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Session 1: Word List

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

artisan

n. a skilled craftsperson or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft

synonym: craftsperson, handicrafter, maker

(1) **artisan** bakery, (2) talented **artisan**

She is known in the community as a skilled **artisan** in pottery.

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym: crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some

influence or a person

synonym: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

security

n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym: safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

mineral

n. a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition

(1) vitamin and **minerals**, (2) **mineral** rights

The robust economy of the country is based on its **mineral** resources.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym : devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

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

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

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

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

cocoa

n. a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made

(1) **cocoa** powder, (2) **cocoa** butter

The culinary class learned how to make homemade **cocoa** mix from scratch.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym : crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

trafficking

n. the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders

synonym : smuggling, trading, dealing

(1) **trafficking** operation, (2) narcotic **trafficking**

Human **trafficking** is a serious issue that needs to be addressed by governments and organizations worldwide.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

zone

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

synonym: area, region, territory

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

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

plantation

n. a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops

synonym: estate, farm, manor

(1) a rubber **plantation**, (2) **plantation** house

The former **plantation** owner struggled to adjust to life without the enslaved people that once worked for him.

heparin

n. an anticoagulant drug used to prevent blood clots; often used during surgical procedures or in the treatment of blood clotting disorders

synonym: blood thinner, anticoagulant, clot preventer

(1) **heparin** therapy, (2) **heparin** injection

The doctor prescribed **heparin** to prevent blood clots in the patient's legs.

pharmaceutical

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

synonym: drug, medication, prescription

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

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

workshop

n. a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

synonym : studio, laboratory, atelier

(1) **workshop** attendee, (2) carpentry **workshop**

The artist held a **workshop** to teach students how to paint with watercolors.

ingredient

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

synonym : element, component

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

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

intestine

n. a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products

synonym : gut, bowel, tract

(1) large **intestine**, (2) **intestine** wall

The small **intestine** is responsible for absorbing most of the nutrients from food.

diamond

n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

synonym : gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

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.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym: ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

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.

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym: toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

institutional

adj. of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.

synonym: corporate, governmental

(1) **institutional** bank, (2) address **institutional** constraints

We have to discuss the **institutional** reforms of our country.

dump

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

synonym: throw away, dispose

(1) **dump** the gravel on the road, (2) **dump** hazardous waste

The company **dumped** him after several years of service.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

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

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

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

governance

n. the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

synonym: administration, management, direction

(1) good **governance**, (2) corporate **governance**

The United Nations assists countries in building strong **governance** frameworks and institutions.

gap

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

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

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

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

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

synonym : courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym : trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

rogue

n. a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly

synonym : baddie, con artist, crook

(1) a **rogue** detective, (2) **rogue** state

The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a **rogue** state that supports terrorism.

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.

deregulation

n. the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs

synonym: liberalization

(1) **deregulation** of the economy, (2) aviation **deregulation**

The government's **deregulation** of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym: constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

invest

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

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

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

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

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.

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.

ethical

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

synonym : honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility
The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

dilemma

n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

synonym : difficulty, plight, predicament

(1) chicken-and-egg **dilemma**, (2) be in a **dilemma**

The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common **dilemma**.

accessory

n. an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature

synonym : add-on, embellishment, attachment

(1) fashion **accessory**, (2) car **accessory**

She bought a new handbag as a stylish **accessory** for her outfit.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
synonym: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

assure

v. to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

synonym: ensure, guarantee, promise

(1) **assure** safety, (2) **assure** quality

I want to **assure** you that you have my full support.

mortgage

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

synonym: home loan, loan, lien

(1) **mortgage** payment, (2) fixed-rate **mortgage**

They were able to purchase their dream home with a **mortgage** from the bank.

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.

depress

v. to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

synonym: sadden, discourage, deflate

(1) **depress** their spirits, (2) **depress** crop prices

The economic recession **depressed** the housing market.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

deficit

n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

synonym: insufficiency, deficiency, shortage

(1) federal budget **deficit**, (2) an accumulative **deficit**

Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade **deficit**.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

republic

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

synonym: democracy, federation, commonwealth

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

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

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**
The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym : control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise
The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs
Did this response **satisfy** your request?

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,
(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym : usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

documentary

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

synonym: film, broadcast, doco

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

He won an award for that short **documentary**.

sweatshop

n. a factory or workshop where workers are employed at very low wages and under poor conditions, often characterized by long hours, low pay, and hazardous working conditions

(1) **sweatshop** conditions, (2) **sweatshop** labor

Activists have been pushing for legislation to ban the use of **sweatshops** in the garment industry.

garment

n. a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

synonym: apparel, clothing, attire

(1) **garment** industry, (2) silk **garment**

She hung the wet **garment** on the clothesline to dry.

