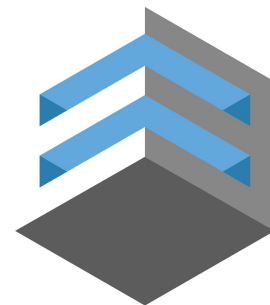


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Session 1: Word List

peter

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

synonym : decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

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.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym : slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

poisonous

adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

synonym : toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym: poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

contagious

adj. able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

synonym: infectious, transmissible, communicable

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

The disease is highly **contagious** and spreads quickly.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym: ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

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

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym: terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

devastating

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

synonym: destructive, annihilative, disastrous

(1) have **devastating** effects, (2) treat this **devastating** disease

This typhoon was the most **devastating** in years.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

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

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

surveillance

n. the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected

synonym: administration, overseeing, control

(1) he is kept under **surveillance**, (2) **surveillance** cameras

The novel contains a criticism of the **surveillance** society.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

replica

n. an exact copy of something such as a work of art

synonym: imitation, reproduction, replication

(1) miniature **replica**, (2) exact **replica**

An artist sculpted a full-size **replica** of her body.

disguise

v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

synonym: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

spy

n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

synonym: agent, undercover operative

(1) **spy** cameras, (2) digital **spy** tools

The government recruited a **spy** to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell

sacrifice

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

synonym : forfeit, immolation, gift

(1) small **sacrifice** for a great cause, (2) **sacrifice** anything to get ahead

You cannot accomplish great things without a **sacrifice** of your time or money.

proof

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

synonym : testimony, evidence, assurance

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

Proof is better than argument.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym : electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

refuel

v. to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.

(1) **refuel** air-to-air, (2) **refuel** bombers in flight

Our plane stopped in the country to **refuel**.

civilian

n. a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility

synonym : citizen, inhabitant, resident

(1) **civilian** casualties, (2) **civilian** life

The army is instructed not to target any **civilians** during the conflict.

liquid

n. a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym : fluid

(1) colorless **liquid**, (2) hazardous **liquid**
The sponge takes up the **liquid** well.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

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.

organic

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

synonym: biological

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

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

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

moral

adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

synonym : honest, ethical, conscientious

(1) **moral** hazard, (2) **moral** burden

Ethics deals with **moral** conduct.

obligation

n. the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something

synonym : burden, commitment, debt

(1) a deep **obligation**, (2) pay an **obligation**

You are under no **obligation** to finish the job.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

blind

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

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

promote

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

synonym : boost, raise, advertise

(1) **promote** a better relationship, (2) **promote** bad behavior
The government should do more to **promote** sustainable agribusiness.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

deprogram

v. to release someone from a restrictive or controlling ideology, belief system, or cult; to disabuse or undo the effects of indoctrination or brainwashing

synonym: rehabilitate, unprogram, free

(1) **deprogram** cult members, (2) **deprogram** extremist views

The organization offered resources to help people **deprogram** from addiction.

specific

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

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

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

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

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.

drench

v. to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet

synonym: soak, saturate, immerse

(1) **drench** with sweat, (2) **drench** the soil with fertilizer

The storm last night **drenched** everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.

propaganda

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

synonym: disinformation, misinformation, publicity

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

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

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

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

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

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.

mascot

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

synonym: symbol, emblem, icon

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

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

bald

adj. having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair

synonym: hairless, smooth, bare

(1) **bald** head, (2) become **bald**

He is completely **bald**, having lost all his hair due to chemotherapy.

eagle

n. a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

synonym: bird of prey, raptor

(1) **eagle** feathers, (2) **eagle** eyes

The bald **eagle** symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

logo

n. a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

synonym: emblem, symbol, crest

(1) **logo** design, (2) brand **logo**

The company's **logo** was on the side of the building.

decal

n. a decorative or informative sticker or transfer, usually designed to be applied to a surface, commonly used for branding, identification, or as a form of personal expression

synonym: sticker, label, transfer

(1) **decal** on my car window, (2) car **decal**

I bought a new laptop and decorated it with a **decal** of my favorite band's logo.

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.

awaken

v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping

synonym: rouse, arouse, revive

(1) **awaken** at daybreak, (2) **awaken** a child

The friend's death **awakens** them.

rally

v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

synonym: gathering, meetup, demonstration

(1) **rally** in front of the embassy, (2) the preliminary **rally**

There was a massive police presence at the anti-government **rally**.

billboard

n. a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads

synonym: hoarding, signboard, advertisement

(1) **billboard** advertising, (2) digital **billboard**

The new **billboard** on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

deter

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
synonym : prevent, discourage, forestall

(1) **deter** aggression, (2) **deter** crime

The high fence was meant to **deter** intruders from entering the property.

evil

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

synonym : malign, corruption, immorality

(1) **evil** ways, (2) a charm against **evil**

Corruption is an **evil** act for any reason.

