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Session 1: Word List

pine

n. a coniferous tree of the Pinaceae family, having needles and cones and characterized by its tall and slender shape; (verb) to have a desire for something or someone who is not present

synonym: conifer, evergreen, (verb) long for

(1) **pine** needle, (2) **pine** away for him

The **pine** trees in the forest gave off a fresh and invigorating scent.

cone

n. a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end

(1) traffic **cone**, (2) ice cream **cone**

Cone-shaped cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.

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**.

hack

v. to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks

synonym : cut, chop, crack

(1) **hack** through the jungle, (2) **hack** into the program

This blog offers a variety of tips for **hacking** everyday life.

civilization

n. a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

synonym : society, culture, community

(1) **civilization** decline, (2) lost **civilization**

The rise and fall of **civilizations** can be studied through history and archaeology.

automatic

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

synonym : mechanical, robotic, intuitive

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

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

non-existent

adj. not real; not existing or having no real existence

synonym : not real, lacking, absent

(1) **non-existent** resources, (2) presently **non-existent**

The evidence for this theory is **non-existent**.

humanity

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

synonym : humankind, society, human race

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**

They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

quarter

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

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

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

foundation

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

synonym : base, support, groundwork

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

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

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym : hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

continuity

n. the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern

synonym : coherence, uninterruptedness, perseverance

(1) **continuity** plan, (2) **continuity** of service

The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's **continuity**.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
synonym : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

ambitious

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

synonym : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye
Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.

folly

n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit

synonym : absurdity, foolishness, irrationality

(1) economic **folly**, (2) act of **folly**
It was **folly** for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.

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?

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**
With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

undertaking

n. a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging

synonym : task, effort, enterprise

(1) great **undertaking**, (2) public welfare **undertaking**
Project planning for software development is never an easy **undertaking**.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
synonym : appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods

We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

tick

n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis

synonym : sound, noise, beat

(1) **tick** of the clock, (2) **tick** fever

I always put a **tick** mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.

deliberately

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
synonym : intentionally, knowingly, willfully

(1) **deliberately** amateurish, (2) commit a crime

deliberately

He **deliberately** misleads others.

eventual

adj. expected to happen at a later time; likely to occur in the future

synonym : ultimate, final, last

(1) **eventual** outcome, (2) my **eventual** retirement

The **eventual** winner of the competition was a surprise to many.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym : massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

spiral

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

synonym : coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

tower

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

synonym : building, belfry, edifice

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

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

continuous

adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

synonym : ceaseless, regular, repeated

(1) **continuous** improvement, (2) a **continuous** row of warehouses

The heavy snow has been **continuous** since last morning.

sloping

adj. having a gradually or sharply angled surface or gradient; inclined or tilted in a particular direction or manner

synonym : inclining, slanted, tilted

(1) **sloping** driveway, (2) **sloping** roof

The **sloping** hill made for a difficult hike but provided a stunning view.

ramp

n. a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

synonym : slope, incline, gradient

(1) the **ramp** of a chasm, (2) an exit **ramp**

The wheelchair user needed a **ramp** to access the building's entrance.

pathetic

adj. arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability

synonym : pitiful, miserable, sad

(1) **pathetic** attempt, (2) **pathetic** display

The team's performance was **pathetic** and left the coach feeling disappointed.

ruin

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

synonym : bankrupt, demolish, destroy

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

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

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**.

durable

adj. capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

synonym : enduring, stable, long-lasting

(1) **durable** peace, (2) **durable** materials

Our company's products are made of highly **durable** materials.

intact

adj. undamaged and complete

synonym : flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym : monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

loot

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

synonym : plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**

The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

There are **obvious** differences between the two

wine-producing regions.

desert

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

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

This region is predominantly **desert**.

mesa

n. a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata

synonym: plateau, tableland, butte

(1) **mesa** formation, (2) flat-topped **mesa**

The ancient ruins sat atop the **mesa**, overlooking the valley below.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym: mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

basin

n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

synonym: watershed, bowl

(1) inland **basin**, (2) the **basin** of the Great Salt Lake

Many of the lakes and marshes in the **basin** are mildly salty.

steep

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

synonym : sheer, precipitous, abrupt

(1) a **steep** staircase, (2) **steep** discount

The **steep** cliff made it difficult to climb.

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.

nowhere

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

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

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

interstate

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

synonym : cross-state, between states

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

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

railroad

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

synonym : railway, track, railway system

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

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

highway

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

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

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

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

bureau

n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or

information

synonym: agency, department, office

(1) **bureau** of statistics, (2) travel **bureau**

I went to the **bureau** of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym: perpendicular, upright, plumb

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

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

jay

n. a type of bird that belongs to the crow family and is known for its brightly colored feathers and loud, raucous call

synonym: magpie, crow

(1) **jay** feather, (2) blue **jay**

I often hear a **jay's** loud and distinctive call while hiking in the woods.

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.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

pole

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

synonym : rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

escarpment

n. a long, steep slope or cliff, typically separating two relatively level or more gently sloping areas, often formed by erosion or faulting

synonym : cliff, precipice, scarp

(1) **escarpment** trail, (2) narrow **escarpment**

The hikers trekked up the steep **escarpment** and reached the summit.

mount

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

synonym : climb, increase, get on

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

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

- cliff** *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
synonym : crag, escarpment, precipice
(1) a bold **cliff**, (2) **cliff** diving
He stood at the edge of the **cliff** and looked out to sea.
- dense** *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
synonym : heavy, thick, idiotic
(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests
The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.
- limestone** *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
synonym : calcareous rock, chalk
(1) sheer **limestone** cliffs, (2) **limestone** pavement
The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of **limestone**.
- formation** *n.* the way something is created naturally or the way it has been arranged
synonym : establishment, organization, creation
(1) a rock **formation**, (2) **formation** flight
Character **formation** is one of the goals of education.
- pilgrim** *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
synonym : traveler, wayfarer, sojourner
(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site
The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.
- hike** *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
synonym : walk, trek, excursion
(1) go on a **hike**, (2) a **hike** in prices

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

donor

n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

synonym : contributor, patron, supporter

(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**
His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

adviser

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

synonym : consultant, guide, expert

(1) a medical **adviser**, (2) chief **adviser**

After retiring, he continued to be an **adviser** to politicians.

expedition

n. a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

synonym : journey, trip, voyage

(1) **expedition** team, (2) a polar **expedition**

The **expedition** to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym : examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

frame

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

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

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

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

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym : experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym : enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

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.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

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

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

labyrinth

n. a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

synonym : maze, puzzle, network

(1) a **labyrinth** of relationships, (2) **labyrinthine** pathways

It was easy to get lost in the **labyrinth** of narrow alleyways in the old city.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

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

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

twilight

n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

synonym : dusk, sunset, gloaming

(1) **twilight** sky, (2) **twilight** of an era

The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at **twilight**.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym : area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

disorient

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

synonym : confuse, flummox, perplex

(1) **disorient** his audience, (2) **disorient** and wrong-foot viewers

Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might **disorient** dolphins and whales.

scared

adj. afraid or frightened

synonym : frightened, fearful, dreading

(1) **scared** all the time, (2) **scared** dog
I'm **scared** of insects.

integrate

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

synonym: mix, merge, combine

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

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

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

beacon

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

synonym: lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.

algorithm

n. a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

synonym: logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

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.

peal

v. to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound; (noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells

synonym: chime, ring, toll

(1) **peal** out above my head, (2) **peal** of laughter

The church bells **pealed** loud and clear, announcing the start of the wedding ceremony.

decibel

n. (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

synonym: dB, sound level, volume

(1) **decibel** level, (2) adjust the **decibel**

The concert reached 100 **decibels**, causing many people to cover their ears.

payoff

n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

synonym: reward, compensation, return

(1) financial **payoff**, (2) emotional **payoff**

The **payoff** for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.

climax

n. the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

synonym: finale, pinnacle, apex

(1) emotional **climax**, (2) reach a **climax**

The **climax** of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.

gradual

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

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

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

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

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym : absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

memento

n. an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir

synonym : souvenir, keepsake, reminder

(1) symbolic **memento**, (2) a small **memento**

The photo album was filled with **mementos** from their trip around the world.