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.

classic

adj. judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a

well-known type

synonym: definitive, traditional, typical

(1) a **classic** experiment, (2) Chinese **classic** literature
He displayed the **classic** symptoms of depression.

squeak

v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

synonym: squeal, whine, creak

(1) **squeak** out a few words, (2) mice **squeak**
The door **squeaked** when I opened it.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product
The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym: emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job
The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

backyard

n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house
synonym: courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue
He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

slaughterhouse

n. (also "abattoir") a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat

synonym: abattoir, meatpacking plant, butcher shop

(1) **slaughterhouse** operation, (2) **slaughterhouse** facility
The smell of the **slaughterhouse** made him feel sick to his stomach.

slaughter

n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

synonym: thrashing, massacre, carnage

(1) **slaughter** of animals, (2) senseless **slaughter**
The **slaughter** of endangered animals must be stopped.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym: excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**
Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

scandal

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

synonym: controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**
The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego
We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym: crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse
Aging **creeps** up slowly with time.

substitute

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

synonym: alternate, replacement, reserve

(1) **substitute** coffee, (2) **substitute** teacher
I **substitute** skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments
He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

doll

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

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**
The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**
The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

no-brainer

n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

(1) **no-brainer** product, (2) look like a **no-brainer**

The first question in the test was a complete **no-brainer**.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

agency

n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

synonym: organization, bureau, institution

(1) real estate **agency**, (2) intelligence **agency**

The government **agency** regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym: building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

audit

n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

synonym : review, examination, inspection

(1) **audit** the books, (2) **audit** accounts

Our company will be **audited** by an accountant next week.

jurisdiction

n. the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised

synonym : power, authority, control

(1) local **jurisdiction**, (2) limited **jurisdiction**

The case fell under the **jurisdiction** of the state court system.

offshore

adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

synonym : seaward, alongshore

(1) an **offshore** oil field, (2) an **offshore** fund

The company undertakes **offshore** development for software companies in many countries.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

(1) **conduct** a background check, (2) **conduct** research

Police will **conduct** random breath testing for drunk driving.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

synonym : examination, analysis, inspection

(1) a preliminary **investigation**, (2) the scope of an

investigation

We have never before conducted a legitimate **investigation**.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

medicinal

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

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

regulatory

adj. having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

synonym : regulative, managerial

(1) **regulatory** cells, (2) compliance with **regulatory** requirements

In the past, Japanese banks were protected by **regulatory** control.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym : grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

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.

breakdown

n. a failure or collapse of a system or organization
synonym: collapse, failure, malfunction

(1) a nervous **breakdown**, (2) **breakdown** maintenance
The **breakdown** of the machinery caused a delay in production.

regulate

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

synonym: control, restrain, handle

(1) **regulate** blood sugar levels, (2) **regulate** our conduct
We must manage to **regulate** our expenditure.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
synonym: earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**
Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

headline

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

synonym: title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**
The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

steppe

n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

synonym: prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**
The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.

commitment

n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

synonym: burden, obligation, promise

(1) a **commitment** to an alliance, (2) meet his

commitments

His business **commitments** took him to the United States.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

leadership

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

synonym: captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians

The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

parochial

adj. related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

synonym: narrow-minded, insular, provincial

(1) **parochial** views, (2) **parochial** community

The **parochial** attitude of the small town made it difficult for

outsiders to feel welcome.

subordinate

adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else

synonym : inferior, secondary, subservient

(1) **subordinate** position, (2) **subordinate** role

The CEO's **subordinate** employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym : sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

eventually

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

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

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.

convene

v. to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

synonym : assemble, gather, summon

(1) **convene** a press conference, (2) **convene** the council

The parliament will **convene** at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

invite

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

synonym : ask, request, summon

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

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

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym : alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

globalization

n. the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

synonym :

worldwide integration

(1) the rapid pace of **globalization**, (2) **globalization** trend
The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural **globalization**.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

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.

responsible

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

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

liable

adj. having legal responsibility for something or someone

synonym: answerable, responsible, accountable

(1) **liable** to taxation, (2) **liable** for all damages
The people are **liable** to tax.

custody

n. the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time

synonym: guardianship, care, detention

(1) take a person into **custody**, (2) **custody** arrangement
After a lengthy court battle, the child's **custody** was granted to the father.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

conscience

n. a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior

synonym: morality, ethics, scruples

(1) inner **conscience**, (2) guilty **conscience**

He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his **conscience**, even if it meant losing the job.

regardless

adv. not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

synonym: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread
People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

ownership

n. the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

synonym: possession, title, proprietorship

(1) property **ownership**, (2) share **ownership**

The company's **ownership** has changed hands several times in the past few years.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

stroke

n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.

synonym : blow

(1) suffer **stroke**, (2) a **stroke** of the putter

This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat **stroke** cases.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym : complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

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

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

harness

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

synonym : rein in, control, (noun) belt

(1) **harness** a horse to a carriage, (2) put a **harness** on my

pet

People have been exploring ways to **harness** natural forces and resources since ancient times.

multinational

adj. relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries

synonym : international, global, cross-border

(1) **multinational** enterprise, (2) **multinational** team

The **multinational** corporation has offices in over 30 countries.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

inspector

n. a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body

synonym : investigator, examiner, auditor

(1) **inspector** general, (2) building **inspector**

The school **inspector** was there to evaluate the teachers' performance and the student's progress.

amazing

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

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym: fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

bribe

v. to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

synonym: graft, corrupt

(1) **bribe** a politician, (2) **bribe** him with food

He tries to **bribe** the ship's captain to export illegal products.

cite

v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

synonym: quote, mention, note

(1) **cite** various authorities, (2) **cite** a fact as evidence

The devil can **cite** Scripture for his purpose.

violation

n. an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties

synonym: breach, transgression, infraction

(1) **violation** law, (2) commit a traffic **violation**

The international community has widely condemned the **violation** of human rights.

deride

v. to ridicule or mock someone or something, often contemptuously or scornfully; to criticize or attack severely

synonym: mock, ridicule, scorn

(1) **deride** the loser, (2) **deride** his opinion

She knew he would **deride** her for her unconventional beliefs, but she shared them anyway.