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym : business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

protest

n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

(1) hold a **protest**, (2) a silent **protest**

He left the party in **protest** at its radical political stance.

headquarter

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

synonym : base, center, command

(1) administrative **headquarter**, (2) an emergency **headquarter**

The company decided to move its **headquarters** to New York City.

coverage

n. the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

synonym : reportage, scope, range

(1) full- **coverage** insurance, (2) contractual **coverage**
The scandal received widespread media **coverage**.

mayor

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

synonym: governor, leader, chief executive

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

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

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.

megaphone

n. a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds

synonym: loud hailer, bullhorn, amplification system

(1) **megaphone** announcement, (2) **megaphone** protest

The coach used a **megaphone** to communicate with his team during the game.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym: affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

satirical

adj. characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm

synonym : mocking, ironic, sarcastic

(1) **satirical** article, (2) **satirical** humor

The **satirical** cartoon poked fun at the politicians in a clever way.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym : employ, engage, lease

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

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

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

agent

n. a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

synonym : representative, delegate, envoy

(1) **agent** system, (2) antidiarrheal **agent**

The FBI **agent** went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.

confess

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

synonym : admit, acknowledge, own up

(1) **confess** sin, (2) **confess** truth

He **confessed** to his crime and turned himself into the police.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

leak

v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

synonym : outflow, divulge, disclose

(1) **leak** data, (2) **leak** a classified memo

He **leaked** serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

poultry

n. domesticated birds kept by humans for their eggs, meat, or feathers

synonym : fowl, chicken, birds

(1) **poultry** farming, (2) a **poultry** walk

The **poultry** farm raised chickens and turkeys for meat and eggs.

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

synonym : five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

forge

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

synonym : create, build, establish

(1) **forge** an alliance, (2) **forge** iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

exposition

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

synonym: explanation, description, account

(1) an international **exposition**, (2) rational **exposition**

The **exposition** in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

elite

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

synonym: privileged, favored, elect

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

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

plot

n. a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

synonym: scheme, plan, design

(1) **plot** twist, (2) **plot** a revolution

The **plot** of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

aft

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

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

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

syndicate

n. a group of individuals or organizations combined to promote a common interest

synonym: cartel, consortium, alliance

(1) criminal **syndicate**, (2) **syndicate** member

The financial **syndicate** was involved in illegal activities.

statistics

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

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

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

resurgence

n. the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance

synonym: revival, recovery, rejuvenation

(1) **resurgence** in popularity, (2) **resurgence** of exports

After years of decline, the city is experiencing a **resurgence** in economic growth.

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.

conspiracy

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

synonym: plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory

There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

sweep

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

synonym: clean, clear, brush off

(1) **sweep** up dead leaves, (2) **sweep** a room with a glance

The politician tried to **sweep** the embarrassing incident under the rug.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym: sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the

weekends.

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.

accomplished

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

synonym : achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

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?

reveal

v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible

synonym : disclose, unveil, expose

(1) **reveal** secrets, (2) **reveal** a plan

The detective carefully **revealed** the true identity of the murderer.

farce

n. a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor

synonym : comedy, parody, spoof

(1) sports **farce**, (2) theatrical **farce**

The political scandal was like a **farce** straight out of a TV sitcom.

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.

outskirt

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

synonym: suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**

The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

conservative

adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation

synonym: traditional, reactionary, cautious

(1) a **conservative** society, (2) **conservative** about production

He always makes a **conservative** estimation when predicting future sales.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or

gambling.

antichrist

n. (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him

(1) self-proclaimed **antichrist**, (2) **antichrist** prophecy
The totalitarian government was often called an **antichrist** power due to its oppressive and harmful policies.

chip

n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
synonym: flake, fragment, chunk

(1) a **chip** of wood, (2) I don't care a **chip**
We can use this campaign as a bargaining **chip** in the negotiations.

vaccine

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

(1) development of **vaccines**, (2) an oral **vaccine**
The mRNA **vaccine** was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.

fringe

n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
synonym: border, edging, trim

(1) **fringe** benefit, (2) on the **fringe** of the city
The dress had a **fringe** of beads along the hem.

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**.

theorist

n. a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation

synonym : philosopher, academic, scholar

(1) scientific **theorist**, (2) conspiracy **theorist**

The feminist **theorist** criticized traditional models of gender roles and argued for greater equality between the sexes.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

cadence

n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

synonym : rhythm, flow, beat

(1) **cadence** of footsteps, (2) regular **cadence**

The singer's voice had a beautiful **cadence**, and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

logic

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

synonym : reasoning, reason, ratiocination

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

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

argument

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

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

swap

v. to give something and receive something in trade

synonym: exchange, switch, trade

(1) **swap** seats, (2) **swap** columns with rows

Don't **swap** horses while crossing a stream.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym: clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

interaction

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

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

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

cowboy

n. a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle

synonym: cowpuncher, rancher, wrangler

(1) **cowboy** rodeo, (2) **cowboy** boots

The **cowboy** hat she wore added to her rugged and tough

look.

flier *n.* (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something

synonym: aeronaut, pamphlet, handbill

(1) seasoned **flier**, (2) promotional **flier**

As a frequent **flier**, I accumulate a lot of miles that I use for vacation trips.

disdain *v.* to look down on

synonym: scorn, despise, ridicule

(1) **disdain** the offer of a bribe, (2) **disdain** the policemen

Even in the Middle Ages, people **disdained** forced labor.

educated *adj.* having received a high standard of education

synonym: knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

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

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

crazy *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

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

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

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

synonym: feeling, sentiment, passion

(1) control my **emotion**, (2) afraid to show **emotion**

Some **emotions** are common across cultures and backgrounds.

