private **garage**.

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**.

sect

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

synonym: group, faction, cult

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

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

analyze

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

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

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

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

cope

v. to deal with and overcome difficulties or problems

synonym : manage, handle, deal with

(1) **cope** with stress, (2) **cope** alone with a child

The company was able to **cope** with the changes in the market by introducing new products.

politely

adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

synonym : courteously, respectfully, graciously

(1) **politely** ask, (2) nodded **politely**

She **politely** declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

esteem

n. great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

synonym : respect, admiration, regard

(1) **esteem** for the other person, (2) boost my self- **esteem**

He is our loyal customer who should be held in high **esteem**.

impolite

adj. lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs

synonym : impudent, rude, discourteous

(1) **impolite** behavior, (2) an **impolite** comment

It is **impolite** to talk with your mouth full at the dinner table.

existence

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

synonym : fact, being, reality

(1) the biggest tree in **existence**, (2) the struggle for **existence**

He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the **existence** of heaven or hell.

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

synonym : disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

kickback

n. a sum of money or other payment made illegally or unlawfully to someone as a reward for facilitating or promoting a particular transaction or arrangement, especially a bribe or commission; a sudden reaction or backward motion caused by a force

synonym : bribe, payoff, backhander

(1) **kickback** in my shoulder, (2) financial **kickback**

The businessman was involved in a **kickback** scheme, receiving illegal payments in exchange for favorable contracts.

anxious

adj. worried and nervous

synonym : nervous, uneasy, afraid

(1) **anxious** about his health, (2) an **anxious** look

He cast **anxious** glances behind her.

meritocratic

adj. based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements

synonym : merit-based, fair, unbiased

(1) **meritocratic** society, (2) **meritocratic** evaluation

The company prides itself on being **meritocratic** in its hiring and promotion practices.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**
The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym : endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym : worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**

She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym : suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

accidental

adj. happening or existing by chance or unintentionally

synonym : inadvertent, fortuitous, coincidental

(1) **accidental** death, (2) cover **accidental** damage

This system prevents **accidental** deletion of data.

crush

v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller

synonym: destroy, demolish, pulverize

(1) **crush** coffee beans, (2) **crush** a revolt

The car was completely **crushed** in the accident.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

literally

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

synonym: actually, truly, verily

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

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

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

fortune

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

synonym: wealth, affluence, assets

(1) ill **fortune**, (2) bit of good **fortune**

Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal **fortune**.

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.

evolution

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

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

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

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

exhilarating

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

synonym: thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view

Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

synonym: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

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

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

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.

individualism

n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

synonym: self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

relief

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

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

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

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

outline

v. to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something

synonym: recap, summarize, digest

(1) **outlined** the plan, (2) **outline** the findings

This page **outlines** our response planning for an emergency.

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.

halfway

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

synonym : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job
The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

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.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

synonym : crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme
Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret
Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

grade

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

synonym : score, rate, degree

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

random

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

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**
To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

accident

n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury

synonym :

calamity, casualty, chance

(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**

The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.

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.

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym: misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

dependent

adj. relying on someone or something else for support or aid

synonym: reliant, subject, subordinate

(1) dose- **dependent** induction, (2) a **dependent** person

The small island nation is heavily **dependent** on tourism as its main source of income.

judgment

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

synonym: conclusion, decision, determination

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

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

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym: messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

trumpet

n. a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly

synonym: bugle, cornet, flugelhorn

(1) **trumpet** player, (2) **trumpet** solo

She played a beautiful melody on the **trumpet**.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

synonym: nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym: nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

solace

n. comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

synonym: comfort, condolence, peace

(1) **solace** in music, (2) offer **solace**

The grieving widow found **solace** in reading her late husband's letters.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

ridicule

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

synonym: derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

organ

n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

synonym: function, structure

(1) **organ** bleeding, (2) damage to internal **organs**

These infections have the potential to impact practically every **organ** system.

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.

substance

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

synonym: essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym : act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

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.

tradition

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

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

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

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

glorious

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

synonym : exquisite, magnificent, majestic

(1) a **glorious** victory, (2) photo in **glorious** color

I choose a **glorious** death rather than a shameful life.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main

character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**
Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

tragic

adj. causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

synonym: calamitous, disastrous, catastrophic

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

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

ancient

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

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

trace

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

synonym: seek, follow, depict

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

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

ordinary

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

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

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

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

tabloid

adj. relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news

synonym : gossipy, sensationalistic, scandalous

(1) **tabloid** journalism, (2) political **tabloid**

The **tabloid** newspaper always covers sensational stories.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym : advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

bare

adj. not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something

synonym : naked, exposed, uncovered

(1) **bare** minimum, (2) **bare** essentials

She wore a simple dress with a **bare** neckline

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young
The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

headline

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

synonym: title, caption

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

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

immigrant

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

synonym: settler, expatriate, emigrant

(1) **immigrant** communities, (2) an **immigrant** from the country

Police received a report of illegal **immigrants** in the area.

senator

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

synonym: legislator, politician, representative

(1) junior **senator**, (2) **senator** term

The hawkish **senator** gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

plotline

n. a sequence of events that make up a story or the main theme of a literary work

synonym: storyline, narrative, plot

(1) the **plotline** of a story, (2) the **plotline** of a movie

The book's **plotline** was full of twists and turns that kept the reader engaged.

enchant

v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

synonym: charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

discovery

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

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

workaholic

n. a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively

synonym : workhorse, drudge

(1) **workaholic** habits, (2) self-proclaimed **workaholic**

The company's founder was a notorious **workaholic** who spent every waking hour building the business.

arsenic

n. a poisonous chemical element that occurs naturally in some rocks and minerals and is sometimes used in pesticides and wood preservatives

synonym : poison, toxin

(1) **arsenic** poisoning, (2) **arsenic** contamination

Exposure to **arsenic** in drinking water can cause serious health problems.

aft

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

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

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

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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**.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

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

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

mum

n. a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so

synonym: mother, silent, soundless

(1) **mum's** cooking, (2) keep **mum**

My **mum** always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.