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym : insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

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.

transnational

adj. relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

synonym : international, global, cross-border

(1) **transnational** migration, (2) **transnational** crime

The company operates as a **transnational** corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

efficient

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

synonym : productive, effective, competent

(1) **efficient** operation, (2) energy- **efficient** appliances

The new washing machine is much more **efficient** than the old one.

organization

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

synonym : association, institution, community

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

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

judgment

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

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

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

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

recrimination

n. the act of accusing someone who has accused you; a countercharge or retaliatory accusation made against an accuser

synonym : blame, accusation

(1) mutual **recrimination**, (2) exchange of **recrimination**

After the project failed, there were **recriminations** from all sides, blaming each other for the mistakes.

confidence

n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

synonym : self-trust, certainty, belief

(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**
Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

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.

propose

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

(1) **propose** the amendment, (2) **propose** changes

I want to **propose** a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

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.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym: agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

disbelief

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

synonym : doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym : expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

verify

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

synonym : affirm, ascertain, confirm

(1) **verify** a document, (2) **verify** identity

We always **verify** all critical information independently.

random

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

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym : disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

basis

n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

synonym : foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation

This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

inspect

v. to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws

synonym : check, examine, review

(1) **inspect** a plant, (2) **inspect** the enemy's movements

The employee had to wait outside while police **inspected** the building.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym : clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials

The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

accountability

n. the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance

synonym : responsibility, answerability, liability

(1) government **accountability**, (2) individual **accountability**

Activists questioned the company's **accountability** for the environmental impact of its operations.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym : join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

ethics

n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

synonym: morals, principles, moralities

(1) political **ethics**, (2) **ethics** of journalism

This scripture provides the code of **ethics** for the religion.

decline

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

synonym: descend, drop, deny

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

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

comeback

n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

synonym: return, resurgence, revival

(1) political **comeback**, (2) career **comeback**

The musician made an impressive **comeback** with their latest album.

stopgap

n. something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable

synonym: impromptu, make-do, expedient

(1) a **stopgap** budget, (2) **stopgap** remedy

He had no choice but to adopt a **stopgap** measure because of his limited budget.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

swine

n. a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

synonym: pig, hog, porker

(1) **swine** flu, (2) **swine** industry

The farmer raises **swine** on his farm for the market.

influenza

n. (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics

synonym: grippe, flu

(1) an epidemic outbreak of **influenza**, (2) **influenza** B strain

The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of **influenza**.

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym: division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

marshal

n. a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

synonym : general, commander, organizer

(1) **marshal** the books into their proper places, (2) deputy **marshal**

The event organizer appointed a professional **marshal** to manage the flow of traffic.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym : overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

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.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym : intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task

My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym : proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

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**.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

crux

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

synonym : heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym : shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

flashy

adj. attractive or impressive by being bright, expensive, large, etc.; (used especially of clothes) marked by conspicuous display

synonym : gaudy, ostentatious, dazzling

(1) **flashy** cars, (2) **flashy** graphics

I want to buy a reliable car rather than a **flashy** one.

plea

n. an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

synonym : petition, appeal, entreaty

(1) **plea** bargaining, (2) emotional **plea**

The defendant entered a **plea** of not guilty during his trial.

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

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

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

humanity

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

synonym : humankind, society, human race

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

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

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

Session 2: Spelling

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|--|---|
| 1. narcotic tra_____ng | <i>n.</i> the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders |
| 2. in_____ce the daily life | <i>n.</i> the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself |
| 3. mo__l burden | <i>adj.</i> concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc. |
| 4. c__e various authorities | <i>v.</i> to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened |
| 5. the re_____ic of art | <i>n.</i> a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch |
| 6. federal budget de_____t | <i>n.</i> the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required |
| 7. financial ind_____nce | <i>n.</i> freedom from another's or others' control or influence |
| 8. co_____e electricity | <i>v.</i> to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount |
| 9. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss | <i>v.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. trafficking, 2. influence, 3. moral, 4. cite, 5. republic, 6. deficit, 7. independence, 8. consume, 9. assume

10. commercial pha_____cal products
adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
11. national se_____ty
n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
12. barren st____e
n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
13. meet his com_____nts
n. a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
14. act as a dec_____ker
n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
15. ab_____n the practice
v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
16. respect for human di_____y
n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
17. au__t the books
n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

ANSWERS: 10. pharmaceutical, 11. security, 12. steppe, 13. commitment, 14. decision-maker, 15. abandon, 16. dignity, 17. audit

18. tra_____nal migration *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
19. mi_____l rights *n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
20. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
21. political et____s *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
22. put a ha_____s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
23. lea_____ip by politicians *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
24. real estate ag____y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

ANSWERS: 18. transnational, 19. mineral, 20. extract, 21. ethics, 22. harness, 23. leadership, 24. agency

25. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
26. co____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
27. sw__e flu *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
28. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
29. 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
30. a cell phone with an internet
fa____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
31. der____ion of the economy *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
32. pa____al views *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
33. tra____nal crime *adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions

ANSWERS: 25. announce, 26. conduct, 27. swine, 28. zone, 29. promote, 30. facility, 31. deregulation, 32. parochial, 33. transnational

34. a corruption sc____l *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
35. an et____l doctrine *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
36. 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
37. as____e safety *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
38. a cl____c experiment *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
39. individual acc____ity *n.* the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance
40. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
41. es____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental

ANSWERS: 34. scandal, 35. ethical, 36. develop, 37. assure, 38. classic, 39. accountability, 40. critic, 41. essential