interpret *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

synonym: decode, decipher, analyze

(1) **interpret** a graph, (2) **interpret** the question
Different people might **interpret** this news differently.

comedy

n. a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

synonym: humor, farce, satire

(1) **comedy** series, (2) romantic **comedy**

I love going to see live **comedy** shows with my friends.

embolden

v. to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief

synonym: encourage, inspire, empower

(1) **embolden** the opposition, (2) **embolden** a country's leadership

She was **emboldened** by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym: immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

condemn

v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something

synonym: criticize, denounce, censure

(1) **condemn** violence, (2) **condemn** crime

The government was **condemned** for its handling of the crisis.

judge

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

synonym: arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

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

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

opposition

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

synonym: resistance, hostility, antagonism

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

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

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

ineffective

adj. not producing any significant or intended effect or result

synonym: useless, feeble, fruitless

(1) an **ineffective** speech, (2) pull an **ineffective** player

These treatments were **ineffective** against a virus.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle
His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

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**.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

ignorant

adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information

synonym: uninformed, uneducated, unaware

(1) **ignorant** remark, (2) blissfully **ignorant**

He was **ignorant** of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.

dismiss

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

synonym: decline, disband, dissolve

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

with a laugh

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

like-minded

adj. having the same ideas or interests

synonym: simpatico, kindred-spirited, compatible

(1) find a **like-minded** friend, (2) **like-minded** group

They formed a group of **like-minded** individuals who shared a common goal.

affirm

v. to assert that something is true or real; to state positively

synonym: declare, avow, assert

(1) **affirm** old traditions, (2) **affirm** strong identity

I **affirm** that I will always stand by my beliefs.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

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**.

misinformation

n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

synonym: falsity, misreport, misstatement

(1) **misinformation** about a vaccine, (2) combat **misinformation** on social media

The government called for caution against pseudoscientific **misinformation** about vaccines.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

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.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

numb

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

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym: one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**

A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym: inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result
In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

symptom

n. any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

synonym: sign, manifestation, syndrome

(1) **symptoms** of low testosterone, (2) neurotic **symptoms**
The patient displays a **symptom** of a side effect.

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.

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

conversation

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

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

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

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

synonym: composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership

Product development is a **collective** effort.

bewilder

v. to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

synonym: perplex, confound, puzzle

(1) **bewilder** the reader, (2) **bewilder** scientists

The complex instructions on the assignment sheet **bewilder** most students.

frustration

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

synonym: disappointment, discouragement, dissatisfaction

(1) **frustration** level, (2) express **frustration**

He felt a deep **frustration** as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym: hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the rain.

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**.

circumstance

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

synonym: condition, context, environment

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

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

refer

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

synonym: cite, allude, mention

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

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

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

argue

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

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

disinformation

n. false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

synonym: misinformation, propaganda, falsehood

(1) **disinformation** campaign, (2) **disinformation** warfare

The government is being criticized for spreading **disinformation** about the pandemic.

polarization

n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

synonym: polarity, division, separation

(1) **polarization** effect, (2) dielectric **polarization**

The **polarization** of political views has created a deep divide in the country.

fuel

n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

alternate

adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly

synonym : substitute, back up, equivalent

(1) **alternate** choice, (2) every **alternate** year

The cleaning lady comes on **alternate** Wednesdays.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

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.

moving

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

synonym : emotional, poignant, touching

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

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

crisis

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

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. mo____nt of troops
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
2. bl__d spot
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
3. on the fr___e of the city
n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group
4. a gas ch____r
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
5. earn el___e status
adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
6. or____c soils
adj. of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
7. mistaken id____ty
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
8. a chick's tw__t
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 1. movement, 2. blind, 3. fringe, 4. chamber, 5. elite, 6. organic, 7. identity, 8. tweet

9. ci____an life *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
10. mo____g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
11. re____l bombers in flight *v.* to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.
12. pi____n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
13. a con______nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
14. dr__e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
15. l__k data *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
16. a friendly con______ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
17. pro______ve meeting *adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
18. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 9. civilian, 10. moving, 11. refuel, 12. pigeon, 13. conventional, 14. drone, 15. leak, 16. conversation, 17. productive, 18. communal

19. di____se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
20. freedom of re____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
21. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
22. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
23. have dev____ng effects *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
24. con____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
25. fo__e iron *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
26. in____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
27. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

ANSWERS: 19. disguise, 20. religion, 21. belong, 22. refer, 23. devastating, 24. conversation, 25. forge, 26. influence, 27. toxin

28. blissfully ig____nt *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
29. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
30. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
31. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
32. s__p seats *v.* to give something and receive something in trade
33. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
34. car de__l *n.* a decorative or informative sticker or transfer, usually designed to be applied to a surface, commonly used for branding, identification, or as a form of personal expression
35. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
36. nice fe____w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
37. me_____ne protest *n.* a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds
38. fr____e benefit *n.* a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group

ANSWERS: 28. ignorant, 29. assume, 30. convincing, 31. entirely, 32. swap, 33. instance, 34. decal, 35. fake, 36. fellow, 37. megaphone, 38. fringe

39. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
40. small sa_____ce for a great cause *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important
41. 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
42. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
43. bi_____rd advertising *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
44. eventually pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
45. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
46. sy_____ms of low testosterone *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease