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**.

drill

n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice

synonym : exercise, routine, training

(1) the **drill** hit the well, (2) fire **drill**

Several military **drill** programs have become popular methods of exercise.

norm

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

synonym : criterion, mean, standard

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

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

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.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

sacrosanct

adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence

synonym: sacred, inviolable, holy

(1) **sacrosanct** tradition, (2) **sacrosanct** belief

The tradition of the annual family reunion is **sacrosanct** and must be upheld.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

elevation

n. the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

synonym: height, altitude, rise

(1) at an **elevation** of 1000 feet, (2) **elevation** in rank

The **elevation** of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.

bristle

n. a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to

something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid

synonym : spike, prickle, hair

(1) **bristle** brush, (2) **bristle** with anger

The dog's **bristle** on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.

shrub

n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym : bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

trunk

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

synonym : body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body

Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym : carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

analyst

n. someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

synonym : reviewer, investigator, judge

(1) banking **analyst**, (2) senior research **analyst**

The **analyst** concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

handy

adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
synonym : clever, accessible, available

(1) a **handy-sized** bag, (2) **handy** tool

They found a **handy** place to play catch.

sensory

adj. of or relating to the physical senses
synonym : receptive, sensuous, neural

(1) a **sensory** organ, (2) a child with **sensory** issues

Sharks have highly developed **sensory** systems and are extremely sensitive creatures.

midst

n. the middle part of people or things
synonym : middle, core, bosom

(1) in the **midst** of the crowd, (2) in the **midst** of a scandal

He remained serene in the **midst** of turbulence.

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**.

treeline

n. (also "timberline") the uppermost boundary of a forest, beyond which trees do not readily grow or are significantly smaller in size due to factors such as climate, altitude, or soil conditions

synonym : forest edge, timberline, tree boundary

(1) **treeline** elevation, (2) just below the **treeline**

The view above the **treeline** was a vast expanse of snow and rock.

realization

n. the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible

synonym : achievement, attainment, understanding

(1) **realization** of a concept, (2) harsh **realization**

Her sudden **realization** of her mistake caused her great regret.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym : seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym : hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

principle

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

synonym : rule, creed, code

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

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

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

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

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

doll

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

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

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

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

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

beryllium

n. a light, strong, brittle metallic element with the symbol Be and atomic number 4, used in nuclear reactors, aerospace, and other high-tech applications

synonym : Be, glucinium

(1) **beryllium** ore, (2) **beryllium** alloy

The rocket's casing was made of **beryllium** for its light weight and strength.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym : charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency

Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

hell

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

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

deduct

v. to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

synonym : remove, subtract, withdraw

(1) **deduct** the interest, (2) **deduct** \$100 from the price

The bank **deducted** the premium amount from his bank account.

government

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

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

forth

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

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand
I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

tungsten

n. a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications

synonym : W, Wolfram

(1) **tungsten** carbide, (2) **tungsten** filament
Tungsten electrodes are used in welding applications due to their high melting point and conductivity

straight

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

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months
He was sick for five **straight** days.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge
They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

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.

shale

n. a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

synonym: rock, sedimentary rock

(1) **shale** rock, (2) **shale** gas

The geologist studied the **shale** layers in the rock formations to determine their age.

competent

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

synonym: skilled, able, capable

(1) **competent** authority, (2) **competent** personnel

The judge ruled that the defendant was **competent** to stand trial.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym: coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

cave

n. a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground

synonym: cavern, grotto, burrow

(1) domiciliary **caves**, (2) the mouth of the **cave**

Bats reside in sheltered **caves**.

bat

n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

synonym: cane, rod, stick

(1) **bat** cave, (2) **bat** an eye

The cave was a habitat for **bats**.

specialize

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

synonym: narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

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.

fungus

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

synonym: mold, mildew, yeast

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

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

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

timber

n. the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction

synonym: wood, lumber, logs

(1) **timber** construction, (2) standing **timber**

The house uses sturdy **timber** and has withstood many storms.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something
synonym : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

claim

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

synonym : assert, declare, maintain

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

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

productive

adj. resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value

synonym : efficient, fruitful, successful

(1) low **productive** capacity, (2) **productive** meeting

The new employee proved extremely **productive**, completing projects ahead of schedule.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
synonym : work, use, employ

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

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

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

miner

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

synonym : digger, excavator, mineworker

(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry

The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

galena

n. a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings

synonym : mineral, lead ore, sulfide

(1) **galena** crystal, (2) **galena** ore

The **galena** mineral is often used for lead extraction in mining.

bonanza

n. a situation or event in which there is a sudden and profitable discovery or success, usually related to a significant amount of wealth, resources, or opportunities; a large deposit of valuable ore or precious minerals

synonym : windfall, godsend, treasure trove

(1) shopping **bonanza**, (2) financial **bonanza**

The recent oil discovery in the region has led to an economic **bonanza** for the local community.

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

survey

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

synonym : study, examination, poll

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

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

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

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

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

pat

v. to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

synonym : tap, stroke, caress

(1) **pat** on the back, (2) **pat** a dog

She **patted** the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

synonym : provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym : allow, authorize, concede

(1) **permit** application, (2) work **permit**

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

eventually

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

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

radical

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

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

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

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

wireless

adj. of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals

synonym : cordless, radio

(1) **wireless** access, (2) **wireless** charging

The office's **wireless** network allows employees to work from anywhere in the building.

solar

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

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

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

antenna

n. an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects

synonym : feeler, receiver

(1) **antenna** of insect, (2) extend the TV **antenna**

He had a special **antenna** for public relations

bounce

v. to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back

synonym : bound, leap, spring

(1) **bounce** across the floor, (2) **bounce** back from failure

They will **bounce** between various emotional states.

meteorite

n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space

synonym : meteor, shooting star, asteroid

(1) **meteorite** impact, (2) **meteorite** shower

The **meteorite** fragments were collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis.

- trail**
- n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
- synonym* : footpath, track, course
- (1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**
- The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.
- atmosphere**
- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
- synonym* : air, ambiance, circumstances
- (1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**
- The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.
- landline**
- n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
- synonym* : fixed line, wired phone
- (1) **landline** phone, (2) **landline** connection
- We need to install a **landline** in our new office before we can start taking client calls.
- bush**
- n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
- synonym* : copse, scrub, brushwood
- (1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair
- I am going to trim this **bush** off.
- poison**
- n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
- synonym* : toxin, venom, pollutant
- (1) **poison** ivy, (2) **poison** bilateral relations

The plant's leaves contain a deadly **poison** that can cause hallucinations and seizures.

oak

n. a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

(1) the wine in giant **oak** vats, (2) old **oak** trees

Large **oak** trees cast a shadow in the garden.

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.

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.

stroll

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

synonym: amble, roam, mope

(1) **stroll** across a street, (2) **stroll** through the countryside

We could **stroll** into town if you like.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym: border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym: claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature
Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

synonym: upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

valley

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

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

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

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

juniper

n. a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones

synonym: cedar, fir, pine

(1) **juniper** berries, (2) **juniper** shrub

The scent of the **juniper** tree filled the air as we hiked through the forest.

knoll

n. a small, rounded hill or mound; a small, isolated hill rising abruptly from a plain or other surrounding area

synonym: hillock, mound, rise

(1) lush **knoll**, (2) grassy **knoll**

There was a beautiful wildflower garden on the **knoll** that attracted many visitors.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym: pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

inaccessible

adj. unable to travel to or reach; not available
synonym : inapproachable, unreachable, remote

(1) **inaccessible** to an unauthorized user, (2) **inaccessible** areas

Heavy snow made it **inaccessible** to go to the mountain village.

pickup

n. a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody

synonym : truck, cartridge

(1) **pickup** truck, (2) **pickup** and delivery service

I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our **pickup**.

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.

estimate

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

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

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

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

altitude

n. the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level

synonym : height, elevation, tallness

(1) the meridian **altitude**, (2) low **altitude**

The plane flew at a high **altitude** to avoid turbulence.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

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.

notch

n. a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison

synonym: groove, slit, incision

(1) top- **notch** service, (2) score a **notch**

The cake was decorated with a **notch** to represent the birthday boy's age.

executive

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

synonym: administrator, manager, director

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

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

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.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

ascent

n. the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards

synonym : climb, rise, hike

(1) spiritual **ascent**, (2) the **ascent** of a rocket
The hikers experienced a difficult **ascent** to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.

solo

adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone

synonym : alone

(1) a **solo** vocal recital, (2) a **solo** flight
I would love to **solo** camping someday.

crevice

n. a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall

synonym : crack, chink, slit

(1) small **crevices**, (2) peep through a **crevice**
He wedged a knife into the **crevice**

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

- slot** *n.* a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place
synonym : notch, groove, channel
(1) memory **slot**, (2) mail **slot**
I inserted the coin into the **slot** and hit the button to start the game.
- rim** *n.* the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object
synonym : boundary, lip, edge
(1) **rim** of the ear, (2) crater **rim**
The water level was even with the basin's **rim**.
- porch** *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
synonym : veranda, balcony, deck
(1) **porch** light, (2) a glass **porch**
The old rocking chair on the **porch** creaked as he sat down to read his book.
- toil** *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
synonym : struggle, labor, work hard
(1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain
The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.
- 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.

accurate

adj. correct and exact in all details

synonym : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

ray

n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

synonym : beam, light, glimmer

(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**

Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

sunshine

n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun

synonym : sunlight, daylight, rays

(1) warm **sunshine**, (2) morning **sunshine**

The **sunshine** was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.

pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym : beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

trigger

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

synonym : activate, spark, drive

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

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

reset

v. to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition

synonym : restart, reinitialize, set anew

(1) **reset** password, (2) **reset** my brain

She **reset** the computer to fix the problem.

rotation

n. the action or process of moving in a circle around an axis or center

synonym : revolution, spin, turning

(1) job **rotation**, (2) a period of **rotation**

The **rotation** of the Earth causes day and night.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

exquisite

adj. extremely beautiful and delicate

synonym : magnificent, glorious, gorgeous

(1) **exquisite** crafts, (2) a man of **exquisite** sensitivity

We can hear an **exquisite** piano melody from his room.

amble

v. to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter;
(noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise

synonym : saunter, stroll, wander

(1) **amble** along the beach, (2) morning **amble**

We decided to **amble** through the park, enjoying the warm weather and beautiful scenery.