42. major pha_____cal companies *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
43. co__a powder *n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
44. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
45. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
46. v__l music *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
47. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
48. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
49. po___e manners *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
50. re_____te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
51. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 42. pharmaceutical, 43. cocoa, 44. consumption, 45. pound, 46. viol, 47. definitely, 48. institute, 49. polite, 50. relocate, 51. mechanism

52. ex__t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
53. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
54. silk ga____t *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
55. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
56. doc_____ry proof *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
57. shoulder et_____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
58. co__a butter *n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
59. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
60. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 52. export, 53. abuse, 54. garment, 55. medicinal, 56. documentary, 57. ethical, 58. cocoa, 59. invite, 60. labor

61. 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
62. mo__l hazard *adj.* concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
63. look like a no-_____er *n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
64. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
65. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
66. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
67. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
68. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
69. a rubber pla_____on *n.* a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops
70. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 61. sacrifice, 62. moral, 63. no-brainer, 64. facility, 65. mention, 66. amazing, 67. critic, 68. numb, 69. plantation, 70. conflict

71. 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
72. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
73. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
74. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
75. sub_____te role *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
76. re_____te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
77. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
78. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
79. ba_____rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house

ANSWERS: 71. assume, 72. mimic, 73. monitor, 74. council, 75. subordinate, 76. relocate, 77. genius, 78. environment, 79. backyard

80. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
81. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
82. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
83. a st_____p budget *n.* something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable
84. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
85. de___e the loser *v.* to ridicule or mock someone or something, often contemptuously or scornfully; to criticize or attack severely
86. reg_____ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
87. sla_____use operation *n.* (also "abattoir") a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
88. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
89. sl_____er of animals *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
90. wo_____op attendee *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group

ANSWERS: 80. component, 81. trajectory, 82. nation, 83. stopgap, 84. chain, 85. deride, 86. regardless, 87. slaughterhouse, 88. folk, 89. slaughter, 90. workshop

91. a motorcycle g__g *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
92. carpentry wo____op *n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
93. in____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
94. career tra____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
95. an emotional ju____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
96. na____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
97. co____e a press conference *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
98. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
99. a ch____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
100. no-____er product *n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
101. traditional me____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
102. be in a di____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

ANSWERS: 91. gang, 92. workshop, 93. involve, 94. trajectory, 95. judgment, 96. naturally, 97. convene, 98. government, 99. chemical, 100. no-brainer, 101. medicinal, 102. dilemma

103. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
104. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
105. suffer st___e *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
106. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
107. in_____za B strain *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
108. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
109. 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
110. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
111. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
112. sq___k out a few words *v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
113. cu_____y arrangement *n.* the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time

ANSWERS: 103. governance, 104. abuse, 105. stroke, 106. crazy, 107. influenza, 108. origin, 109. radical, 110. abandon, 111. extreme, 112. squeak, 113. custody

114. career co____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
115. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
116. a company reg_____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
117. a brief ex____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
118. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
119. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
120. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
121. draw out your ap____l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
122. p__a bargaining *n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

ANSWERS: 114. comeback, 115. consumption, 116. regulation, 117. extract, 118. soil, 119. mimic, 120. numb, 121. appeal, 122. plea

123. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
124. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
125. per_____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
126. in_____or general *n.* a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body
127. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
128. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
129. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
130. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
131. mutual rec_____ion *n.* the act of accusing someone who has accused you; a countercharge or retaliatory accusation made against an accuser
132. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

ANSWERS: 123. chain, 124. committed, 125. persuasive, 126. inspector, 127. amazing, 128. overwhelming, 129. pound, 130. invest, 131. recrimination, 132. contract

133. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
134. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
135. 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
136. 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.
137. sub_____te coffee *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
138. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
139. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
140. pa_____al community *adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings

ANSWERS: 133. eventually, 134. statistics, 135. argue, 136. president, 137. substitute, 138. slum, 139. attract, 140. parochial

141. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
142. et___s of journalism *n.* a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong
143. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
144. car ac_____ry *n.* an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature
145. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
146. di_____ef in the authority *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
147. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
148. reg_____ry cells *adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
149. banner he_____ne *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
150. co___n cloth *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

ANSWERS: 141. nation, 142. ethics, 143. folk, 144. accessory, 145. define, 146. disbelief, 147. pandemic, 148. regulatory, 149. headline, 150. cotton

151. as___e quality *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
152. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
153. sc_____l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
154. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
155. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
156. d__p the gravel on the road *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
157. deputy ma_____l *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
158. pla_____on house *n.* a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops
159. a nervous br_____wn *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization

ANSWERS: 151. assure, 152. engage, 153. scandal, 154. contaminate, 155. shift, 156. dump, 157. marshal, 158. plantation, 159. breakdown

160. private se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
161. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
162. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
163. a scanty ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
164. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
165. an of_____re oil field *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
166. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
167. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
168. de_____s their spirits *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active

ANSWERS: 160. sector, 161. democracy, 162. invest, 163. harvest, 164. random, 165. offshore, 166. decision-maker, 167. delivery, 168. depress

169. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
170. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
171. compliance with reg_____ry requirements *adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles
172. vi_____on law *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
173. he_____n injection *n.* an anticoagulant drug used to prevent blood clots; often used during surgical procedures or in the treatment of blood clotting disorders
174. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
175. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
176. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
177. c__e a fact as evidence *v.* to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

ANSWERS: 169. basis, 170. absolutely, 171. regulatory, 172. violation, 173. heparin, 174. oversea, 175. discuss, 176. employ, 177. cite