ANSWERS: 39. crisis, 40. sacrifice, 41. civilization, 42. fellow, 43. billboard, 44. peter, 45. hood, 46. symptom

47. corporate ma___t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
48. b__d head *adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
49. re___l a plan *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
50. sw__p up dead leaves *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
51. em_____en a country's leadership *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
52. sw__p a room with a glance *v.* to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly
53. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
54. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
55. de_____am extremist views *v.* to release someone from a restrictive or controlling ideology, belief system, or cult; to disabuse or undo the effects of indoctrination or brainwashing

ANSWERS: 47. mascot, 48. bald, 49. reveal, 50. sweep, 51. embolden, 52. sweep, 53. reintroduce, 54. weird, 55. deprogram

56. co____s truth *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private
57. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
58. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
59. digital s_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
60. find a lik_____ed friend *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
61. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
62. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
63. in_____et the question *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
64. political con_____cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
65. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
66. regular ca_____e *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

ANSWERS: 56. confess, 57. corporation, 58. statistics, 59. spy, 60. like-minded, 61. instance, 62. hire, 63. interpret, 64. conspiracy, 65. humming, 66. cadence

67. I don't care a c__p *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
68. self-serving pro_____da *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
69. af___m strong identity *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
70. pay an obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
71. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
72. po_____y farming *n.* domesticated birds kept by humans for their eggs, meat, or feathers
73. development of va_____es *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
74. conspiracy th_____st *n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
75. ci_____an casualties *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
76. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 67. chip, 68. propaganda, 69. affirm, 70. obligation, 71. interact, 72. poultry, 73. vaccine, 74. theorist, 75. civilian, 76. unique

77. a c__p of wood *n.* a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
78. re____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
79. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
80. mo___g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
81. hazardous li___d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
82. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
83. co____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
84. mis_____ion about a vaccine *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
85. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
86. a deep obl_____on *n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
87. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 77. chip, 78. replace, 79. tap, 80. moving, 81. liquid, 82. circumstance, 83. convince, 84. misinformation, 85. communal, 86. obligation, 87. numb

88. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
89. rational exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
90. 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
91. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
92. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
93. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
94. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
95. sports fa__e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
96. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 88. suppose, 89. exposition, 90. develop, 91. dismiss, 92. standing, 93. blind, 94. moral, 95. farce, 96. privilege

97. de__l on my car window *n.* a decorative or informative sticker or transfer, usually designed to be applied to a surface, commonly used for branding, identification, or as a form of personal expression
98. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
99. low pro_____ve capacity *adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
100. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
101. pull an ine_____ve player *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
102. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
103. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
104. de__r crime *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
105. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
106. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
107. p__t a revolution *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 97. decal, 98. instantly, 99. productive, 100. protest, 101. ineffective, 102. conventional, 103. argument, 104. deter, 105. circumstance, 106. dedicate, 107. plot

108. col_____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
109. eat or_____c food *adj.* of or derived from biological substance; producing plants and animals for food and other items without the use of synthetic chemicals
110. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
111. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
112. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
113. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
114. dis_____ion warfare *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
115. scientific th_____st *n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
116. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
117. begin to pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
118. l__k a classified memo *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

ANSWERS: 108. collective, 109. organic, 110. rally, 111. blueprint, 112. collective, 113. dismiss, 114. disinformation, 115. theorist, 116. government, 117. peter, 118. leak

119. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
120. theatrical fa__e *n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
121. dis_____ion campaign *n.* false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion
122. al_____te choice *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
123. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
124. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
125. he is kept under sur_____nce *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
126. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
127. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
128. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
129. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

ANSWERS: 119. interaction, 120. farce, 121. disinformation, 122. alternate, 123. government, 124. instantly, 125. surveillance, 126. hood, 127. reintroduce, 128. probable, 129. belong

130. con_____cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
131. de_____am cult members *v.* to release someone from a restrictive or controlling ideology, belief system, or cult; to disabuse or undo the effects of indoctrination or brainwashing
132. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
133. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
134. po_____us plants *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
135. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
136. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
137. ant_____st prophecy *n.* (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him

ANSWERS: 130. conspiracy, 131. deprogram, 132. drone, 133. tap, 134. poisonous, 135. awful, 136. specific, 137. antichrist

138. di_____n the offer of a bribe *v.* to look down on
139. be_____er the reader *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
140. an international exp_____on *n.* a comprehensive description and explanation of an idea or theory; a collection of things, such as goods or works of art, etc., for public display
141. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
142. express fru_____on *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
143. attempted mu___r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
144. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
145. an associate ju___e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
146. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
147. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
148. a cr___y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
149. ar___e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 138. disdain, 139. bewilder, 140. exposition, 141. nation, 142. frustration, 143. murder, 144. highway, 145. judge, 146. entirely, 147. aft, 148. crazy, 149. argue

150. seasoned fl__r *n.* (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something
151. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
152. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
153. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
154. acc_____hed goal *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
155. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
156. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
157. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
158. con_____ive about production *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
159. achieve the hi____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
160. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
161. co_____s sin *v.* to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

ANSWERS: 150. flier, 151. frame, 152. historic, 153. narrative, 154. accomplished, 155. inevitable, 156. fake, 157. probable, 158. conservative, 159. historic, 160. crisis, 161. confess

162. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
163. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
164. re___l air-to-air *v.* to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.
165. pro_____da campaign *n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
166. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
167. lik_____ed group *adj.* having the same ideas or interests
168. pr_____e a better relationship *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
169. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
170. cultural n__m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
171. con_____us virus *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
172. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 162. empathy, 163. president, 164. refuel, 165. propaganda, 166. proof, 167. like-minded, 168. promote, 169. humming, 170. norm, 171. contagious, 172. desire

173. every al_____te year *adj.* occurring or existing one after the other regularly
174. a chemical eq_____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
175. team ma_____t *n.* a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
176. an ab_____d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
177. fleshly de_____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
178. biomass f____l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
179. ig_____nt remark *adj.* lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
180. womanly ho____r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
181. 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

ANSWERS: 173. alternate, 174. equation, 175. mascot, 176. absurd, 177. desire, 178. fuel, 179. ignorant, 180. honor, 181. civilization

182. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
183. ag__t system *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
184. sy_____te member *n.* a group of individuals or organizations combined to promote a common interest
185. become b__d *adj.* having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair
186. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
187. colorless li____d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
188. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
189. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
190. re___l secrets *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible

ANSWERS: 182. refer, 183. agent, 184. syndicate, 185. bald, 186. intimidate, 187. liquid, 188. terrifying, 189. dedicate, 190. reveal

191. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
192. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
193. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
194. mo__l burden *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
195. pr_____e bad behavior *v.* to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank
196. co_____n crime *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
197. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
198. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
199. ma__r's race *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
200. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
201. sa_____al article *adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm
202. ca_____e of footsteps *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

ANSWERS: 191. replace, 192. pose, 193. vulnerable, 194. moral, 195. promote, 196. condemn, 197. extent, 198. norm, 199. mayor, 200. fundamental, 201. satirical, 202. cadence

203. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
204. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
205. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
206. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
207. co___y rodeo *n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle
208. control my em_____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
209. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
210. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
211. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
212. ab___d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

ANSWERS: 203. crazy, 204. reward, 205. specific, 206. influence, 207. cowboy, 208. emotion, 209. judge, 210. statistics, 211. weird, 212. absurd

213. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
214. fru_____on level *n.* the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something
215. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
216. antidiarrheal ag__t *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
217. sa_____al humor *adj.* characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm
218. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
219. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
220. certain ex___t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends

ANSWERS: 213. president, 214. frustration, 215. corporation, 216. agent, 217. satirical, 218. echo, 219. device, 220. extent

221. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
222. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
223. de__r aggression *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
224. equilateral pe_____on *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
225. ea__e feathers *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
226. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
227. ea__e eyes *n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures
228. a po_____y walk *n.* domesticated birds kept by humans for their eggs, meat, or feathers
229. in_____et a graph *v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.

ANSWERS: 221. perspective, 222. logic, 223. deter, 224. pentagon, 225. eagle, 226. couch, 227. eagle, 228. poultry, 229. interpret

230. aw___n a child *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
231. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
232. ba_____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
233. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
234. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
235. co___y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
236. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
237. brand l___o *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
238. 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

ANSWERS: 230. awaken, 231. interaction, 232. battery, 233. device, 234. narrative, 235. comedy, 236. radical, 237. logo, 238. develop

239. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
240. a charm against e__l *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
241. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
242. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
243. me_____ne announcement *n.* a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds
244. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
245. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
246. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
247. ine_____le changes of the seasons *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable

ANSWERS: 239. logic, 240. evil, 241. nation, 242. evil, 243. megaphone, 244. movement, 245. radical, 246. argue, 247. inevitable

248. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
249. ed____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
250. a racing pi____n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
251. self-proclaimed ant____st *n.* (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him
252. miniature re____a *n.* an exact copy of something such as a work of art
253. con____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
254. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
255. aw____n at daybreak *v.* to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
256. documentary pr____f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
257. smokeless f____l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
258. his latest tw____ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 248. suppose, 249. educated, 250. pigeon, 251. antichrist, 252. replica, 253. convincing, 254. reward, 255. awaken, 256. proof, 257. fuel, 258. tweet

259. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
260. full-co____ge insurance *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
261. pe____on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
262. pol____ion effect *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
263. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
264. an emergency hea____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
265. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
266. acc____hed at a very early age *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
267. em____en the opposition *v.* to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief

ANSWERS: 259. honor, 260. coverage, 261. pentagon, 262. polarization, 263. murder, 264. headquarter, 265. assume, 266. accomplished, 267. embolden

268. co_____n violence *v.* to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
269. to__n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
270. opp_____on campaign *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
271. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
272. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
273. di_____n the policemen *v.* to look down on
274. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
275. treat this dev_____ng disease *adj.* causing a great deal of destruction or damage
276. romantic co____y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
277. po_____us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

ANSWERS: 268. condemn, 269. toxin, 270. opposition, 271. fundamental, 272. hire, 273. disdain, 274. educated, 275. devastating, 276. comedy, 277. poisonous

278. a silent pr____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
279. dr____h the soil with fertilizer *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
280. the lower ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
281. l__o design *n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials
282. a un____e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
283. co____y boots *n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle
284. s__p columns with rows *v.* to give something and receive something in trade
285. hi____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
286. administrative hea____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
287. an ine____ve speech *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result