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.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

hamlet

n. a small village or settlement, often without a church

synonym : village, settlement, community

(1) **hamlet** village, (2) historic **hamlet**

The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small **hamlet**.

worship

v. to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god

synonym : adore, idolize

(1) **worship** god, (2) absolutely **worship**

They traditionally **worship** their guru.

extraordinary

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

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

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

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

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**.

transcendent

adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

synonym : beyond human experience, divine, spiritual

(1) **transcendent** wisdom, (2) **transcendent** joy

The **transcendent** beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

universe

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

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

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

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

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

synonym : purpose, reason, interest

(1) for your own **sake**, (2) for the **sake** of argument

He got a new job for the **sake** of his family.

anthill

n. a mound or hill made by a colony of ants, often as a nest or shelter, which can vary in size and shape depending on the species of ant and the surrounding environment

synonym : ant nest, ant mound, formicary

(1) **anthill** colony, (2) **anthill** on the trail

The ants were busy building an **anthill** in the garden.

competition

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

synonym : contest, match, fight

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

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

drama

n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage

synonym : acting, play, theater

(1) secular **drama**, (2) upcoming crime **drama**

She had an audition for **drama** school.

glacier

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

synonym : iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

contemplate

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

synonym : think over, ponder, consider

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

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

perimeter

n. the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something

synonym : circumference, boundary, edge

(1) **perimeter** fence, (2) **perimeter** fence

The guard patrolled the **perimeter** of the building.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

renown

n. widespread recognition or fame for someone or something; the state of being highly respected or admired

synonym : fame, prestige, reputation

(1) academic **renown**, (2) architectural **renown**

The singer has gained international **renown** for her powerful voice and emotional performances.

nuanced

adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

synonym : fine, subtle, slight

(1) **nuanced** view, (2) the common but **nuanced** opinion

The sommelier can distinguish **nuanced** variance in the flavor of the wine.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym : wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

nonsense

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

synonym : ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

(1) talk **nonsense**, (2) sheer **nonsense**

The parents spoke to their children in no- **nonsense** tones.

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym : component, feature, essence

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

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

of evolution.

succeed

v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

synonym: achieve, accomplish, triumph

(1) **succeed** beyond expectations, (2) **succeed** academically

I hope to **succeed** in my career and live a happy life.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

psychoanalysis

n. a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind

(1) freudian **psychoanalysis**, (2) **psychoanalysis** technique

She sought **psychoanalysis** to understand her childhood traumas.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**
Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

probe

n. a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

synonym: investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information
NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

notion

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

synonym: idea, concept, belief

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

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

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me

The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym: harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

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.

emphasis

n. particular importance or significance that is given to something

synonym : priority, stress, focus

(1) **emphasis** on color, (2) lay great **emphasis** on policy

The spotlight gave the central figure increased **emphasis**.

justice

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

synonym : fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

firm

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

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

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

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

disbeliever

n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

synonym : non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**

Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

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.

claustrophobia

n. a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces

(1) overcome **claustrophobia**,

(2) **claustrophobia-inducing**

She suffered from **claustrophobia** and couldn't take elevators.

gentle

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

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

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

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

philosophy

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

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

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

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of

an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

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

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

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym : agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym : scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

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.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

exemplary

adj. setting a positive example for others to follow

synonym : ideal, illustrative, admirable

(1) **exemplary** behavior, (2) **exemplary** customer service

He exhibited exceptional and **exemplary** bravery.

fig

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

(1) **fig** marigold, (2) **fig** tree

He ate the dried **figs** he had preserved.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

disciplinary

adj. of or relating to the punishment of people who break the rules; of or relating to a specific field of academic study

synonym: corrective, punitive, instructive

(1) **disciplinary** action, (2) take **disciplinary** measures

The school's **disciplinary** committee met to discuss the student's behavior.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a gl____us victory
adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
2. high r__k
n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
3. re_____ly arranged
adv. at regular intervals or times
4. pa__e entertainment
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
5. phi_____hy of education
n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
6. co_____e chemically with another substance
v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
7. su_____d academically
v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
8. vul_____le parts of the body
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
9. ext_____ary ability
adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
10. im_____nt communities
n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

ANSWERS: 1. glorious, 2. rank, 3. regularly, 4. passe, 5. philosophy, 6. combine, 7. succeed, 8. vulnerable, 9. extraordinary, 10. immigrant

11. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
12. the pl_____ne of a movie *n.* a sequence of events that make up a story or the main theme of a literary work
13. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
14. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
15. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
16. mer_____tic evaluation *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
17. p_g an exchange rate *n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
18. keep m_m *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
19. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 11. bless, 12. plotline, 13. fascinating, 14. tragedy, 15. alternative, 16. meritocratic, 17. peg, 18. mum, 19. gap

20. an im____te comment *adj.* lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs
21. yearn for the de____t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
22. injury in a car ac____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
23. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
24. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
25. an____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
26. ex____ry behavior *adj.* setting a positive example for others to follow
27. se__e a person's property *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
28. an am____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
29. a j__n skirt *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
30. de____e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
31. ha____rd approach *adj.* marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan

ANSWERS: 20. impolite, 21. decent, 22. accident, 23. creditor, 24. probable, 25. analyze, 26. exemplary, 27. seize, 28. ambition, 29. jean, 30. define, 31. haphazard

32. pu_____te his talk *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
33. below co_____pt *n.* the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn
34. gl_____r retreat *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
35. in st____t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
36. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
37. eq_____ty act *n.* the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality
38. 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.
39. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
40. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