178. large in _____ne *n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
179. the me _____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
180. ov _____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
181. spare co _____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
182. re ___t temptation *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
183. ef _____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
184. fl ___y cars *adj.* attractive or impressive by being bright, expensive, large, etc.; (used especially of clothes) marked by conspicuous display
185. co _____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
186. in _____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 178. intestine, 179. mechanism, 180. oversea, 181. component, 182. resist, 183. efficient, 184. flashy, 185. conduct, 186. influence

187. chicken-and-egg di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
188. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
189. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
190. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
191. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
192. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
193. a st___e of the putter *n.* a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
194. reap a ha_____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
195. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
196. st_____p remedy *n.* something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable

ANSWERS: 187. dilemma, 188. supple, 189. efficient, 190. define, 191. transparency, 192. statistics, 193. stroke, 194. harvest, 195. mention, 196. stopgap

197. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
198. a com_____nt to an alliance *n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way
199. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
200. ga_____t industry *n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt
201. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
202. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
203. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
204. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
205. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
206. de_____s crop prices *v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
207. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something

ANSWERS: 197. overwhelming, 198. commitment, 199. rural, 200. garment, 201. manufacture, 202. labor, 203. brand, 204. represent, 205. employ, 206. depress, 207. origin

208. good gov_____ce
n. the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
209. an of_____re fund
adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
210. limited jur_____ion
n. the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised
211. government acc_____ity
n. the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance
212. financially ba_____pt
adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
213. re_____te blood sugar levels
v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
214. mass of hu_____ty
n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
215. an ab_____te must
adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

ANSWERS: 208. governance, 209. offshore, 210. jurisdiction, 211. accountability, 212. bankrupt, 213. regulate, 214. humanity, 215. absolute

216. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
217. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
218. en___t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
219. in_____ne wall *n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
220. retain everyone's di____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
221. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
222. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
223. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
224. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

ANSWERS: 216. doll, 217. decision, 218. enlist, 219. intestine, 220. dignity, 221. democracy, 222. council, 223. slave, 224. absolute

225. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
226. li___e for all damages *adj.* having legal responsibility for something or someone
227. sw___e industry *n.* a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat
228. take a person into cu____y *n.* the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time
229. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
230. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
231. in_____t the enemy's movements *v.* to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws
232. an accumulative de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
233. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
234. in_____t a plant *v.* to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws

ANSWERS: 225. appeal, 226. liable, 227. swine, 228. custody, 229. essential, 230. confidence, 231. inspect, 232. deficit, 233. government, 234. inspect

235. ar____n bakery *n.* a skilled craftsperson or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft
236. sw_____op labor *n.* a factory or workshop where workers are employed at very low wages and under poor conditions, often characterized by long hours, low pay, and hazardous working conditions
237. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
238. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
239. d__p hazardous waste *v.* to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly
240. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
241. ready-made ph____es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
242. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
243. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 235. artisan, 236. sweatshop, 237. judgment, 238. union, 239. dump, 240. propose, 241. phrase, 242. decision, 243. absolutely

244. mul_____nal enterprise *adj.* relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
245. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
246. reg_____on by the government *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
247. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
248. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
249. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
250. building in_____or *n.* a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body
251. property ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
252. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

ANSWERS: 244. multinational, 245. decide, 246. regulation, 247. partnership, 248. organization, 249. industrious, 250. inspector, 251. ownership, 252. confidence

253. au__t accounts *n.* an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation
254. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
255. mul_____nal team *adj.* relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
256. 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
257. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
258. commit a traffic vi_____on *n.* an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
259. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
260. address ins_____nal constraints *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
261. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

ANSWERS: 253. audit, 254. probable, 255. multinational, 256. argue, 257. voter, 258. violation, 259. contract, 260. institutional, 261. daunting

262. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
263. ex___t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
264. reg_____ss of the difficulties *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
265. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
266. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
267. en___t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
268. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
269. fixed-rate mo_____ge *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
270. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
271. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
272. a preliminary inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

ANSWERS: 262. gang, 263. export, 264. regardless, 265. administer, 266. definitely, 267. enlist, 268. attract, 269. mortgage, 270. fortunate, 271. involve, 272. investigation

273. commit su____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
274. the c__x of the argument *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
275. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
276. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
277. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
278. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
279. ha_____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
280. emotional p__a *n.* an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication
281. ba_____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
282. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 273. suicide, 274. crux, 275. eventually, 276. extreme, 277. monitor, 278. ingredient, 279. harness, 280. plea, 281. bankrupt, 282. gap

283. the rapid pace of glo_____ion *n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders
284. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
285. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
286. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
287. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
288. inner con_____ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
289. ask in di_____ef *n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
290. su_____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
291. ma_____l the books into their proper places *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

ANSWERS: 283. globalization, 284. independence, 285. represent, 286. industrious, 287. recognize, 288. conscience, 289. disbelief, 290. suicide, 291. marshal

292. local jur_____ion *n.* the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised
293. de_____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
294. sub_____te teacher *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
295. re_____ic democracy *n.* a state or country in which the people and their elected representatives hold supreme power and which has an elected or nominated president rather than a monarch
296. mo_____ge payment *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
297. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
298. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
299. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
300. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 292. jurisdiction, 293. decline, 294. substitute, 295. republic, 296. mortgage, 297. crazy, 298. gap, 299. shift, 300. recognize

301. a doc_____ry film *n.* a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents
302. 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.
303. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
304. exchange of rec_____ion *n.* the act of accusing someone who has accused you; a countercharge or retaliatory accusation made against an accuser
305. vitamin and mi_____ls *n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
306. su_____e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
307. de_____e his opinion *v.* to ridicule or mock someone or something, often contemptuously or scornfully; to criticize or attack severely
308. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