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.

rail

n. a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

synonym : bar, beam, (verb) criticize

(1) **rail** system, (2) **rail** against his enemies

The children leaned over the bridge **rail** to watch the fish swimming below.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym : cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

herd

n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

synonym : flock, brood, horde

(1) **herd** of cattle, (2) the common **herd**

He was riding **herd** on the sheep during the day.

reintroduce

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

synonym : bring back, restore, reestablish

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

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

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a

mountain

synonym : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

infantry

n. soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers

synonym : soldiery, troops

(1) **infantry** division, (2) **infantry** training

As a member of the **infantry** platoon, he learned the value of teamwork and resilience.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

crest

n. a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot

synonym : summit, peak, pinnacle

(1) **crest** length, (2) a large textile **crest**

The surfer rode the **crest** of the wave to the shore.

conjure

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

synonym : summon, evoke, call forth

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

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

domain

n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

synonym : territory, realm, sphere

(1) **domain** of use, (2) a dependent **domain**

The company's **domain** in the market was expanding to new territories.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym : govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

shed

v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

synonym : discard, drop, cast off

(1) **shed** an old skin, (2) a cow **shed**

He **shed** a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

creek

n. a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills

synonym : brook, stream, rivulet

(1) **creek** bed, (2) a dry **creek**

The sound of the babbling **creek** provided a soothing backdrop for campers and outdoor enthusiasts.

ranch

n. a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house

synonym : farm, estate, homestead

(1) cattle **ranch**, (2) dude **ranch**

The cowboys rode their horses through the dusty trails of the **ranch**.

string

n. long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads

synonym : line, wire, rope

(1) retie the **string** and make it strong, (2) tense piano **strings**

She wore a **string** of pearls around her neck.

artesian

adj. relating to a well in which water rises naturally to the surface due to internal pressures, without the need for pumping; pertaining to underground water sources

synonym : spring, well, groundwater

(1) **artesian** basin, (2) **artesian** spring

The region is known for its natural **artesian** wells, providing a constant flow of fresh water.

alfalfa

n. a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient

synonym : lucerne

(1) **alfalfa** sprouts, (2) **alfalfa** hay

The farmer grew a field of **alfalfa** to use as feed for his animals.

cattle

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

synonym : cows, herd, oxen

(1) **cattle** barn, (2) **cattle** hide

The **cattle** are on the grassland and grazing.

idyllic

adj. pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

synonym : picturesque, pastoral, scenic

(1) **idyllic** setting, (2) **idyllic** vacation

The village was known for its **idyllic** way of life and picturesque scenery.

rocky

adj. full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

synonym : stony, boulder-strewn, rough

(1) **rocky** terrain, (2) **rocky** relationship
The **rocky** road made it difficult to drive on.

scheme

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

synonym: strategy, blueprint, plan

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

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

emerge

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

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym: nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

allotment

n. a portion or share of something that is divided and designated for a particular person or purpose; a plot of land, typically used for gardening or farming, that is divided into separate areas for individual cultivation

synonym: assignment, allocation, portion

(1) **allotment** holder, (2) time **allotment**

I was given a small garden **allotment** where I could grow my vegetables.

restore

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

synonym: fix, mend, reestablish

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

The military regime has promised to **restore** democracy as

soon as possible.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym : expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population
His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym : deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea
My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

synonym : dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

rough

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

synonym : inelegant, coarse, barbarian

(1) **rough** and tough, (2) **rough** estimation

The vehicle bounced along the **rough** mountain road.

refined

adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

synonym : cultured, purified, tasteful

(1) adopt a **refined** attitude, (2) a lot of **refined** sugar

She was highly **refined** in her choice of apparel.

polish

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

synonym: shine, buff, gloss

(1) **polish** finishing, (2) surface **polish**

I used a special **polish** to make my car's paint shine.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

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.

evocation

n. the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled

synonym: summoning, calling, eliciting

(1) **evocation** of memories, (2) poetic **evocation**

The novel's vivid descriptions created an **evocation** of the bustling streets of a major city.

structure

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

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

straightforward.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym: acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value
We would **appreciate** an early reply.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

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

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

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth

The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

feat *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit
(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment
It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

blend *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
synonym: combine, mix, intermingle
(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream
The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a h__e in prices | <i>n.</i> a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost |
| 2. coast-to-coast ra____ad | <i>n.</i> metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization |
| 3. a large textile cr__t | <i>n.</i> a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot |
| 4. a medical ad____r | <i>n.</i> a person who gives advice about a particular subject |
| 5. es____te this chicken to weigh three pounds | <i>v.</i> to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something |
| 6. st____ng water | <i>adj.</i> existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation |
| 7. ev____on of memories | <i>n.</i> the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled |
| 8. grassy kn__l | <i>n.</i> a small, rounded hill or mound; a small, isolated hill rising abruptly from a plain or other surrounding area |
| 9. pro____ve meeting | <i>adj.</i> resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value |

ANSWERS: 1. hike, 2. railroad, 3. crest, 4. adviser, 5. estimate, 6. standing, 7. evocation, 8. knoll, 9. productive

10. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
11. in_____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
12. ve_____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
13. adjust the de_____l *n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
14. a rock fo_____on *n.* the way something is created naturally or the way it has been arranged
15. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
16. 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
17. co_____nt authority *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
18. te_____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
19. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 10. survey, 11. integrate, 12. vertical, 13. decibel, 14. formation, 15. transition, 16. background, 17. competent, 18. temporary, 19. bunch

20. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
21. lost civ_____ion *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
22. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
23. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
24. in the mi__t of the crowd *n.* the middle part of people or things
25. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
26. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
27. ac_____te measurements *adj.* correct and exact in all details
28. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
29. 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: 20. prototype, 21. civilization, 22. shore, 23. barrier, 24. midst, 25. underneath, 26. incredibly, 27. accurate, 28. appreciate, 29. quote

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| 30. p__l of laughter | <i>v.</i> to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound; (noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells |
| 31. op_____e 24 hours a day | <i>v.</i> to work in a particular way; to supervise something |
| 32. his conclusion was ob_____s | <i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand |
| 33. st___l across a street | <i>v.</i> to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim |
| 34. or___n of information | <i>n.</i> the first existence or beginning of something |
| 35. z__e defense | <i>n.</i> a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way |
| 36. sc___d all the time | <i>adj.</i> afraid or frightened |
| 37. ha__y tool | <i>adj.</i> valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use |
| 38. a man of ex_____te sensitivity | <i>adj.</i> extremely beautiful and delicate |
| 39. co_____t car | <i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract |
| 40. poetic ev_____on | <i>n.</i> the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled |
| 41. morning su_____ne | <i>n.</i> the direct light and heat that comes from the sun |
| 42. an exit r__p | <i>n.</i> a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods |

ANSWERS: 30. peal, 31. operate, 32. obvious, 33. stroll, 34. origin, 35. zone, 36. scared, 37. handy, 38. exquisite, 39. concept, 40. evocation, 41. sunshine, 42. ramp

43. cattle ra__h *n.* a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house
44. a truncated py____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
45. ca____n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
46. a small me____o *n.* an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir
47. pi____p and delivery service *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
48. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
49. do____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
50. el____on in rank *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward

ANSWERS: 43. ranch, 44. pyramid, 45. canyon, 46. memento, 47. pickup, 48. decision, 49. dominate, 50. elevation

51. r__n the reputation *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
52. ev____al outcome *adj.* expected to happen at a later time; likely to occur in the future
53. po___n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
54. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
55. lo_____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
56. infant in_____or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
57. a man of pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
58. a te_____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long

ANSWERS: 51. ruin, 52. eventual, 53. poison, 54. hell, 55. longevity, 56. incubator, 57. property, 58. temporary

59. sheer li_____ne cliffs *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
60. es_____te a fair value *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
61. am___e along the beach *v.* to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise
62. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
63. em_____al health *adj.* relating to people's feelings
64. the common h___d *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
65. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
66. bu___u of statistics *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
67. em_____al distress *adj.* relating to people's feelings
68. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
69. gastronomic ad_____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