ANSWERS: 32. punctuate, 33. contempt, 34. glacier, 35. strict, 36. moth, 37. equality, 38. correlation, 39. firm, 40. unfortunate

41. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
42. wor_____ic habits *n.* a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively
43. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
44. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
45. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
46. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
47. w__p bitter tears *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
48. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
49. mer_____tic society *adj.* based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
50. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

ANSWERS: 41. envy, 42. workaholic, 43. odd, 44. moth, 45. fascinating, 46. rank, 47. weep, 48. achievement, 49. meritocratic, 50. politician

51. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
52. a class re____n *n.* a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again
53. feel sy____hy *n.* the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions
54. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
55. achieve a do____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
56. an____s about his health *adj.* worried and nervous
57. so____e in music *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
58. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
59. dis_____ely different *adv.* in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized by a particular quality or feature

ANSWERS: 51. fig, 52. reunion, 53. sympathy, 54. firm, 55. dominant, 56. anxious, 57. solace, 58. ordinary, 59. distinctively

60. ha____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
61. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
62. go in____e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
63. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
64. control my em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
65. tra_____ent wisdom *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
66. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
67. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
68. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
69. theory of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

ANSWERS: 60. halfway, 61. icon, 62. insane, 63. merit, 64. emotion, 65. transcendent, 66. literally, 67. modern, 68. modern, 69. universe

70. student ach_____nt
n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
71. secular dr__a
n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
72. no___n of success
n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
73. post re_____ly to a blog
adv. at regular intervals or times
74. nec_____ly true
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
75. rich s__b
n. a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured
76. ge___e downward slope
adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
77. vi___m compensation
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
78. ch__f accountant
adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
79. increase sl_____ly
adv. in a small degree or extent; a little
80. su_____e beforehand
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 70. achievement, 71. drama, 72. notion, 73. regularly, 74. necessarily, 75. snob, 76. gentle, 77. victim, 78. chief, 79. slightly, 80. suppose

81. l_x border controls *adj.* not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
82. words of co____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
83. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
84. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
85. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
86. ta____d journalism *adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
87. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
88. public ri____le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 81. lax, 82. comfort, 83. calm, 84. crisis, 85. sin, 86. tabloid, 87. spirit, 88. ridicule

89. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
90. nonmetallic el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
91. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
92. 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
93. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
94. st___t compliance regime *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
95. have s__b appeal *n.* a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured
96. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
97. an an_____s look *adj.* worried and nervous
98. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
99. dis_____ely bold *adv.* in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized by a particular quality or feature

ANSWERS: 89. devote, 90. element, 91. accident, 92. mess, 93. responsible, 94. strict, 95. snob, 96. cruel, 97. anxious, 98. hop, 99. distinctively

100. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
101. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
102. lu____y hotel *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
103. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
104. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
105. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
106. damage to internal or__ns *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
107. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
108. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 100. economy, 101. refer, 102. luxury, 103. opposition, 104. mess, 105. trace, 106. organ, 107. recommend, 108. environment

109. inc_____lly discovered	<i>adv.</i> by the way; as an aside or in passing
110. ac_____e success	<i>v.</i> to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
111. su____r bad grades	<i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
112. for the s__e of argument	<i>n.</i> purpose; reason for wanting something done
113. dose-de_____nt induction	<i>adj.</i> relying on someone or something else for support or aid
114. it is un_____ly that he would win the game	<i>adj.</i> not probable or likely to happen
115. re_____le these differences	<i>v.</i> to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
116. deliver a ju_____nt	<i>n.</i> the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
117. en_____ge antisocial behavior	<i>v.</i> 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
118. tr__e a telephone call	<i>v.</i> to find or discover someone or something that was lost
119. sy_____hy card	<i>n.</i> the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

ANSWERS: 109. incidentally, 110. achieve, 111. suffer, 112. sake, 113. dependent, 114. unlikely, 115. reconcile, 116. judgment, 117. encourage, 118. trace, 119. sympathy

120. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
121. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
122. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
123. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
124. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
125. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
126. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
127. the pl_____ne of a story *n.* a sequence of events that make up a story or the main theme of a literary work
128. cr__h coffee beans *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
129. c__e alone with a child *v.* to deal with and overcome difficulties or problems
130. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
131. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 120. frightening, 121. essentially, 122. insane, 123. analyze, 124. element, 125. literally, 126. creditor, 127. plotline, 128. crush, 129. cope, 130. philosophy, 131. quote

132. a na__y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
133. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
134. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
135. rampant ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
136. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
137. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
138. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
139. introduce leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
140. offer so___e *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
141. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
142. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
143. tr_____t solo *n.* a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly

ANSWERS: 132. nasty, 133. gap, 134. immediately, 135. individualism, 136. incredibly, 137. genius, 138. judge, 139. legislation, 140. solace, 141. contemplate, 142. grade, 143. trumpet

144. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
145. not no____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
146. 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
147. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
148. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
149. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
150. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
151. self-proclaimed wor_____ic *n.* a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively
152. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
153. criminal ju_____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
154. ga___e repair *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

ANSWERS: 144. reward, 145. normally, 146. encourage, 147. organ, 148. pursue, 149. weird, 150. frightening, 151. workaholic, 152. gentle, 153. justice, 154. garage

155. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
156. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
157. an_____l colony *n.* a mound or hill made by a colony of ants, often as a nest or shelter, which can vary in size and shape depending on the species of ant and the surrounding environment
158. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
159. upcoming crime dr__a *n.* a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
160. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
161. ac___e to a treaty *v.* to agree to a request, demand, or proposal; to give in to someone's opinion or desire; to assume a position of power or authority, especially after the death or retirement of a predecessor
162. raw ta___t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
163. nev_____ess, she persevered *adv.* in spite of that; yet