ANSWERS: 301. documentary, 302. president, 303. security, 304. recrimination, 305. mineral, 306. supple, 307. deride, 308. investigation

309. br__e him with food *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
310. fl___y graphics *adj.* attractive or impressive by being bright, expensive, large, etc.; (used especially of clothes) marked by conspicuous display
311. sub_____te position *adj.* of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
312. under his lea_____ip *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
313. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
314. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
315. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
316. per_____ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
317. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
318. he_____n therapy *n.* an anticoagulant drug used to prevent blood clots; often used during surgical procedures or in the treatment of blood clotting disorders

ANSWERS: 309. bribe, 310. flashy, 311. subordinate, 312. leadership, 313. rural, 314. genius, 315. decline, 316. persuasive, 317. environment, 318. heparin

319. less fo_____te person *adj.* having good luck or lucky
320. glo_____ion trend *n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders
321. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
322. ro__e state *n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
323. tra_____ng operation *n.* the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders
324. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
325. sw_____op conditions *n.* a factory or workshop where workers are employed at very low wages and under poor conditions, often characterized by long hours, low pay, and hazardous working conditions
326. culture of co_____n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
327. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
328. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 319. fortunate, 320. globalization, 321. chemical, 322. rogue, 323. trafficking, 324. daunting, 325. sweatshop, 326. cotton, 327. consume, 328. brand

329. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
330. play in the ba_____rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
331. flu pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
332. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
333. re_____te our conduct *v.* to control something, especially by means of rules or laws
334. br___e a politician *v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements
335. ve____y identity *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
336. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
337. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
338. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
339. co_____e the council *v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity

ANSWERS: 329. responsible, 330. backyard, 331. pandemic, 332. compromise, 333. regulate, 334. bribe, 335. verify, 336. contaminate, 337. committed, 338. institute, 339. convene

340. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
341. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
342. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
343. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
344. mice sq____k *v.* to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice
345. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
346. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
347. an epidemic outbreak of in_____za *n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
348. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
349. fashion ac_____ry *n.* an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature

ANSWERS: 340. conflict, 341. propose, 342. announce, 343. probable, 344. squeak, 345. manufacture, 346. union, 347. influenza, 348. headline, 349. accessory

350. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
351. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
352. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
353. ins_____nal bank *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
354. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
355. guilty con_____ce *n.* a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior
356. Chinese cl____c literature *adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
357. st___e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
358. cannot com_____se anymore *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

ANSWERS: 350. sector, 351. zone, 352. phrase, 353. institutional, 354. decide, 355. conscience, 356. classic, 357. steppe, 358. compromise

359. 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
360. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
361. senseless sl____er *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
362. intelligence ag____y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
363. talented ar____n *n.* a skilled craftsman or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft
364. sa____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
365. di____d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 359. develop, 360. random, 361. slaughter, 362. agency, 363. artisan, 364. satisfy, 365. diamond

366. sa____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
367. a nation's right to go____n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
368. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
369. main c__x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
370. in____e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
371. go____n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
372. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
373. res____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
374. li____e to taxation *adj.* having legal responsibility for something or someone

ANSWERS: 366. satisfy, 367. govern, 368. slum, 369. crux, 370. invite, 371. govern, 372. viol, 373. responsible, 374. liable

375. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
376. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
377. s___ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
378. hu_____ty at large *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
379. an eligible vo___r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
380. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
381. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
382. 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
383. po___e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
384. cr___p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

ANSWERS: 375. administer, 376. discuss, 377. soil, 378. humanity, 379. voter, 380. ingredient, 381. transparency, 382. sacrifice, 383. polite, 384. creep

385. a ro__e detective *n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
386. re___t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
387. special de____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
388. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
389. establish a par____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
390. aviation der____ion *n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
391. br____wn maintenance *n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
392. org____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
393. share ow____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
394. di____d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 385. rogue, 386. resist, 387. delivery, 388. doll, 389. partnership, 390. deregulation, 391. breakdown, 392. organization, 393. ownership, 394. diamond

395. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
396. ve___y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
397. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
398. sla_____use facility *n.* (also "abattoir") a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
399. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
400. political co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
401. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
402. cr__p toward the mouse *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
403. a sl__e trader *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
404. 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

ANSWERS: 395. basis, 396. verify, 397. naturally, 398. slaughterhouse, 399. engage, 400. comeback, 401. radical, 402. creep, 403. slave, 404. promote

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.
adj. very great in amount or degree
2. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
3. The first question in the test was a complete _____.
n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
4. He grows vegetables in his _____.
n. a whole space behind and belonging to a house
5. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.
n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
6. The former _____ owner struggled to adjust to life without the enslaved people that once worked for him.
n. a large farm or estate, typically in a tropical or subtropical country, used for growing cash crops
7. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
8. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling _____.
n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 1. extreme, 2. Soil, 3. no-brainer, 4. backyard, 5. appeal, 6. plantation, 7. crazy, 8. diamond

9. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
10. This year's extreme heat has resulted in many heat _____ cases.
n. a medical condition in which poor blood flow to the brain causes cell death; the act of swinging or striking at a ball with a club, racket, etc.
11. The CEO's _____ employees were expected to follow his instructions without question.
adj. of lower rank or importance, often used to describe a person in a position of inferiority or inferior status; serving as a secondary or supporting element to something else
12. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
13. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
14. 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
15. This scripture provides the code of _____ for the religion.
n. a branch of philosophy that considers what is morally right and wrong conduct; a set of beliefs about what is morally right and wrong