ANSWERS: 59. limestone, 60. estimate, 61. amble, 62. vertical, 63. emotional, 64. herd, 65. nation, 66. bureau, 67. emotional, 68. explore, 69. adventure

70. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
71. at an el_____on of 1000 feet *n.* the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
72. sc____t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
73. de____t \$100 from the price *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
74. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
75. a st__p staircase *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
76. rea_____on of a concept *n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible
77. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
78. sp____l staircase *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
79. r__l against his enemies *n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
80. t__l up the mountain *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time

ANSWERS: 70. vulnerable, 71. elevation, 72. sculpt, 73. deduct, 74. millennium, 75. steep, 76. realization, 77. myth, 78. spiral, 79. rail, 80. toil

81. tu____en filament *n.* a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications
82. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
83. a handle of h__n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
84. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
85. tr_____r a biochemical response *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
86. mi__r industry *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
87. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
88. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

ANSWERS: 81. tungsten, 82. absolutely, 83. horn, 84. monumental, 85. trigger, 86. miner, 87. tower, 88. invisible

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| 89. public welfare und_____ng | <i>n.</i> a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging |
| 90. opaque to X-r_ys | <i>n.</i> a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy |
| 91. spe_____ar view | <i>adj.</i> striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement |
| 92. pu__e waves | <i>n.</i> the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves |
| 93. cultural n__m | <i>n.</i> something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard |
| 94. shopping re___ds cards | <i>n.</i> a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc. |
| 95. top-no__h service | <i>n.</i> a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison |
| 96. b_t an eye | <i>n.</i> a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis |
| 97. the tr__k of the body | <i>n.</i> the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow |
| 98. plastic d__l | <i>n.</i> a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive |

ANSWERS: 89. undertaking, 90. ray, 91. spectacular, 92. pulse, 93. norm, 94. reward, 95. notch, 96. bat, 97. trunk, 98. doll

99. di_____nt and wrong-foot viewers *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
100. ex_____te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
101. follow the tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
102. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
103. lo_____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
104. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
105. cr__k bed *n.* a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills
106. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
107. ga____a ore *n.* a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings
108. a la_____th of relationships *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

ANSWERS: 99. disorient, 100. excavate, 101. trail, 102. origin, 103. longevity, 104. feat, 105. creek, 106. norm, 107. galena, 108. labyrinth

109. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
110. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
111. no_____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
112. memory s__t *n.* a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place
113. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
114. 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
115. dude ra__h *n.* a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house
116. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
117. harsh rea_____on *n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible
118. a bold cl__f *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

ANSWERS: 109. highlight, 110. territory, 111. nowhere, 112. slot, 113. underneath, 114. quote, 115. ranch, 116. determinant, 117. realization, 118. cliff

119. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
120. half-a__e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
121. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
122. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
123. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
124. time al_____nt *n.* a portion or share of something that is divided and designated for a particular person or purpose; a plot of land, typically used for gardening or farming, that is divided into separate areas for individual cultivation
125. ar_____an basin *adj.* relating to a well in which water rises naturally to the surface due to internal pressures, without the need for pumping; pertaining to underground water sources
126. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
127. 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

ANSWERS: 119. architecture, 120. acre, 121. decide, 122. possibility, 123. nonprofit, 124. allotment, 125. artesian, 126. element, 127. process

128. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
129. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
130. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
131. ra_____ad industry *n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
132. score a no__h *n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
133. domiciliary c__es *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
134. vo_____o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
135. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
136. the wine in giant o_k vats *n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

ANSWERS: 128. principle, 129. possibility, 130. encounter, 131. railroad, 132. notch, 133. cave, 134. volcano, 135. military, 136. oak

137. in____ry training *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
138. travel bu____u *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
139. m__a formation *n.* a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
140. a s__o flight *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
141. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
142. job ro____on *n.* the action or process of moving in a circle around an axis or center
143. ca____e barn *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
144. tense piano st____gs *n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
145. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
146. a gas ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
147. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

ANSWERS: 137. infantry, 138. bureau, 139. mesa, 140. solo, 141. strip, 142. rotation, 143. cattle, 144. string, 145. straight, 146. chamber, 147. collapse

148. ex_____te crafts *adj.* extremely beautiful and delicate
149. la_____thine pathways *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
150. business ho_____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
151. ar_____an spring *adj.* relating to a well in which water rises naturally to the surface due to internal pressures, without the need for pumping; pertaining to underground water sources
152. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
153. h__d of cattle *n.* a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock
154. po___h finishing *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
155. cr__t length *n.* a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot
156. environmental ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
157. twisty ca___n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 148. exquisite, 149. labyrinth, 150. horizon, 151. artesian, 152. structure, 153. herd, 154. polish, 155. crest, 156. adversity, 157. canyon

158. st___l through the countryside *v.* to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim
159. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
160. ca___e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
161. int_____te travel *adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
162. an a___e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
163. ju_____r berries *n.* a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones
164. war l__t *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
165. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 158. stroll, 159. government, 160. cattle, 161. interstate, 162. acre, 163. juniper, 164. loot, 165. executive

166. al_____hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
167. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
168. extend the TV an_____a *n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
169. h__k through the jungle *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
170. the meridian al_____de *n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level
171. shopping bo_____a *n.* a situation or event in which there is a sudden and profitable discovery or success, usually related to a significant amount of wealth, resources, or opportunities; a large deposit of valuable ore or precious minerals
172. di_____nt his audience *v.* to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go
173. ina_____ble areas *adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available
174. li_____ne pavement *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

ANSWERS: 166. algorithm, 167. doll, 168. antenna, 169. hack, 170. altitude, 171. bonanza, 172. disorient, 173. inaccessible, 174. limestone

175. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
176. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
177. me_____te impact *n.* a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space
178. ti____r construction *n.* the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
179. a period of ro_____on *n.* the action or process of moving in a circle around an axis or center
180. be_____um alloy *n.* a light, strong, brittle metallic element with the symbol Be and atomic number 4, used in nuclear reactors, aerospace, and other high-tech applications
181. de____e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
182. the so____r system *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
183. nutrient-de____e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

ANSWERS: 175. military, 176. executive, 177. meteorite, 178. timber, 179. rotation, 180. beryllium, 181. degree, 182. solar, 183. dense

184. br____e brush *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
185. morning am__e *v.* to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise
186. wi____ss access *adj.* of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals
187. rei____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
188. an____a of insect *n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
189. non____ent resources *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
190. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
191. presently non____ent *adj.* not real; not existing or having no real existence
192. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
193. abs____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 184. bristle, 185. amble, 186. wireless, 187. reintroduce, 188. antenna, 189. non-existent, 190. obvious, 191. non-existent, 192. sight, 193. absolutely

194. lowland me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
195. 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
196. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
197. t__k fever *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
198. al_____nt holder *n.* a portion or share of something that is divided and designated for a particular person or purpose; a plot of land, typically used for gardening or farming, that is divided into separate areas for individual cultivation
199. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
200. wi_____ss charging *adj.* of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals
201. fu___s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 194. meadow, 195. discovery, 196. decision, 197. tick, 198. allotment, 199. spectacular, 200. wireless, 201. fungus

202. co____e evil spirits away *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
203. be_____um ore *n.* a light, strong, brittle metallic element with the symbol Be and atomic number 4, used in nuclear reactors, aerospace, and other high-tech applications
204. l__t the ship *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
205. a cow s__d *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
206. a s__o vocal recital *adv.* without anybody else or anything else; alone
207. st__p discount *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
208. sac_____ct belief *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
209. chief ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
210. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
211. de___t the interest *v.* to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total
212. a fishing p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something

ANSWERS: 202. conjure, 203. beryllium, 204. loot, 205. shed, 206. solo, 207. steep, 208. sacrosanct, 209. adviser, 210. feat, 211. deduct, 212. pole

213. re_____e the emperor to the throne	<i>v.</i>	to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
214. me_____te shower	<i>n.</i>	a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space
215. in____t brain	<i>adj.</i>	undamaged and complete
216. the st_____re of a machine	<i>n.</i>	the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
217. eve_____ly become obsolete	<i>adv.</i>	finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
218. symbolic me_____o	<i>n.</i>	an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir
219. a ra_____l cure	<i>adj.</i>	relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
220. ex_____e our options	<i>v.</i>	to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
221. a good grounding in mat_____cs	<i>n.</i>	the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
222. a scientific di_____ry	<i>n.</i>	the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 213. restore, 214. meteorite, 215. intact, 216. structure, 217. eventually, 218. memento, 219. radical, 220. explore, 221. mathematics, 222. discovery