ANSWERS: 155. headline, 156. excuse, 157. anthill, 158. organization, 159. drama, 160. devote, 161. accede, 162. talent, 163. nevertheless

164. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
165. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
166. the struggle for ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
167. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
168. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
169. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
170. a de___t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
171. tr___c death *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
172. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
173. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
174. mat_____tic values *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth

ANSWERS: 164. random, 165. incredibly, 166. existence, 167. calm, 168. relate, 169. probable, 170. decent, 171. tragic, 172. authoritarian, 173. excuse, 174. materialistic

175. the annual re_____n of the alum *n.* a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again
176. telescopic vi_____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
177. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
178. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
179. academic sn_____ry *n.* the behavior or attitude of a person who believes they are superior to others because of their social status, wealth, or education and who looks down on those they consider inferior
180. keep working nev_____ess *adv.* in spite of that; yet
181. an ou_____t for water *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
182. afraid to show em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
183. ni_____re situation *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
184. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 175. reunion, 176. vision, 177. profession, 178. deserve, 179. snobbery, 180. nevertheless, 181. outlet, 182. emotion, 183. nightmare, 184. evolution

185. political ta____d *adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
186. a person of diverse ta____ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
187. b__e minimum *adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something
188. a de_____nt person *adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid
189. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
190. tr____c love stories *adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate
191. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
192. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
193. an__l investors *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

ANSWERS: 185. tabloid, 186. talent, 187. bare, 188. dependent, 189. ordinary, 190. tragic, 191. spectrum, 192. insight, 193. angel

194. an explosive su_____ce *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
195. 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
196. junior se_____r *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
197. ki_____ck in my shoulder *n.* a sum of money or other payment made illegally or unlawfully to someone as a reward for facilitating or promoting a particular transaction or arrangement, especially a bribe or commission; a sudden reaction or backward motion caused by a force
198. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
199. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
200. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
201. en_____s gaze *adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy

ANSWERS: 194. substance, 195. hero, 196. senator, 197. kickback, 198. discovery, 199. fraud, 200. ancient, 201. envious

202. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
203. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
204. an unf_____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
205. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
206. photo in gl_____us color *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
207. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
208. financial ki_____ck *n.* a sum of money or other payment made illegally or unlawfully to someone as a reward for facilitating or promoting a particular transaction or arrangement, especially a bribe or commission; a sudden reaction or backward motion caused by a force
209. normal se_____r life *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
210. military ca__e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
211. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 202. achieve, 203. unfortunately, 204. unfortunate, 205. competition, 206. glorious, 207. fortune, 208. kickback, 209. secular, 210. caste, 211. deserve

212. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
213. receive a na__y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
214. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
215. psy_____sis technique *n.* a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind
216. p_g in the ground *n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
217. lay great em____is on policy *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
218. cultural sn____ry *n.* the behavior or attitude of a person who believes they are superior to others because of their social status, wealth, or education and who looks down on those they consider inferior
219. ha_____rd design *adj.* marked by a lack of order, system, or coherence; characterized by randomness or chance without any guiding principle or plan

ANSWERS: 212. hop, 213. nasty, 214. chief, 215. psychoanalysis, 216. peg, 217. emphasis, 218. snobbery, 219. haphazard

220. asset on the company's ba____e sheet
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
221. even more unf____ely
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
222. an emotional ju____nt
n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
223. an alt____ve plan
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
224. not nec____ly a problem
adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
225. j__n denim
n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
226. academic ta__o
adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom
227. an ide____ion tag for children
n. the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something
228. bl__s you
v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
229. ar____c poisoning
n. a poisonous chemical element that occurs naturally in some rocks and minerals and is sometimes used in pesticides and wood preservatives
230. binational ac____d
n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
231. l_x attitude
adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient
232. c__e with stress
v. to deal with and overcome difficulties or problems

ANSWERS: 220. balance, 221. unfortunately, 222. judgment, 223. alternative, 224. necessarily, 225. jean, 226. taboo, 227. identification, 228. bless, 229. arsenic, 230. accord, 231. lax, 232. cope

233. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
234. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
235. ar_____c contamination *n.* a poisonous chemical element that occurs naturally in some rocks and minerals and is sometimes used in pesticides and wood preservatives
236. sigh of re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
237. em_____is on color *n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
238. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
239. tra_____ent joy *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
240. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
241. re_____le a dispute *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
242. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
243. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 233. extreme, 234. fascinate, 235. arsenic, 236. relief, 237. emphasis, 238. consequence, 239. transcendent, 240. spectrum, 241. reconcile, 242. fig, 243. discovery

244. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
245. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
246. algebraic ine_____ty *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
247. talk no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
248. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
249. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
250. en_____t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
251. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
252. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 244. tradition, 245. incidentally, 246. inequality, 247. nonsense, 248. implication, 249. refer, 250. enchant, 251. blind, 252. advertise

253. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
254. ou____e the findings *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
255. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
256. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
257. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
258. get into the lu____y car market *n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things
259. 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
260. acc_____al death *adj.* happening or existing by chance or unintentionally

ANSWERS: 253. suppose, 254. outline, 255. economy, 256. sect, 257. contemplate, 258. luxury, 259. develop, 260. accidental

261. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
262. the biggest tree in ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
263. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
264. cr__h a revolt *v.* to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
265. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
266. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
267. vague no___n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
268. commit su_____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
269. ha_____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
270. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
271. li_____an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
272. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream

ANSWERS: 261. implication, 262. existence, 263. sociologist, 264. crush, 265. ambition, 266. slightly, 267. notion, 268. suicide, 269. halfway, 270. aft, 271. lifespan, 272. nightmare

273. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
274. ine_____ty in salary *n.* the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
275. 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
276. ou_____ed the plan *v.* to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something
277. an im_____nt from the country *n.* a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently
278. pr__e for inside information *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
279. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
280. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

ANSWERS: 273. politician, 274. inequality, 275. hero, 276. outline, 277. immigrant, 278. probe, 279. suffer, 280. comfort

281. acq_____on process *n.* the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort
282. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
283. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
284. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
285. fi___e on a picture *v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
286. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
287. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
288. w__p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
289. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
290. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
291. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

ANSWERS: 281. acquisition, 282. unlikely, 283. statistics, 284. spirit, 285. fixate, 286. emotional, 287. evolution, 288. weep, 289. statistics, 290. combine, 291. anxiety

292. ro____ic movies *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
293. boost my self-es____m *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
294. ill fo____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
295. top of the hi____hy *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
296. unintended con____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
297. me____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
298. display co____pt *n.* the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn
299. ac____e to the throne *v.* to agree to a request, demand, or proposal; to give in to someone's opinion or desire; to assume a position of power or authority, especially after the death or retirement of a predecessor
300. sheer no____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
301. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

ANSWERS: 292. romantic, 293. esteem, 294. fortune, 295. hierarchy, 296. consequence, 297. mention, 298. contempt, 299. accede, 300. nonsense, 301. delight

302. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
303. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
304. 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
305. victim of fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
306. se_____r term *n.* a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate
307. ju_____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
308. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
309. 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.
310. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
311. persuade a dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

ANSWERS: 302. reward, 303. vulnerable, 304. process, 305. fraud, 306. senator, 307. justice, 308. nuanced, 309. correlation, 310. crazy, 311. disbeliever

312. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
313. e__y his success *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
314. ex_____ry customer service *adj.* setting a positive example for others to follow
315. ro_____ic breakup *adj.* of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
316. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
317. apparently par_____al *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
318. po_____ly ask *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
319. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

ANSWERS: 312. encounter, 313. envy, 314. exemplary, 315. romantic, 316. sect, 317. paradoxical, 318. politely, 319. insight

320. es___m for the other person *n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone
321. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
322. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
323. overcome cla_____bia *n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
324. se_____r trends *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
325. gr___y person *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
326. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
327. dis_____ary action *adj.* of or relating to the punishment of people who break the rules; of or relating to a specific field of academic study
328. fallen an___l *n.* a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
329. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

ANSWERS: 320. esteem, 321. competition, 322. advertise, 323. claustrophobia, 324. secular, 325. greedy, 326. environment, 327. disciplinary, 328. angel, 329. profession

330. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
331. cover acc_____al damage *adj.* happening or existing by chance or unintentionally
332. di_____e from the main topic *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
333. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
334. m_m's cooking *n.* a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
335. a cr__l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
336. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
337. personal ide_____ion number *n.* the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something
338. merger and acq_____on *n.* the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort
339. pe_____er fence *n.* the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something
340. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 330. tradition, 331. accidental, 332. diverge, 333. normally, 334. mum, 335. cruel, 336. legislation, 337. identification, 338. acquisition, 339. perimeter, 340. tragedy

341. a par_____al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
342. stubborn dis_____er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
343. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
344. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
345. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
346. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
347. nation of ind_____ism *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
348. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
349. wo_____p god *v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
350. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 341. paradoxical, 342. disbeliever, 343. relate, 344. universe, 345. anxiety, 346. balance, 347. individualism, 348. genuine, 349. worship, 350. recommend

362. nodded po____ly *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
363. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
364. en____t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
365. hi____hy of folders *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
366. tax re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
367. an exh____ing drink *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
368. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
369. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
370. a stone wall su____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
371. pu____e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 362. politely, 363. crisis, 364. enchant, 365. hierarchy, 366. relief, 367. exhilarating, 368. threaten, 369. argue, 370. surround, 371. pursue

372. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
373. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
374. media ou____t *n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out
375. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
376. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
377. a lunar pr__e *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
378. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
379. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
380. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

ANSWERS: 372. phenomenon, 373. grade, 374. outlet, 375. headline, 376. random, 377. probe, 378. opposition, 379. background, 380. sociologist

381. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
382. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
383. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
384. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
385. young people no_____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
386. 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
387. cla_____bia-inducing *n.* a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
388. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
389. su_____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
390. the blue-blooded ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status

ANSWERS: 381. phenomenon, 382. weird, 383. argue, 384. vision, 385. nowadays, 386. process, 387. claustrophobia, 388. immediately, 389. suicide, 390. aristocracy

391. mat_____tic lifestyle *adj.* concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
392. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
393. electrical ga___e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
394. ac___d with public opinion *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
395. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
396. gr___y for money *adj.* having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food
397. take dis_____ary measures *adj.* of or relating to the punishment of people who break the rules; of or relating to a specific field of academic study
398. architectural re___n *n.* widespread recognition or fame for someone or something; the state of being highly respected or admired
399. freudian psy_____sis *n.* a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind

ANSWERS: 391. materialistic, 392. merit, 393. garage, 394. accord, 395. essentially, 396. greedy, 397. disciplinary, 398. renown, 399. psychoanalysis

400. member of the ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
401. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
402. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
403. pu_____te a sentence *v.* to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
404. ri_____le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
405. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
406. ext_____ary weather *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
407. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
408. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
409. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

ANSWERS: 400. aristocracy, 401. nuanced, 402. emotional, 403. punctuate, 404. ridicule, 405. icon, 406. extraordinary, 407. mention, 408. dominant, 409. caste

410. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
411. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
412. feel en_____s *adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy
413. su_____d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
414. 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
415. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
416. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
417. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
418. b__e essentials *adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something