ANSWERS: 9. oversea, 10. stroke, 11. subordinate, 12. contract, 13. slums, 14. radical, 15. ethics

16. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
17. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
18. After the project failed, there were _____ from all sides, blaming each other for the mistakes.
- n.* the act of accusing someone who has accused you; a countercharge or retaliatory accusation made against an accuser
19. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.
- n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
20. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
- n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
21. They donated large sums of money for the development of _____.
- n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
22. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.
- n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
23. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
- n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 16. council, 17. brand, 18. recriminations, 19. gang, 20. phrase, 21. humanity, 22. facility, 23. extracting

24. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.
- n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
25. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
26. The political _____ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.
- n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
27. 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
28. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
29. The country's _____ has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.
- n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
30. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.
- adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

ANSWERS: 24. partnership, 25. institutes, 26. scandal, 27. develop, 28. amazing, 29. leadership, 30. absolute

31. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.
- n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
32. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
- n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
33. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.
- n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
34. He displayed the _____ symptoms of depression.
- adj.* judged or deserving to be regarded as one of the best or most important of its kind over a period of time; of a well-known type
35. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.
- n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
36. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
37. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.
- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
38. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
- n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 31. investigation, 32. sector, 33. governance, 34. classic, 35. headline, 36. conduct, 37. dignity, 38. independence

39. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
40. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
- n.* the first existence or beginning of something
41. The _____ of the machinery caused a delay in production.
- n.* a failure or collapse of a system or organization
42. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
43. The _____ attitude of the small town made it difficult for outsiders to feel welcome.
- adj.* related to or characteristic of a small or narrow-minded community, often referring to a geographic location or mindset; having limited or narrow knowledge or experience of the world outside one's immediate surroundings
44. It's important to be _____ even when you disagree with someone.
- adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
45. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.
- n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
46. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 39. critics, 40. origin, 41. breakdown, 42. committed, 43. parochial, 44. polite, 45. slave, 46. represent

47. The company _____ him after several years of service.

v. to deposit or dispose of something, such as trash, waste, etc., carelessly or hurriedly

48. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

49. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

50. The _____ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

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

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

52. The smell of the _____ made him feel sick to his stomach.

n. (also "abattoir") a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat

53. The employee had to wait outside while police _____ the building.

v. to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws

54. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

adj. performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 47. dumped, 48. definitely, 49. industrious, 50. crux, 51. medicinal, 52. slaughterhouse, 53. inspected, 54. efficient

55. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
56. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast _____.
- n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
57. The economic recession _____ the housing market.
- v.* to make someone feel sad, low in spirits, or without hope; to make markets, businesses, etc., less active
58. She bought a new handbag as a stylish _____ for her outfit.
- n.* an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature
59. The artist held a _____ to teach students how to paint with watercolors.
- n.* a place where people work, especially one where they do manual or practical work; a brief intensive course for a small group
60. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
61. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
- n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

ANSWERS: 55. conflicts, 56. steppe, 57. depressed, 58. accessory, 59. workshop, 60. statistics, 61. pandemic

62. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
63. The main discussion topic is government _____.
n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through
64. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
65. Human _____ is a serious issue that needs to be addressed by governments and organizations worldwide.
n. the illegal trade in goods, services, or people, often across national borders
66. The choice between bureaucracy and adhococracy represents a common _____.
n. a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
67. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.
adj. having good luck or lucky
68. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
69. Ethics deals with _____ conduct.
adj. concerned with the principles of what is right and wrong, fairness, honesty, etc.
70. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 62. decide, 63. transparency, 64. shift, 65. trafficking, 66. dilemma, 67. fortunate, 68. abuse, 69. moral, 70. engaged

71. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
72. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.
v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
73. Did this response _____ your request?
v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
74. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
n. the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
75. We always _____ all critical information independently.
v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
76. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
77. The _____ of endangered animals must be stopped.
n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
78. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.
adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;
79. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.
n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

ANSWERS: 71. zone, 72. monitor, 73. satisfy, 74. judgments, 75. verify, 76. governing, 77. slaughter, 78. chemical, 79. ingredient

80. 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
81. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
82. 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.
83. The small _____ is responsible for absorbing most of the nutrients from food.
- n. a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
84. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.
- n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
85. She is known in the community as a skilled _____ in pottery.
- n. a skilled craftsperson or worker who produces handmade or traditionally crafted items, often using specialized tools or techniques; someone who is skilled in a particular trade or craft
86. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 80. promote, 81. involves, 82. president, 83. intestine, 84. harvest, 85. artisan, 86. define

87. Activists have been pushing for legislation to ban the use of _____ in the garment industry.
- n.* a factory or workshop where workers are employed at very low wages and under poor conditions, often characterized by long hours, low pay, and hazardous working conditions
88. The research institute allocated a lot of money to study the cause and prevention of _____.
- n.* (formal for flu) a highly contagious viral disease that causes fever, severe aching, and catarrh and often occurs in epidemics
89. The parliament will _____ at 1 p.m. tomorrow.
- v.* to come or bring together a group of people for a meeting or activity
90. I want to _____ you that you have my full support.
- v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
91. 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
92. We have to discuss the _____ reforms of our country.
- adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
93. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.
- n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

ANSWERS: 87. sweatshops, 88. influenza, 89. convene, 90. assure, 91. sacrifice, 92. institutional, 93. consumption

94. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
95. The case fell under the _____ of the state court system.
n. the extent or range of authority, power, or control exercised by a particular entity or organization, such as a government or court; the area within which such authority or control is exercised
96. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
97. The _____ corporation has offices in over 30 countries.
adj. relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
98. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.
v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
99. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
100. The international community has widely condemned the _____ of human rights.
n. an action that breaches a law, rule, or agreement; an infringement of rights or duties
101. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.
adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

ANSWERS: 94. voter, 95. jurisdiction, 96. mentioned, 97. multinational, 98. enlist, 99. responsible, 100. violation, 101. overwhelming

102. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.