ANSWERS: 278. protest, 279. drench, 280. chamber, 281. logo, 282. unique, 283. cowboy, 284. swap, 285. highway, 286. headquarter, 287. ineffective

288. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
289. af___m old traditions *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
290. a deputy ma__r *n.* an elected official who presides over a city or town government
291. exact re____a *n.* an exact copy of something such as a work of art
292. a con_____ive society *adj.* holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
293. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
294. res_____ce in popularity *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
295. combat mis_____ion on social media *n.* information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately
296. dr___h with sweat *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
297. on the western ou_____rts *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
298. sa_____ce anything to get ahead *n.* the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

ANSWERS: 288. identity, 289. affirm, 290. mayor, 291. replica, 292. conservative, 293. religion, 294. resurgence, 295. misinformation, 296. drench, 297. outskirts, 298. sacrifice

299. afraid to show em____n *n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
300. in____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
301. neurotic sy____ms *n.* any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
302. int____te an opponent *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
303. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
304. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
305. bl____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
306. sur____nce cameras *n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
307. the ou____rt of the forest *n.* the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
308. co____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
309. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

ANSWERS: 299. emotion, 300. interact, 301. symptom, 302. intimidate, 303. aft, 304. numb, 305. blueprint, 306. surveillance, 307. outskirts, 308. convince, 309. pose

310. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
311. contractual co_____ge *n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides
312. di_____se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
313. dielectric pol_____ion *n.* the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles
314. an oral va_____e *n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
315. con_____us enthusiasm *adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease
316. an aw__l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
317. digital bi_____rd *n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
318. p__t twist *n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

ANSWERS: 310. privilege, 311. coverage, 312. disguise, 313. polarization, 314. vaccine, 315. contagious, 316. awful, 317. billboard, 318. plot

319. be_____er scientists *v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception
320. res_____ce of exports *n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
321. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
322. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
323. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
324. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
325. 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
326. a dry ba_____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
327. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
328. fo__e an alliance *v.* to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others
329. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

ANSWERS: 319. bewilder, 320. resurgence, 321. terrifying, 322. rally, 323. standing, 324. empathy, 325. frame, 326. battery, 327. vulnerable, 328. forge, 329. couch

330. meet with opp_____on *n.* the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
331. the eq_____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
332. promotional fl__r *n.* (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something
333. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
334. criminal sy_____te *n.* a group of individuals or organizations combined to promote a common interest
335. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
336. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
337. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
338. s_y cameras *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization

ANSWERS: 330. opposition, 331. equation, 332. flier, 333. perspective, 334. syndicate, 335. echo, 336. argument, 337. elite, 338. spy

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. 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
3. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
4. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
5. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
6. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
7. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.
v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 1. productive, 2. chambers, 3. pigeon, 4. elites, 5. statistics, 6. instances, 7. convince

8. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.
adj. certain to happen and unavoidable
9. The _____ of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.
n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.
10. The cleaning lady comes on _____ Wednesdays.
adj. occurring or existing one after the other regularly
11. The patient displays a _____ of a side effect.
n. any sensation or change in body or mind that is experienced by a patient and is associated with a particular disease
12. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
13. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
14. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
15. He _____ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.
v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

ANSWERS: 8. inevitable, 9. outskirts, 10. alternate, 11. symptom, 12. refer, 13. probable, 14. unique, 15. leaked

16. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
17. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.
adj. having received a high standard of education
18. Our plane stopped in the country to _____.
v. to put additional fuel into a plane, ship, car, etc.
19. He always makes a _____ estimation when predicting future sales.
adj. holding traditional views and values and opposed to change or innovation
20. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
21. 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
22. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
23. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
24. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition

ANSWERS: 16. entirely, 17. educated, 18. refuel, 19. conservative, 20. religion, 21. civilizations, 22. pose, 23. Empathy, 24. protest

25. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
26. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
27. The _____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
28. The _____ cartoon poked fun at the politicians in a clever way.
adj. characterized by the use of criticism that ridicules human folly, vices, or weaknesses through humor, irony, or sarcasm
29. The high fence was meant to _____ intruders from entering the property.
v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
30. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
31. The FBI _____ went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.
n. a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
32. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

ANSWERS: 25. assumes, 26. fuel, 27. aft, 28. satirical, 29. deter, 30. norms, 31. agent, 32. identity

33. There was a _____ of silence about illegal police interrogation.
- n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
34. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
35. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
36. _____ is better than argument.
- n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
37. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
38. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
39. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.
- n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
40. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
- adj.* very frightening or intimidating

ANSWERS: 33. conspiracy, 34. dedicated, 35. desire, 36. Proof, 37. tweet, 38. belong, 39. corporation, 40. terrifying

41. The _____ hat she wore added to her rugged and tough look.
- n.* a man, typically one on horseback, who herds and tends cattle, especially in the western US; a person who behaves roughly or recklessly, typically a man; a skilled ranch worker who is adept at many tasks, especially those involving horses and cattle
42. The novel contains a criticism of the _____ society.
- n.* the act of carefully monitoring a person suspected of a crime or a place where a crime may be committed or expected
43. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.
- n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
44. 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
45. The feminist _____ criticized traditional models of gender roles and argued for greater equality between the sexes.
- n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
46. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
- adv.* immediately
47. The complex instructions on the assignment sheet _____ most students.
- v.* to confuse or puzzle someone; to cause someone to become lost or disoriented in thought or perception

ANSWERS: 41. cowboy, 42. surveillance, 43. equations, 44. reintroduce, 45. theorist, 46. instantly, 47. bewilder

48. 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

49. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.