ANSWERS: 410. fascinate, 411. sin, 412. envious, 413. succeed, 414. quote, 415. judge, 416. encounter, 417. ancient, 418. bare

419. di____e from tradition *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
420. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
421. a ta__o word *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
422. an____l on the trail *n.* a mound or hill made by a colony of ants, often as a nest or shelter, which can vary in size and shape depending on the species of ant and the surrounding environment
423. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
424. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
425. vi____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
426. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
427. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
428. aut_____ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
429. eq____ty in education *n.* the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality

ANSWERS: 419. diverge, 420. mere, 421. taboo, 422. anthill, 423. genius, 424. aft, 425. victim, 426. organization, 427. mere, 428. authoritarian, 429. equality

430. academic re___n *n.* widespread recognition or fame for someone or something; the state of being highly respected or admired
431. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
432. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
433. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
434. exh_____ing view *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
435. fi___e on a problem *v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image
436. historic ha___t *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
437. su_____ce abuse problem *n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
438. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 430. renown, 431. odd, 432. responsible, 433. background, 434. exhilarating, 435. fixate, 436. hamlet, 437. substance, 438. blind

439. im____te behavior *adj.* lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs
440. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
441. ha____t village *n.* a small village or settlement, often without a church
442. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
443. li____an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
444. not to be seen no____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
445. tr____t player *n.* a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone; (verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly

ANSWERS: 439. impolite, 440. delight, 441. hamlet, 442. surround, 443. lifespan, 444. nowadays, 445. trumpet

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
 - n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

2. She waited for her daughter with _____.
 - n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

3. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
 - v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

4. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
 - n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

5. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
 - v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

6. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
 - n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

7. The _____ in the bathroom was faulty, so I had to use a different one for my hair dryer.
 - n.* a means of release or expression, often for emotions or energy; a place of business that sells goods directly to customers; a device or opening through which something can flow out

ANSWERS: 1. legislation, 2. anxiety, 3. refer, 4. tradition, 5. relate, 6. justice, 7. outlet

8. They traditionally _____ their guru.
- v.* to have or show a strong feeling of profound respect and admiration for a religious entity such as God or a god
9. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
10. The defendant's _____ for the court and its authority was evident in his behavior.
- n.* the feeling that a person or thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving of scorn
11. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
- n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
12. It is _____ to talk with your mouth full at the dinner table.
- adj.* lacking good manners or courteousness; rude; showing a lack of respect for social conventions or established customs
13. We want to _____ our company through your media.
- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
14. The organization finally signed a peace _____.
- n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
 - (verb) allow to have

ANSWERS: 8. worship, 9. crisis, 10. contempt, 11. universe, 12. impolite, 13. advertise, 14. accord

15. He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the _____ of heaven or hell.
n. the state or fact of someone or something existing
16. The fairy's spell _____ the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.
v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
17. Strikes had also _____ the preceding weeks.
v. to insert punctuation marks (= comma, period, colon, etc.) in the text; to interrupt periodically
18. 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
19. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.
adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
20. It was his first _____ love.
adj. of or relating to love or a sexual relationship
21. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
22. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.
n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
23. Her excessive demands drove me _____.
adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill

ANSWERS: 15. existence, 16. enchanted, 17. punctuated, 18. mentioned, 19. calm, 20. romantic, 21. incredibly, 22. icons, 23. insane

24. 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

25. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

26. The _____ of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

27. The _____ of the argument was well-presented.

n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

28. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

29. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

30. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

31. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.

adv. at regular intervals or times

ANSWERS: 24. haphazard, 25. nightmare, 26. glaciers, 27. substance, 28. element, 29. vulnerable, 30. tragedy, 31. regularly

32. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.
adj. relating to people's feelings
33. An ethic of _____ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.
n. the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
34. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.
n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
35. He parked his car in the private _____.
n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
36. She suffered from _____ and couldn't take elevators.
n. a persistent and intense fear of enclosed or small spaces
37. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
n. a strong wish to do or achieve something
38. The car was completely _____ in the accident.
v. to press it firmly, usually with your hands or a tool, so that it becomes flat or smaller
39. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement

ANSWERS: 32. emotional, 33. individualism, 34. caste, 35. garage, 36. claustrophobia, 37. ambition, 38. crushed, 39. opposition

40. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.
adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
41. Despite the evidence, she remained a _____ in the theory of evolution.
n. a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
42. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.
adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom
43. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.
n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
44. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
45. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
46. Mozart was a musical _____.
n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
47. Is this painting _____ or forged?
adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
48. I expressed my _____ to my friend after her cat passed away.
n. the feeling of being sorry for someone who is experiencing a difficult or unpleasant situation; understanding or sharing someone else's feelings or emotions

ANSWERS: 40. secular, 41. disbeliever, 42. taboo, 43. merits, 44. nuanced, 45. suppose, 46. genius, 47. genuine, 48. sympathy

49. The parents spoke to their children in no-_____ tones.
- n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
50. The magic tricks _____ the children.
- v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
51. After much deliberation, the committee finally _____ to the workers' demands.
- v.* to agree to a request, demand, or proposal; to give in to someone's opinion or desire; to assume a position of power or authority, especially after the death or retirement of a predecessor
52. NASA sent a _____ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.
- n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
53. She is the president of a large international _____.
- n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
54. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.
- n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
55. The _____ newspaper always covers sensational stories.
- adj.* relating to a type of newspaper or journalism that focuses on sensational and often trivial stories and headlines; (noun) a type of newspaper or magazine that typically features sensational or scandalous stories and headlines, often with a focus on celebrity gossip or other entertainment news
56. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 49. nonsense, 50. fascinated, 51. acceded, 52. probe, 53. organization, 54. Sociologist, 55. tabloid, 56. threatening

57. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.
- n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
58. The spotlight gave the central figure increased _____.
- n.* particular importance or significance that is given to something
59. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
- adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
60. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
- n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
61. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.
- n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
62. 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
63. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
64. She wore a simple dress with a _____ neckline
- adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something

ANSWERS: 57. insights, 58. emphasis, 59. aft, 60. grade, 61. vision, 62. hero, 63. judgments, 64. bare

65. 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

66. The company was able to _____ with the changes in the market by introducing new products.

- v.* to deal with and overcome difficulties or problems

67. The _____ events of the war left many families torn apart.

- adj.* causing great sadness or suffering; very unfortunate

68. I will attend my college _____ tomorrow.

- n.* a social occasion or party for a group of people who have not seen each other for a long time; the act of coming together again

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

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

70. The book's _____ was full of twists and turns that kept the reader engaged.

- n.* a sequence of events that make up a story or the main theme of a literary work

71. His anti-_____ practices were quite strict.

- n.* a state of great comfort or sophistication, mainly provided by expensive and beautiful things

72. The company's latest _____ of a rival firm has dramatically expanded its market share.

- n.* the act of getting something, usually through purchase, negotiation, or effort

ANSWERS: 65. mess, 66. cope, 67. tragic, 68. reunion, 69. relief, 70. plotline, 71. luxury, 72. acquisition

73. He got a new job for the _____ of his family.

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

74. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

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

75. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

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

76. The grieving widow found _____ in reading her late husband's letters.

n. comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

77. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would _____ in sympathy if I saw that movie.

v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

78. 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

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

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

80. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

ANSWERS: 73. sake, 74. analyze, 75. random, 76. solace, 77. weep, 78. process, 79. firm, 80. angel

81. This page _____ our response planning for an emergency.

v. to describe the main facts or aspects involved in something

82. The weather turned _____.

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

83. He cast _____ glances behind her.

adj. worried and nervous

84. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

85. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

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

86. She has taken a step up in the organizational _____.

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

87. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

88. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 81. outlines, 82. nasty, 83. anxious, 84. sins, 85. suffers, 86. hierarchy, 87. statistics, 88. balance

89. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

90. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

- v.* to be all around something or somebody

91. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

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

92. The _____ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

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

93. A rainbow is a natural _____.

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

94. He lost the election by _____ votes.

- adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

95. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

- n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

96. This accident was something that happened _____.

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

ANSWERS: 89. devoted, 90. surround, 91. background, 92. notion, 93. phenomenon, 94. mere, 95. comfort, 96. necessarily

97. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

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

98. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

99. I choose a _____ death rather than a shameful life.

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

100. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.

n. a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs

101. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

102. Everyone deserves _____ regardless of their race, gender, or socioeconomic status.

n. the state or quality of being equal, especially in status, rights, and opportunities; fairness and impartiality

103. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

104. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.

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

ANSWERS: 97. ordinary, 98. unfortunately, 99. glorious, 100. fortune, 101. unfortunate, 102. equality, 103. immediately, 104. headline

105. 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

106. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

107. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

- adv.* usually; under normal conditions

108. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

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

109. He's a _____ when it comes to music and only listens to classical.

- n.* a person who believes themselves to be socially superior or of a higher class than others, often looking down on or criticizing those perceived as inferior or less cultured

110. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

111. it is _____ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

- adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

ANSWERS: 105. quoted, 106. victim, 107. normally, 108. contemplated, 109. snob, 110. define, 111. paradoxical

112. Her company soon won a _____ market share.

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

113. His _____ behavior led him to steal from the company.

adj. having or showing an intense or insatiable desire for wealth, status, power, or food

114. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

115. Ethics is a branch of _____.

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

116. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.

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

117. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

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

118. The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic _____ in their ears.

n. a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object

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

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

ANSWERS: 112. dominant, 113. greedy, 114. suicide, 115. philosophy, 116. cruel, 117. competition, 118. pegs, 119. literally

120. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

121. His grandfather was an ____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

122. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

123. The ____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

124. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

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

125. 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

126. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

127. His poem has a very significant _____.

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

ANSWERS: 120. probable, 121. odd, 122. authoritarian, 123. moth, 124. consequences, 125. encouraged, 126. talents, 127. implication

128. The company prides itself on being _____ in its hiring and promotion practices.
adj. based on the principle that the talented should be chosen and moved ahead based on their achievements
129. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.
adv. in spite of that; yet
130. The dish's _____ spicy flavor resulted from the unique blend of spices used.
adv. in a way that is distinguishable, unique, or characterized by a particular quality or feature
131. 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
132. Despite his popularity among the _____ he was unpopular with the general public.
n. a group of persons with high social status
133. My ___ always knew how to comfort me when I was feeling down.
n. a British term for "mom" or "mother"; (adjective) failing to speak or communicate when expected to do so
134. The school's _____ committee met to discuss the student's behavior.
adj. of or relating to the punishment of people who break the rules; of or relating to a specific field of academic study
135. I can't help but _____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.
v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

ANSWERS: 128. meritocratic, 129. nevertheless, 130. distinctively, 131. fraud, 132.

aristocracy, 133. mum, 134. disciplinary, 135. envy

136. The small island nation is heavily _____ on tourism as its main source of income.

adj. relying on someone or something else for support or aid

137. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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

138. She wore her favorite pair of _____ to the party.

n. a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

139. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

140. This system prevents _____ deletion of data.

adj. happening or existing by chance or unintentionally

141. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

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

142. The ___ security measures allowed the thief to enter the building easily.

adj. not strict or severe; relaxed or lenient

143. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 136. dependent, 137. economy, 138. jeans, 139. judge, 140. accidental, 141. extraordinary, 142. lax, 143. extreme

144. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
145. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.
- adj.* extremely interesting
146. The businessman was involved in a _____ scheme, receiving illegal payments in exchange for favorable contracts.
- n.* a sum of money or other payment made illegally or unlawfully to someone as a reward for facilitating or promoting a particular transaction or arrangement, especially a bribe or commission; a sudden reaction or backward motion caused by a force
147. The guard patrolled the _____ of the building.
- n.* the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something
148. She was _____ of her friend's success in the stock market.
- adj.* feeling or showing envy, which is the desire to have or possess something that belongs to someone else, often accompanied by a feeling of resentment or discontent; characterized by jealousy
149. People can clone a sheep _____.
- adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
150. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.
- adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
151. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 144. environment, 145. fascinating, 146. kickback, 147. perimeter, 148. envious, 149. nowadays, 150. chief, 151. weird

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

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

153. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

154. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

155. The _____ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

n. speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

156. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

157. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

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

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

159. The hawkish _____ gave a speech on the new bill in the Senate.

n. a member of a legislative body, especially a member of the U.S. Senate

ANSWERS: 152. rank, 153. delight, 154. deserved, 155. ridicule, 156. Essentially, 157. profession, 158. alternative, 159. senator

160. They study the _____ of the universe.

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

161. She sought _____ to understand her childhood traumas.

n. a system of psychological theory and therapy that aims to treat mental and emotional disorders by investigating the interaction of conscious and unconscious elements in the mind

162. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

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

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

164. Generally speaking, men have a shorter _____ than women.

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

165. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

166. The singer has gained international _____ for her powerful voice and emotional performances.

n. widespread recognition or fame for someone or something; the state of being highly respected or admired

167. Her _____ and pretentious behavior made it difficult for her to make friends.

n. the behavior or attitude of a person who believes they are superior to others because of their social status, wealth, or education and who looks down on those they consider inferior

ANSWERS: 160. evolution, 161. psychoanalysis, 162. strict, 163. responsible, 164. lifespan, 165. achieve, 166. renown, 167. snobbery

168. We _____ taking media training every six months.

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

169. Her research team made an important _____.

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

170. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

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. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

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

173. Police received a report of illegal _____ in the area.

n. a person who has come to a country where they were not born to live there permanently

174. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

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

175. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

ANSWERS: 168. recommend, 169. discovery, 170. crazy, 171. develop, 172. gentle, 173. immigrants, 174. sect, 175. frightening

176. The ants were busy building an _____ in the garden.

- n.* a mound or hill made by a colony of ants, often as a nest or shelter, which can vary in size and shape depending on the species of ant and the surrounding environment

177. Eye movements complicate _____ by retinal scanning.

- n.* the act or process of recognizing, proving, or designating someone or something

178. Sometimes it is challenging to _____ science and religion.

- v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

179. He is our loyal customer who should be held in high _____.

- n.* great respect and approval for or a good opinion of someone

180. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

- n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

181. He moved his body _____ to the left.

- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

182. 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.

183. He exhibited exceptional and _____ bravery.

- adj.* setting a positive example for others to follow

ANSWERS: 176. anthill, 177. identification, 178. reconcile, 179. esteem, 180. rewards, 181. slightly, 182. correlation, 183. exemplary

184. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
185. The winter snowstorm entirely engulfed the small _____.
n. a small village or settlement, often without a church
186. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
n. a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
187. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
188. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
189. _____ I know the answer to that question.
adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing
190. Some people believe that the pursuit of wealth is a _____ goal.
adj. concerned primarily with material possessions rather than spiritual or intellectual values; adhering to a philosophy that places a high value on material goods or wealth
191. The _____ beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.
adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

ANSWERS: 184. creditor, 185. hamlet, 186. emotions, 187. hopped, 188. politician, 189. Incidentally, 190. materialistic, 191. transcendent

192. She played a beautiful melody on the _____.

n. a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone;
(verb) to announce or praise loudly or publicly

193. She _____ declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

194. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

195. The company's founder was a notorious _____ who spent every waking hour building the business.

n. a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively

196. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

197. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

198. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

199. Bungee jumping was an _____ experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

adj. making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

ANSWERS: 192. trumpet, 193. politely, 194. halfway, 195. workaholic, 196. passe, 197. figs, 198. blessed, 199. exhilarating

200. Exposure to _____ in drinking water can cause serious health problems.
n. a poisonous chemical element that occurs naturally in some rocks and minerals and is sometimes used in pesticides and wood preservatives
201. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
202. He earned a _____ salary at his job.
adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
203. Many people are working together to close the gender _____.
n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
204. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
n. an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
205. The passage of the bill is _____.
adj. not probable or likely to happen
206. There are several causes of economic _____ within societies.
n. the unfairness of a society in which some people have more opportunity, money, etc. than others; (mathematics) relation between two values when they are different
207. She intends to _____ a political career.
v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 200. arsenic, 201. ancient, 202. decent, 203. gap, 204. accident, 205. unlikely, 206. inequality, 207. pursue

208. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
209. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
210. I hope to _____ in my career and live a happy life.
v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
211. She had an audition for _____ school.
n. a play in a theatre, television, or radio, or performance on a stage
212. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.
v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost
213. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
214. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
215. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.
v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
216. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 208. modern, 209. spectrum, 210. succeed, 211. drama, 212. trace, 213. excuse, 214. blind, 215. encounter, 216. spirit

217. This _____ has never been formally accepted.

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

218. She tends to _____ on small details, often losing sight of the bigger picture.

- v.* to focus one's attention or become overly obsessed with someone or something; to become mentally obsessed or preoccupied with a particular idea, thought, or image

219. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

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

220. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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

221. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.

- n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

222. He has the superpower to _____ a business opportunity.

- v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

223. As tectonic plates _____ new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

- v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

ANSWERS: 217. achievement, 218. fixate, 219. combine, 220. argue, 221. organ, 222. seize, 223. diverge,