223. false cl__m	<i>v.</i> to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
224. al____a hay	<i>n.</i> a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient
225. decision-making pr____s	<i>n.</i> 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
226. ass____te into society	<i>v.</i> to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
227. ina____ble to an unauthorized user	<i>adj.</i> unable to travel to or reach; not available
228. peep through a cr____e	<i>n.</i> a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
229. am____g advances	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
230. tw____ht of an era	<i>n.</i> the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

ANSWERS: 223. claim, 224. alfalfa, 225. process, 226. assimilate, 227. inaccessible, 228. crevice, 229. amazing, 230. twilight

231. so__d employment measures	<i>adj.</i> hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
232. de____l level	<i>n.</i> (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
233. spe_____ze in child care	<i>v.</i> to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
234. po__h light	<i>n.</i> a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
235. h_p from one place to another	<i>v.</i> 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.
236. b_t cave	<i>n.</i> a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
237. the fr__e of the policy	<i>n.</i> a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
238. a bu__h of trees	<i>n.</i> a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
239. commit a crime del_____ely	<i>adv.</i> done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
240. app_____te her feedback	<i>v.</i> to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

ANSWERS: 231. solid, 232. decibel, 233. specialize, 234. porch, 235. hop, 236. bat, 237. frame, 238. bunch, 239. deliberately, 240. appreciate

241. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
242. an aerial be___n *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
243. t__l to make a living *v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
244. a weak pu__e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
245. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
246. de_____us breeze *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
247. adopt a re_____d attitude *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
248. con_____ty of service *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
249. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
250. co_____e a vision *v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination

ANSWERS: 241. invisible, 242. beacon, 243. toil, 244. pulse, 245. gradual, 246. delicious, 247. refined, 248. continuity, 249. barrier, 250. conjure

251. active vo_____o
- n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
252. graze in the me_____w
- n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
253. learn new co_____ts
- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
254. mi__r strike
- n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
255. fou_____on course
- n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
256. ready to co_____se
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
257. r__l system
- n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly
258. a polar exp_____on
- n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
259. low al_____de
- n.* the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level

ANSWERS: 251. volcano, 252. meadow, 253. concept, 254. miner, 255. foundation, 256. collapse, 257. rail, 258. expedition, 259. altitude

260. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
261. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
262. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
263. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
264. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
265. la_____ne connection *n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
266. act of fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
267. with an am_____us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

ANSWERS: 260. investigate, 261. eventually, 262. claim, 263. degree, 264. core, 265. landline, 266. folly, 267. ambitious

268. s__d an old skin
v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
269. get inc_____ly insecure
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
270. dull si__t
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
271. sc_____h off a name
v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
272. in a ge___e voice
adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
273. de__e forests
adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
274. pe___t application
v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization
275. the re___d for good works
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
276. va___y bottom
n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
277. p__e away for him
n. a coniferous tree of the Pinaceae family, having needles and cones and characterized by its tall and slender shape; (verb) to have a desire for something or someone who is not present

ANSWERS: 268. shed, 269. incredibly, 270. sight, 271. scratch, 272. gentle, 273. dense, 274. permit, 275. reward, 276. valley, 277. pine

278. the lower ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
279. a gr____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
280. ju____r shrub *n.* a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones
281. re__t password *v.* to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition
282. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
283. ass____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
284. effect of cosmic r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
285. a lot of re____d sugar *adj.* made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing
286. business in____or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
287. inv____te the matter *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

ANSWERS: 278. chamber, 279. gradual, 280. juniper, 281. reset, 282. solid, 283. assimilate, 284. ray, 285. refined, 286. incubator, 287. investigate

288. go on a h__e *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
289. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
290. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
291. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
292. the event ho_____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
293. provide ac_____te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
294. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
295. the RSA al_____hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
296. in_____ry division *n.* soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers
297. mo__t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

ANSWERS: 288. hike, 289. underground, 290. mount, 291. nation, 292. horizon, 293. accurate, 294. emerge, 295. algorithm, 296. infantry, 297. mount

298. the as___t of a rocket *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
299. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
300. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
301. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
302. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
303. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
304. r_m of the ear *n.* the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object
305. financial pa____f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
306. ro__y relationship *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
307. re__t my brain *v.* to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition
308. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances

ANSWERS: 298. ascent, 299. atmosphere, 300. forth, 301. transition, 302. nonprofit, 303. quarter, 304. rim, 305. payoff, 306. rocky, 307. reset, 308. blend

309. standing ti___r *n.* the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
310. just below the tr____ne *n.* (also "timberline") the uppermost boundary of a forest, beyond which trees do not readily grow or are significantly smaller in size due to factors such as climate, altitude, or soil conditions
311. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
312. bo___e across the floor *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
313. c___e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
314. sw___l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
315. pa____ic attempt *adj.* arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability
316. in the mi__t of a scandal *n.* the middle part of people or things
317. fo_____on flight *n.* the way something is created naturally or the way it has been arranged
318. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
319. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something

ANSWERS: 309. timber, 310. treeline, 311. probable, 312. bounce, 313. core, 314. swell, 315. pathetic, 316. midst, 317. formation, 318. determinant, 319. operate

320. p__e needle *n.* a coniferous tree of the Pinaceae family, having needles and cones and characterized by its tall and slender shape; (verb) to have a desire for something or someone who is not present
321. shrine for pi_____ms *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
322. pa_____ic display *adj.* arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability
323. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
324. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
325. p_t on the back *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively
326. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
327. draw out a sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
328. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
329. ex_____te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

ANSWERS: 320. pine, 321. pilgrim, 322. pathetic, 323. delicious, 324. graze, 325. pat, 326. swell, 327. scheme, 328. reintroduce, 329. excavate

330. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
331. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
332. the ba__n of the Great Salt Lake *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
333. cl__f diving *n.* a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river
334. in___t forestland *adj.* undamaged and complete
335. small sh__b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
336. the tr__k of the tree *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
337. ice cream c__e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
338. 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
339. tree and sh__bs *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
340. do___n of use *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

ANSWERS: 330. valley, 331. property, 332. basin, 333. cliff, 334. intact, 335. shrub, 336. trunk, 337. cone, 338. background, 339. shrub, 340. domain

341. senior research an_____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
342. a se_____y organ *adj.* of or relating to the physical senses
343. re_____e order *v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
344. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
345. my ev_____al retirement *adj.* expected to happen at a later time; likely to occur in the future
346. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
347. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
348. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
349. hu_____ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
350. sac_____ct tradition *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
351. ga____a crystal *n.* a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings

ANSWERS: 341. analyst, 342. sensory, 343. restore, 344. desert, 345. eventual, 346. tower, 347. recognize, 348. government, 349. humanity, 350. sacrosanct, 351. galena

352. a pilot sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
353. sc____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
354. the r__p of a chasm *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
355. exp_____on team *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
356. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
357. a warm tr__l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
358. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
359. br_____e with anger *n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
360. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
361. tr_____ne elevation *n.* (also "timberline") the uppermost boundary of a forest, beyond which trees do not readily grow or are significantly smaller in size due to factors such as climate, altitude, or soil conditions

ANSWERS: 352. scheme, 353. scratch, 354. ramp, 355. expedition, 356. probable, 357. trail, 358. grand, 359. bristle, 360. straight, 361. treeline

362. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
363. a glass po__h *n.* a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
364. int_____te disputes *adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
365. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
366. pi___p truck *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
367. au_____ic operation *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control
368. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
369. reach a cl___x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance

ANSWERS: 362. underground, 363. porch, 364. interstate, 365. frame, 366. pickup, 367. automatic, 368. encounter, 369. climax

370. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
371. r__n the plan *v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
372. sp___l design *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
373. financial bo_____a *n.* a situation or event in which there is a sudden and profitable discovery or success, usually related to a significant amount of wealth, resources, or opportunities; a large deposit of valuable ore or precious minerals
374. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
375. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
376. ha_____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
377. an or_____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
378. a con_____us row of warehouses *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
379. sl_____g roof *adj.* having a gradually or sharply angled surface or gradient; inclined or tilted in a particular direction or manner
380. p_t a dog *v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

ANSWERS: 370. blend, 371. ruin, 372. spiral, 373. bonanza, 374. gentle, 375. emerge, 376. halfway, 377. ordinary, 378. continuous, 379. sloping, 380. pat

381. the plus p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
382. narrow esc_____nt *n.* a long, steep slope or cliff, typically separating two relatively level or more gently sloping areas, often formed by erosion or faulting
383. j_y feather *n.* a type of bird that belongs to the crow family and is known for its brightly colored feathers and loud, raucous call
384. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
385. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
386. du_____e materials *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
387. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
388. id_____c vacation *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

ANSWERS: 381. pole, 382. escarpment, 383. jay, 384. foundation, 385. bush, 386. durable, 387. bush, 388. idyllic

389. ha____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
390. a so__r eclipse *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
391. emotional pa____f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
392. p__l out above my head *v.* to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound; (noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells
393. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
394. esc____nt trail *n.* a long, steep slope or cliff, typically separating two relatively level or more gently sloping areas, often formed by erosion or faulting
395. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
396. spiritual as____t *n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
397. tr____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function
398. id____c setting *adj.* pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