- n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

50. The disease is highly _____ and spreads quickly.

- adj.* able to be passed on to others through contact or proximity, especially by infection or disease

51. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

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

52. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

53. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.

- adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

54. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.

- adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.

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

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

ANSWERS: 48. develop, 49. couch, 50. contagious, 51. rewards, 52. fundamental, 53. absurd, 54. moral, 55. moving

56. The _____ party strongly disagreed with the government's proposed legislation.
n. the act of disagreeing or resisting; the state of strong disagreement
57. They formed a group of _____ individuals who shared a common goal.
adj. having the same ideas or interests
58. The city's _____ is a famous landmark that attracts tourists.
n. a person, animal, or object that is believed to bring good luck, often adopted by a sports team or organization as a symbol of their identity or values
59. Later it turned out that the politician _____ the fact from the public.
v. to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
60. The sponge takes up the _____ well.
n. a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
61. The government was _____ for its handling of the crisis.
v. to express strong disapproval or criticism of something
62. 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
63. The _____ of political views has created a deep divide in the country.
n. the division or separation of something into two opposing or contrasting groups or factions; the condition of being polarized or having poles

ANSWERS: 56. opposition, 57. like-minded, 58. mascot, 59. disguised, 60. liquid, 61. condemned, 62. nation, 63. polarization

64. These treatments were _____ against a virus.

adj. not producing any significant or intended effect or result

65. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.

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

66. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

67. Even in the Middle Ages, people _____ forced labor.

v. to look down on

68. You cannot accomplish great things without a _____ of your time or money.

n. the act of killing an animal or person or surrendering a possession as an offering to a deity; (verb) to give up something important or valuable to help another person or get or do something that seems more important

69. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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

70. The singer's voice had a beautiful _____ and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

71. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 64. ineffective, 65. dismiss, 66. interact, 67. disdained, 68. sacrifice, 69. crisis, 70. cadence, 71. drone

72. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
73. The music just _____ out.
v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
74. I bought a new laptop and decorated it with a _____ of my favorite band's logo.
n. a decorative or informative sticker or transfer, usually designed to be applied to a surface, commonly used for branding, identification, or as a form of personal expression
75. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
76. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
77. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
78. I _____ that I will always stand by my beliefs.
v. to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
79. The coach used a _____ to communicate with his team during the game.
n. a large, cone-shaped device used to amplify sound, often used by speakers or performers to address large audiences or crowds
80. The government called for caution against pseudoscientific _____ about vaccines.
n. information that is false or inaccurate, or the act of giving wrong information, especially deliberately

ANSWERS: 72. historic, 73. petered, 74. decal, 75. narrative, 76. blueprint, 77. vulnerable, 78. affirm, 79. megaphone, 80. misinformation

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

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

82. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

83. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

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

84. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

85. This typhoon was the most _____ in years.

adj. causing a great deal of destruction or damage

86. The storm last night _____ everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.

v. to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet

87. The dress had a _____ of beads along the hem.

n. a decorative border or edge on a piece of clothing; a group of people or things that are not considered to be part of the main group

ANSWERS: 81. judge, 82. toxins, 83. circumstances, 84. movement, 85. devastating, 86. drenched, 87. fringe

88. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided _____.
- n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
89. Some _____ are common across cultures and backgrounds.
- n.* a strong feeling such as love, anger, etc. deriving from one's situation, mood, or relationships with others
90. The new _____ on the highway promotes a popular vacation destination.
- n.* a large outdoor sign or display that is used for advertising, marketing, or public information, typically located along highways or main roads
91. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.
- n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
92. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
93. 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
94. After years of decline, the city is experiencing a _____ in economic growth.
- n.* the return or growth of something after a period of decline or disappearance
95. The bald _____ symbolizes freedom and strength in the United States.
- n.* a large predatory bird with a hooked beak and broad wings, known for its keen eyesight and powerful flight; a symbol of strength and freedom in many cultures

ANSWERS: 88. pentagon, 89. emotions, 90. billboard, 91. highway, 92. weird, 93. radical, 94. resurgence, 95. eagle

96. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
- n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
97. Different people might _____ this news differently.
- v.* to explain or assign the meaning of information, actions, etc.
98. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.
- n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
99. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
100. The government used _____ pictures to spread its message of national unity.
- n.* information, ideas, or claims spread to influence public opinion or promote a particular cause or ideology
101. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.
- n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
102. The totalitarian government was often called an _____ power due to its oppressive and harmful policies.
- n.* (of Christian theology) a person or figure who opposes or seeks to replace Jesus Christ and establishes themselves as an object of worship in competition with him

ANSWERS: 96. privilege, 97. interpret, 98. battery, 99. influence, 100. propaganda, 101. comedy, 102. antichrist

103. Some species of _____ can be deadly to humans if bitten.
adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
104. We can use this campaign as a bargaining _____ in the negotiations.
n. a small fragment of something broken off from the whole; a long and thin piece of potato fried in oil or fat
105. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
106. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.
v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
107. 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
108. As a frequent _____ I accumulate a lot of miles that I use for vacation trips.
n. (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something
109. 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
110. The detective carefully _____ the true identity of the murderer.
v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible

ANSWERS: 103. poisonous snakes, 104. chip, 105. conversation, 106. rally, 107. government, 108. flier, 109. frame, 110. revealed

111. The _____ in the novel provides background information on the characters and setting.

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

112. The scandal received widespread media _____.

- n.* the reporting or news of an important event, sports, subject, etc.; the amount, range, area, or quality of something that something provides

113. The _____ of the novel centers around a group of friends who uncover a conspiracy to control the world's water supply.

- n.* a secret plan or scheme to achieve a specific goal; the plan or main story of a literary work; (verb) to plan secretly, usually something illegal

114. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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

115. The company's _____ was on the side of the building.

- n.* a symbol or design that represents a company, organization, or product used on packaging, advertisements, and other materials

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

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

117. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

- v.* to give somebody a job

118. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?

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

ANSWERS: 111. exposition, 112. coverage, 113. plot, 114. argue, 115. logo, 116. organic, 117. hire, 118. suppose

119. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

120. The financial _____ was involved in illegal activities.

n. a group of individuals or organizations combined to promote a common interest

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

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

122. He _____ to his crime and turned himself into the police.

v. to admit to having done something wrong or to reveal something personal or private

123. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

124. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.

n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed

125. The politician tried to _____ the embarrassing incident under the rug.

v. to clean something, especially a floor or an area, by using a broom; move swiftly and smoothly

126. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.

adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people

ANSWERS: 119. convincing, 120. syndicate, 121. specific, 122. confessed, 123. blind, 124. headquarters, 125. sweep, 126. evil

127. Don't _____ horses while crossing a stream.

v. to give something and receive something in trade

128. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

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

129. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

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

130. Product development is a _____ effort.

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

131. The government is being criticized for spreading _____ about the pandemic.

n. false or misleading information that is spread deliberately, usually with the intent to deceive or manipulate public opinion

132. My left arm became _____.

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

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

v. to take the place of something

134. She had to _____ her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

v. to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

ANSWERS: 127. swap, 128. interaction, 129. president, 130. collective, 131. disinformation, 132. numb, 133. replace, 134. forge

135. The _____ farm raised chickens and turkeys for meat and eggs.
n. domesticated birds kept by humans for their eggs, meat, or feathers
136. She was _____ by her success and decided to take on a more significant challenge.
v. to give courage or confidence to someone; to make someone feel brave or empowered; to strengthen or reinforce a position or belief
137. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.
n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
138. An artist sculpted a full-size _____ of her body.
n. an exact copy of something such as a work of art
139. The friend's death _____ them.
v. to stop sleeping or to cause someone to stop sleeping
140. The government recruited a _____ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell
n. a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
141. He was _____ of the fact that the meeting had been moved to a different location.
adj. lacking knowledge or awareness in general; uneducated or unsophisticated; unaware of certain facts or information
142. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 135. poultry, 136. emboldened, 137. hood, 138. replica, 139. awakens, 140. spy, 141. ignorant, 142. Communal

143. You are under no _____ to finish the job.
- n.* the state of being morally or legally bound to do or pay something
144. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
145. The political scandal was like a _____ straight out of a TV sitcom.
- n.* a type of comedy that relies on ridiculous situations, improbable coincidences, and exaggerated characters to provide humor
146. The organization offered resources to help people _____ from addiction.
- v.* to release someone from a restrictive or controlling ideology, belief system, or cult; to disabuse or undo the effects of indoctrination or brainwashing
147. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
148. The mRNA _____ was approved in less than a year because it did not contain the fragments of the target virus.
- n.* a substance that is put into the body and protects them from disease by causing them to produce antibodies (= proteins that attack harmful bacteria, viruses, etc.)
149. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
150. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

ANSWERS: 143. obligation, 144. tap, 145. farce, 146. deprogram, 147. argument, 148. vaccine, 149. device, 150. honor

151. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

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

152. There's no _____ in his description.

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

153. The boss tried to _____ his subordinate with threats.

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

154. He is completely _____ having lost all his hair due to chemotherapy.

adj. having no hair on the head; having a smooth, shiny scalp with no hair

155. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

156. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

157. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

158. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

159. He felt a deep _____ as he realized the project would not be completed on time.

n. the feeling of being upset or annoyed as a result of being unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 151. standing, 152. logic, 153. intimidate, 154. bald, 155. faked, 156. awful, 157. murder, 158. echoed, 159. frustration

160. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

161. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

162. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

163. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

164. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

165. She felt _____ after finishing her book.

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

166. The army is instructed not to target any _____ during the conflict.

n. a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility

167. The government should do more to _____ sustainable agribusiness.

v. to encourage or persuade people to like, buy, use, do, or support something; to raise someone to a higher position or rank

ANSWERS: 160. crazy, 161. extent, 162. fellow, 163. humming, 164. perspective, 165. accomplished, 166. civilians, 167. promote

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

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

169. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

ANSWERS: 168. mayor, 169. conventional