ANSWERS: 389. halfway, 390. solar, 391. payoff, 392. peal, 393. surround, 394. escarpment, 395. suppose, 396. ascent, 397. trigger, 398. idyllic

399. civ_____ion decline *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
400. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
401. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
402. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
403. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
404. a ha__y-sized bag *adj.* valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
405. warm su_____ne *n.* the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
406. spe_____ze in market research *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
407. h__k into the program *v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
408. the au_____ic shrinking of the pupils *adj.* able to work or operate with little or no direct human control; independent of external control

ANSWERS: 399. civilization, 400. standing, 401. embark, 402. peak, 403. mathematics, 404. handy, 405. sunshine, 406. specialize, 407. hack, 408. automatic

409. du____e peace *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
410. po____n bilateral relations *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
411. surface po____h *n.* a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface
412. al____a sprouts *n.* a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient
413. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
414. or____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
415. co____nt personnel *adj.* having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
416. a dependent do____n *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

ANSWERS: 409. durable, 410. poison, 411. polish, 412. alfalfa, 413. peak, 414. ordinary, 415. competent, 416. domain

417. achieve am_____us goals *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
418. great und_____ng *n.* a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging
419. be___n of hope *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
420. gr___e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
421. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
422. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
423. run like h___l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
424. sc___d dog *adj.* afraid or frightened
425. blue j_y *n.* a type of bird that belongs to the crow family and is known for its brightly colored feathers and loud, raucous call
426. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 417. ambitious, 418. undertaking, 419. beacon, 420. graze, 421. integrate, 422. atmosphere, 423. hell, 424. scared, 425. jay, 426. principle

427. a stone wall su____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
428. pi____m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
429. low pro____ve capacity *adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
430. inland ba__n *n.* a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids
431. de____t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
432. nonmetallic el____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
433. re____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
434. 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
435. crater r_m *n.* the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object

ANSWERS: 427. surround, 428. pilgrim, 429. productive, 430. basin, 431. desert, 432. element, 433. recognize, 434. develop, 435. rim

436. banking an____t *n.* someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it
437. traffic c__e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
438. sh__e gas *n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel
439. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
440. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
441. del_____ely amateurish *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
442. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
443. con_____us improvement *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
444. bo___e back from failure *v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
445. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

ANSWERS: 436. analyst, 437. cone, 438. shale, 439. strip, 440. highlight, 441. deliberately, 442. myth, 443. continuous, 444. bounce, 445. shore

446. arc_____ure design	<i>n.</i> the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
447. the pr_____nd depths of the sea	<i>adj.</i> extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
448. a child with se_____y issues	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the physical senses
449. on a qu__t for happiness	<i>n.</i> a long or challenging search for something
450. do_____te over the weak	<i>v.</i> to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
451. vul_____le parts of the body	<i>adj.</i> capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
452. mass of hu_____ty	<i>n.</i> all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
453. an unnamed do__r	<i>n.</i> a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
454. small cr_____es	<i>n.</i> a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
455. flat-topped m__a	<i>n.</i> a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
456. a ra_____l flaw in the plan	<i>adj.</i> relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
457. work pe____t	<i>v.</i> to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

ANSWERS: 446. architecture, 447. profound, 448. sensory, 449. quest, 450. dominate, 451. vulnerable, 452. humanity, 453. donor, 454. crevice, 455. mesa, 456. radical, 457. permit

458. old o_k trees	<i>n.</i>	a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
459. te_____ry in charge	<i>n.</i>	an area under the control of a ruler or state
460. past mil_____um	<i>n.</i>	a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
461. retie the st___g and make it strong	<i>n.</i>	long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
462. mon_____al sculpture	<i>adj.</i>	great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
463. a dry cr__k	<i>n.</i>	a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills
464. fire dr__l	<i>n.</i>	a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
465. h_p on one foot	<i>v.</i>	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.
466. sc___t prototype	<i>v.</i>	to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
467. ro__h estimation	<i>adj.</i>	not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
468. em___k on a trip	<i>v.</i>	to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

ANSWERS: 458. oak, 459. territory, 460. millennium, 461. string, 462. monumental, 463. creek, 464. drill, 465. hop, 466. sculpt, 467. rough, 468. embark

469. t__k of the clock *n.* a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis
470. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
471. con_____ty plan *n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
472. la_____ne phone *n.* (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
473. the common but nu_____d opinion *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
474. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
475. tu_____en carbide *n.* a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications
476. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 469. tick, 470. decide, 471. continuity, 472. landline, 473. nuanced, 474. prototype, 475. tungsten, 476. weird

477. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
478. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
479. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
480. a qu_____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
481. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
482. mail s__t *n.* a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place
483. economic fo__y *n.* a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
484. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
485. the mouth of the c__e *n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
486. symbiotic fu____s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 477. adventure, 478. quest, 479. zone, 480. quarter, 481. survey, 482. slot, 483. folly, 484. suppose, 485. cave, 486. fungus

487. sh__e rock *n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel
488. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
489. a transfusion of do__r blood *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
490. the dr__l hit the well *n.* a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
491. tw____ht sky *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
492. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
493. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
494. hi____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

ANSWERS: 487. shale, 488. amazing, 489. donor, 490. drill, 491. twilight, 492. forth, 493. develop, 494. highway

495. py____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
496. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
497. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
498. a pr____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
499. emotional cl____x *n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
500. an interstate hi____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
501. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
502. sl____g driveway *adj.* having a gradually or sharply angled surface or gradient; inclined or tilted in a particular direction or manner
503. h__n of a vehicle *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

ANSWERS: 495. pyramid, 496. weird, 497. nowhere, 498. profound, 499. climax, 500. highway, 501. grand, 502. sloping, 503. horn

504. ro__y terrain *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
505. lush kn__l *n.* a small, rounded hill or mound; a small, isolated hill rising abruptly from a plain or other surrounding area
506. struggling with ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
507. ro__h and tough *adj.* not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface
508. nu_____d view *adj.* characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.

ANSWERS: 504. rocky, 505. knoll, 506. adversity, 507. rough, 508. nuanced

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.
n. a fundamental or essential part of something
2. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
3. The water level was even with the basin's _____.
n. the edge of something in the shape of a more or less circular object
4. The surfer rode the _____ of the wave to the shore.
n. a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot
5. The bandits _____ the small town, leaving it in ruins.
v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
6. The _____ cliff made it difficult to climb.
adj. having a sharp inclination or slope
7. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
8. I always put a _____ mark next to the items on my grocery list after buying them.
n. a light, sharp, repetitive sound or action; a mark indicating that something is correct or has been done; any of two families of small parasitic arachnids with barbed proboscis

ANSWERS: 1. element, 2. swelling, 3. rim, 4. crest, 5. looted, 6. steep, 7. underground, 8. tick

9. The _____ to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.
n. a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
10. I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our _____.
n. a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
11. The group of _____ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.
n. a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
12. The _____ of water is called ice.
adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
13. The heavy snow has been _____ since last morning.
adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
14. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.
adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
15. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
16. The cake was decorated with a _____ to represent the birthday boy's age.
n. a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
17. The incident _____ a political controversy.
v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

ANSWERS: 9. expedition, 10. pickup, 11. pilgrims, 12. solid-state, 13. continuous, 14. nowhere, 15. government, 16. notch, 17. triggered

18. After retiring, he continued to be an _____ to politicians.
n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject
19. The old rocking chair on the _____ creaked as he sat down to read his book.
n. a covered entrance to a building, typically one leading to the front door and extending outwards
20. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
21. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
22. I was given a small garden _____ where I could grow my vegetables.
n. a portion or share of something that is divided and designated for a particular person or purpose; a plot of land, typically used for gardening or farming, that is divided into separate areas for individual cultivation
23. I would love to _____ camping someday.
adv. without anybody else or anything else; alone
24. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
25. The team's performance was _____ and left the coach feeling disappointed.
adj. arousing pity, sorrow, or compassion; expressing or evoking sadness, weakness, or inadequacy; inadequate or inferior in quality or ability

ANSWERS: 18. adviser, 19. porch, 20. recognize, 21. surround, 22. allotment, 23. solo, 24. radical, 25. pathetic

26. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.
adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
27. The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of _____.
n. a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
28. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a _____ pattern.
n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
29. The immigrant struggled to _____ into the new culture.
v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
30. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
31. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
32. The _____ concert was packed with fans.
adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
33. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.
adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see
34. Many of the lakes and marshes in the _____ are mildly salty.
n. a natural depression or valley that is circular or oval on the surface of the earth, especially one that has water in it; a container with a bowl form that is typically used to hold food or liquids

ANSWERS: 26. gradual, 27. limestone, 28. spiral, 29. assimilate, 30. zone, 31. norms, 32. standing, 33. invisible, 34. basin

35. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.
- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
36. He had a special _____ for public relations
- n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
37. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.
- n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
38. He wedged a knife into the _____
- n.* a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
39. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
40. She wore a _____ of pearls around her neck.
- n.* long, thin material used for tying things together, composed of several twisted threads
41. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
42. The archaeologists _____ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.
- v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

ANSWERS: 35. bunch, 36. antenna, 37. Canyon, 38. crevice, 39. nation, 40. string, 41. fungus, 42. excavated

43. The sudden departure of the team leader disrupted the project's _____.
- n.* the state or quality of being continuous, uninterrupted, or consistent; the maintenance of a connection, sequence, or pattern
44. The new employee proved extremely _____ completing projects ahead of schedule.
- adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
45. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.
- n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
46. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
47. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.
- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
48. The restaurant has chefs who _____ in beef.
- v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
49. The scent of the _____ tree filled the air as we hiked through the forest.
- n.* a type of evergreen shrub or small tree belonging to the cypress family, typically characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing small, berry-like cones

ANSWERS: 43. continuity, 44. productive, 45. horns, 46. decide, 47. pulse, 48. specialize, 49. juniper

50. I used a special _____ to make my car's paint shine.

n. a substance used to smooth or shine a surface; the act of smoothing or shining a surface

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

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

52. Character _____ is one of the goals of education.

n. the way something is created naturally or the way it has been arranged

53. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

54. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

55. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

56. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.

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

57. He stood at the edge of the _____ and looked out to sea.

n. a steep rock face, especially one at the edge of the sea or a river

ANSWERS: 50. polish, 51. Solar, 52. formation, 53. trunk, 54. peak, 55. spectacular, 56. tower, 57. cliff

58. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

59. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

60. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

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

61. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

62. The _____ are on the grassland and grazing.

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

63. The plane flew at a high _____ to avoid turbulence.

n. the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level

64. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

65. Human _____ responses vary widely depending on the society to which they belong.

adj. relating to people's feelings

ANSWERS: 58. temporary, 59. monumental, 60. mounted, 61. graze, 62. cattle, 63. altitude, 64. property, 65. emotional

66. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.
- n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
67. The military regime has promised to _____ democracy as soon as possible.
- v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
68. The dog's _____ on its back stood up as it growled at the mailman.
- n.* a stiff, short hair on a mammal's skin or a natural or artificial brush; a stiff, sharp point on a plant such as a thorn or a prickle; (verb) to react defensively to something; to stand up stiffly and be rigid
69. This region is predominantly _____.
- n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
70. 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
71. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.
- v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
72. The church bells _____ loud and clear, announcing the start of the wedding ceremony.
- v.* to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound; (noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells

ANSWERS: 66. quarter, 67. restore, 68. bristle, 69. desert, 70. process, 71. strip, 72. pealed

73. The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at _____.
- n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
74. They will _____ between various emotional states.
- v.* to cause to move up or away after hitting a surface; to spring back
75. The hikers experienced a difficult _____ to the summit due to the steep and rocky terrain.
- n.* the act of climbing or moving upwards, often referring to a physical ascent of a mountain or a spiritual ascent or improvement; an upward movement; the process of moving upwards
76. _____ electrodes are used in welding applications due to their high melting point and conductivity
- n.* a hard, dense metallic element with the symbol W (from its German name, Wolfram) and atomic number 74, which has high melting and boiling points, often used in electrical wiring, light bulb filaments, and other high-stress applications
77. The farmers _____ in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.
- v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
78. Bats reside in sheltered _____.
- n.* a large hole in the side of a hill, cliff, mountain, or under the ground
79. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 73. twilight, 74. bounce, 75. ascent, 76. Tungsten, 77. toiled, 78. caves, 79. vulnerable

80. The photo album was filled with _____ from their trip around the world.
- n.* an object or item that serves to remind someone of a person, event, or experience; a keepsake or souvenir
81. He is proud of the _____ of the business.
- n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
82. It was easy to get lost in the _____ of narrow alleyways in the old city.
- n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
83. 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
84. This blog offers a variety of tips for _____ everyday life.
- v.* to hit and cut somebody or something roughly and violently; to find a bug in a computer program and break into their systems or networks
85. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
86. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
87. There was a beautiful wildflower garden on the _____ that attracted many visitors.
- n.* a small, rounded hill or mound; a small, isolated hill rising abruptly from a plain or other surrounding area

ANSWERS: 80. mementos, 81. longevity, 82. labyrinth, 83. discovery, 84. hacking, 85. frame, 86. determinant, 87. knoll

88. The rise and fall of _____ can be studied through history and archaeology.
- n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
89. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
- v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
90. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
91. Large ____ trees cast a shadow in the garden.
- n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns
92. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.
- n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
93. We decided to _____ through the park, enjoying the warm weather and beautiful scenery.
- v.* to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise
94. 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
95. His body rejected the liver of the _____.
- n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

ANSWERS: 88. civilizations, 89. estimated, 90. survey, 91. oak, 92. adventures, 93. amble, 94. encounter, 95. donor

96. She _____ the puppy on the head and gave it a treat.

- v.* to touch or tap something lightly and usually in a friendly or encouraging manner; to apply or rub lightly and repetitively

97. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

- n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

98. I am going to trim this _____ off.

- n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

99. The teacher will not _____ any students to leave the classroom early.

- v.* to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

100. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

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

101. The waves are beating against the _____.

- n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

102. The _____ road made it difficult to drive on.

- adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

103. We can evaluate the performance of an _____ in terms of computation time.

- n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

ANSWERS: 96. patted, 97. concept, 98. bush, 99. permit, 100. doll, 101. shore, 102. rocky, 103. algorithm

104. 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

105. The region is known for its natural _____ wells, providing a constant flow of fresh water.

- adj.* relating to a well in which water rises naturally to the surface due to internal pressures, without the need for pumping; pertaining to underground water sources

106. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

107. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.

- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

108. I inserted the coin into the _____ and hit the button to start the game.

- n.* a long, narrow opening or groove, typically one that is cut into a hard material, that is designed to receive and hold an object in place

109. The children leaned over the bridge _____ to watch the fish swimming below.

- n.* a long, thin piece of metal or wood that is used to make fences or as a support for something; (verb) to complain bitterly

110. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 104. background, 105. artesian, 106. straight, 107. barrier, 108. slot, 109. rail, 110. grand

111. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.

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

112. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

113. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

114. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

115. The _____ mineral is often used for lead extraction in mining.

n. a mineral that is the primary source of lead, often found in metallic form and used in a variety of applications, including batteries and protective coatings

116. Gamma _____ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

117. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

118. He spent hours every day _____ figures out of clay.

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

119. The cowboys rode their horses through the dusty trails of the _____.

n. a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house

ANSWERS: 111. halfway, 112. possibility, 113. military, 114. territory, 115. galena, 116. rays, 117. meadow, 118. sculpting, 119. ranch

120. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
121. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
122. 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
123. The farmer grew a field of _____ to use as feed for his animals.
n. a plant widely used for animal feed, particularly for horses and livestock, also used in human cuisine as a salad or sandwich ingredient
124. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
125. It was _____ for the hiker to climb the dangerous mountain alone.
n. a lack of good sense or judgment; foolishness or absurdity; specifically, a costly, useless, or pointless building or project that has been created or undertaken for no practical purpose or benefit
126. 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

ANSWERS: 120. architecture, 121. cores, 122. develop, 123. alfalfa, 124. structure, 125. folly, 126. quoted

127. He was riding _____ on the sheep during the day.

n. a group of animals of the same type that live or are kept together as livestock

128. The lighthouse served as a _____ to guide ships safely into port.

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

129. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

130. Several studies have indicated that human activity at sea might _____ dolphins and whales.

v. to make someone confused about where they are or where they should go

131. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

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

132. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

133. The judge ruled that the defendant was _____ to stand trial.

adj. having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

135. The evidence for this theory is _____.

adj. not real; not existing or having no real existence

ANSWERS: 127. herd, 128. beacon, 129. vertical, 130. disorient, 131. dense, 132. delicious, 133. competent, 134. obvious, 135. non-existent

136. He _____ misleads others.

adv. done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

137. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained _____.

adj. undamaged and complete

138. They donated large sums of money for the development of _____.

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

139. She _____ the computer to fix the problem.

v. to set again or differently; to return to a previous state or condition

140. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

141. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

142. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

143. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.

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

144. The sound of the babbling _____ provided a soothing backdrop for campers and outdoor enthusiasts.

n. a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills

ANSWERS: 136. deliberately, 137. intact, 138. humanity, 139. reset, 140. horizon, 141. amazing, 142. incredibly, 143. scheme, 144. creek

145. He has a flair for _____.

- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

146. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

147. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.

- n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

148. The hikers trekked up the steep _____ and reached the summit.

- n.* a long, steep slope or cliff, typically separating two relatively level or more gently sloping areas, often formed by erosion or faulting

149. The recent oil discovery in the region has led to an economic _____ for the local community.

- n.* a situation or event in which there is a sudden and profitable discovery or success, usually related to a significant amount of wealth, resources, or opportunities; a large deposit of valuable ore or precious minerals

150. Heavy snow made it _____ to go to the mountain village.

- adj.* unable to travel to or reach; not available

151. He _____ a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

- v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

ANSWERS: 145. mathematics, 146. degree, 147. trail, 148. escarpment, 149. bonanza, 150. inaccessible, 151. shed

152. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
153. The _____ was so bright that I had to wear sunglasses to protect my eyes.
n. the direct light and heat that comes from the sun
154. Our company's products are made of highly _____ materials.
adj. capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
155. I went to the _____ of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.
n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
156. The ancient ruins sat atop the _____ overlooking the valley below.
n. a flat-topped hill with steep sides, found in landscapes with horizontal strata
157. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
158. These are _____ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.
n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
159. The company's _____ in the market was expanding to new territories.
n. a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

ANSWERS: 152. eventually, 153. sunshine, 154. durable, 155. bureau, 156. mesa, 157. prototype, 158. shrubs, 159. domain

160. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

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

161. The tradition of the annual family reunion is _____ and must be upheld.

adj. considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence

162. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

163. The _____ fragments were collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis.

n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space

164. The bank _____ the premium amount from his bank account.

v. to take away an amount or part of the money, points, etc. from a total

165. The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of _____ and won the game.

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

166. The _____ for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.

n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

167. The cave was a habitat for _____.

n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis

ANSWERS: 160. highway, 161. sacrosanct, 162. weird, 163. meteorite, 164. deducted, 165. adversity, 166. payoff, 167. bats

168. The sommelier can distinguish _____ variance in the flavor of the wine.
adj. characterized by subtle differences in appearance, meaning, sound, etc.
169. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
n. a long or challenging search for something
170. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.
n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
171. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
172. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
173. The _____ of the mountain made it difficult to breathe.
n. the height of something above sea level or above the ground; the event of something being raised upward
174. Her sudden _____ of her mistake caused her great regret.
n. the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible
175. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

ANSWERS: 168. nuanced, 169. quest, 170. volcano, 171. transition, 172. suppose, 173. elevation, 174. realization, 175. explore

176. The _____ highway connects the major cities of the state.

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

177. As a member of the _____ platoon, he learned the value of teamwork and resilience.

n. soldiers who fight on foot, often in organized military units; the branch of military force composed of foot soldiers

178. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

179. In passenger aircraft, it is common to use an _____ pilot during cruising.

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

180. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

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

181. The vehicle bounced along the _____ mountain road.

adj. not quite exact or correct; having or caused by an irregular surface

182. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

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

183. The view above the _____ was a vast expanse of snow and rock.

n. (also "timberline") the uppermost boundary of a forest, beyond which trees do not readily grow or are significantly smaller in size due to factors such as climate, altitude, or soil conditions

ANSWERS: 176. interstate, 177. infantry, 178. pyramids, 179. automatic, 180. principle, 181. rough, 182. ordinary, 183. treeline

184. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

185. He remained serene in the _____ of turbulence.

n. the middle part of people or things

186. The _____ of the Earth causes day and night.

n. the action or process of moving in a circle around an axis or center

187. We could _____ into town if you like.

v. to walk somewhere in a slow, relaxed way and with no apparent aim

188. The coal _____ worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

n. a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

189. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

190. We need to install a _____ in our new office before we can start taking client calls.

n. (also "wireline") a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

191. Sharks have highly developed _____ systems and are extremely sensitive creatures.

adj. of or relating to the physical senses

ANSWERS: 184. sights, 185. midst, 186. rotation, 187. stroll, 188. miner, 189. blend, 190. landline, 191. sensory

192. The family decided to _____ in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.
n. a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
193. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
194. Several military _____ programs have become popular methods of exercise.
n. a tool or machine used for making round holes or driving fasteners; a training or practice
195. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
196. The North _____ is the northernmost point on Earth.
n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
197. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
198. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
199. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.
adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

ANSWERS: 192. hike, 193. reintroduce, 194. drill, 195. forth, 196. Pole, 197. feat, 198. absolutely, 199. gentle

200. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

201. We can hear an _____ piano melody from his room.

adj. extremely beautiful and delicate

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

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

203. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

204. The house uses sturdy _____ and has withstood many storms.

n. the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction

205. The novel's vivid descriptions created an _____ of the bustling streets of a major city.

n. the act of calling forth or conjuring something, often a memory, emotion, or response; a strong impression or feeling that something was present or recalled

206. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

adj. not established for commercial profit

207. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

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

ANSWERS: 200. acres, 201. exquisite, 202. decision, 203. scratch, 204. timber, 205. evocation, 206. nonprofit, 207. hell

208. Their company has been in business for a short time but has _____ goals.

adj. having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

209. The _____ hill made for a difficult hike but provided a stunning view.

adj. having a gradually or sharply angled surface or gradient; inclined or tilted in a particular direction or manner

210. The _____ concluded that bankruptcy was inevitable.

n. someone whose job is to examine something to learn or understand more about it

211. I'm _____ of insects.

adj. afraid or frightened

212. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

213. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

214. The _____ winner of the competition was a surprise to many.

adj. expected to happen at a later time; likely to occur in the future

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

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

ANSWERS: 208. ambitious, 209. sloping, 210. analyst, 211. scared, 212. chambers, 213. underneath, 214. eventual, 215. executive

216. Our world is in the third _____.

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

217. The official transcript contains _____ academic records.

adj. correct and exact in all details

218. The village was known for its _____ way of life and picturesque scenery.

adj. pertaining to an idealized or picturesque version of rural life; blissfully serene, pleasingly perfect, or charmingly simple

219. Project planning for software development is never an easy _____.

n. a task, business, assignment, or project, especially one that is essential or challenging

220. She was highly _____ in her choice of apparel.

adj. made pure by having impurities or unwanted elements removed by processing

221. 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.

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

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

223. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

ANSWERS: 216. millennium, 217. accurate, 218. idyllic, 219. undertaking, 220. refined, 221. hopped, 222. integrate, 223. atmosphere

224. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
225. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
- v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
226. I often hear a _____ loud and distinctive call while hiking in the woods.
- n.* a type of bird that belongs to the crow family and is known for its brightly colored feathers and loud, raucous call
227. The _____ trees in the forest gave off a fresh and invigorating scent.
- n.* a coniferous tree of the Pinaceae family, having needles and cones and characterized by its tall and slender shape; (verb) to have a desire for something or someone who is not present
228. We would _____ an early reply.
- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
229. _____ cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.
- n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
230. The office's _____ network allows employees to work from anywhere in the building.
- adj.* of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals

ANSWERS: 224. myth, 225. dominates, 226. jay's, 227. pine, 228. appreciate, 229. Cone-shaped, 230. wireless

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

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

232. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

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

233. The eggs were placed in an artificial _____ to ensure proper hatching conditions.

- n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

234. The concert reached 100 _____ causing many people to cover their ears.

- n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

235. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

236. The rocket's casing was made of _____ for its light weight and strength.

- n.* a light, strong, brittle metallic element with the symbol Be and atomic number 4, used in nuclear reactors, aerospace, and other high-tech applications

237. We _____ on a new project.

- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

238. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

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

ANSWERS: 231. claim, 232. valley, 233. incubator, 234. decibels, 235. collapsed, 236. beryllium, 237. embarked, 238. operate

239. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
- n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
240. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.
- v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
241. The magician _____ up a rabbit out of thin air.
- v.* to call forth by magic; to create or bring about through the imagination
242. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.
- n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
243. The town was founded in the 19th century as a stop on the _____ and it grew rapidly as a result.
- n.* metal tracks laid with rails on which trains run; a system of tracks with the trains operated by an organization
244. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
245. The geologist studied the _____ layers in the rock formations to determine their age.
- n.* a sedimentary rock formed from the accumulation of fine-grained clay, silt, or mud, often used in construction or as a source of fuel

ANSWERS: 239. foundation, 240. emerged, 241. conjured, 242. poison, 243. railroad, 244. origin, 245. shale

246. He knocked over the red wine and _____ the tablecloth.
- v.* to damage, spoil, or demolish something; (noun) an unrecoverable state of devastation and destruction,
247. The _____ of the movie had everyone on the edge of their seats.
- n.* the most intense or exciting moment of an event or experience; the point of highest dramatic tension or emotional intensity in a story, plot, or performance
248. The wheelchair user needed a _____ to access the building's entrance.
- n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
249. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
250. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
251. They found a _____ place to play catch.
- adj.* valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
252. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
- v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
253. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.
- adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

ANSWERS: 246. ruined, 247. climax, 248. ramp, 249. highlighted, 250. probable, 251. handy, 252. investigated, 253. profound

254. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 254. rewards