- v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

103. She hung the wet _____ on the clothesline to dry.

- n.* a piece of clothing, such as a dress, coat, or shirt

104. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

- n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

105. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.

- v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

106. The university _____ to campuses several miles away.

- v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

107. People can pick out superior products _____ of the quality of the advertising.

- adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

108. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.

- n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something

109. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

- v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 102. exports, 103. garment, 104. agency, 105. compromised, 106. relocated, 107. regardless, 108. confidence, 109. contaminate

110. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

111. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

112. The company undertakes _____ development for software companies in many countries.

adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

113. Our company will be _____ by an accountant next week.

n. an official inspection of the accounting procedures and records of business by a trained accountant or CPA that is independent of the subject; a methodical inspection or review of a specific condition or situation

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

115. He won an award for that short _____.

n. a film or a radio or television program that gives facts and information about a subject; of or derived from official documents

116. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

117. She gave money to help set up a _____ laboratory.

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

ANSWERS: 110. decision, 111. folk, 112. offshore, 113. audited, 114. probable, 115. documentary, 116. administer, 117. pharmaceutical

118. The school _____ was there to evaluate the teachers' performance and the student's progress.

n. a person whose job is to inspect, examine, or investigate something, often on behalf of an organization or official body

119. The people are _____ to tax.

adj. having legal responsibility for something or someone

120. The devil can _____ Scripture for his purpose.

v. to refer to something such as a passage, book, etc. as evidence for a theory or as a reason why something has happened

121. 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

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

adj. indispensable; fundamental

123. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

124. We must manage to _____ our expenditure.

v. to control something, especially by means of rules or laws

125. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

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

ANSWERS: 118. inspector, 119. liable, 120. cite, 121. nation, 122. essential, 123. union, 124. regulate, 125. doll

126. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

127. She is the president of a large international _____.

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

128. He was _____ gifted.

- adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners

129. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.

- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

130. He tries to _____ the ship's captain to export illegal products.

- v.* to try to make someone do something to gain one's favors or influence by giving a gift of money or other inducements

131. The third season of the anime show has been _____.

- v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

132. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.

- n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

133. The castle was _____ several years later.

- v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

ANSWERS: 126. labor, 127. organization, 128. naturally, 129. component, 130. bribe, 131. announced, 132. cotton, 133. abandoned

134. The government's _____ of the telecommunications industry led to increased competition.
- n.* the process of reducing or removing government regulations and restrictions in a particular industry or sector, often to promote competition and reduce costs
135. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.
- adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
136. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
137. The company operates as a _____ corporation, with offices and operations in multiple countries.
- adj.* relating to or involving activities, organizations, or individuals that cross national boundaries or operate in multiple countries; having a presence or influence in multiple countries or regions
138. The culinary class learned how to make homemade _____ mix from scratch.
- n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
139. The doctor prescribed _____ to prevent blood clots in the patient's legs.
- n.* an anticoagulant drug used to prevent blood clots; often used during surgical procedures or in the treatment of blood clotting disorders
140. His business _____ took him to the United States.
- n.* a promise or firm decision to do something or to behave in a certain way

ANSWERS: 134. deregulation, 135. bankrupt, 136. recognize, 137. transnational, 138. cocoa, 139. heparin, 140. commitments

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

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

142. They were able to purchase their dream home with a _____ from the bank.

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

143. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

v. to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

144. The farmer raises _____ on his farm for the market.

n. a domestic pig, especially one bred for its meat

145. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

146. Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade _____.

n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

147. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

148. 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

ANSWERS: 141. random, 142. mortgage, 143. propose, 144. swine, 145. decision-makers, 146. deficit, 147. employ, 148. argue

149. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.
- n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
150. The president states emphatically that the opponent country is a _____ state that supports terrorism.
- n.* a deceitful and unreliable person; a person who behaves badly
151. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
152. 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
153. She knew he would _____ her for her unconventional beliefs, but she shared them anyway.
- v.* to ridicule or mock someone or something, often contemptuously or scornfully; to criticize or attack severely
154. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
155. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.
- v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
156. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
- n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

ANSWERS: 149. regulation, 150. rogue, 151. invest, 152. assumes, 153. deride, 154. gap, 155. resist, 156. trajectory

157. The government is eager to _____ international investment.

- v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

158. The robust economy of the country is based on its _____ resources.

- n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition

159. The United States is a federal presidential constitutional _____.

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

160. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.

- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

161. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

162. The company's _____ has changed hands several times in the past few years.

- n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

163. The _____ player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

- n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

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

- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 157. attract, 158. mineral, 159. republic, 160. consume, 161. manufactured, 162. ownership, 163. viol, 164. absolutely

165. Aging _____ up slowly with time.

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

166. I want to buy a reliable car rather than a _____ one.

adj. attractive or impressive by being bright, expensive, large, etc.; (used especially of clothes) marked by conspicuous display

167. Mozart was a musical _____.

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

168. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

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

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

170. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

171. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

172. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 165. creeps, 166. flashy, 167. genius, 168. eventually, 169. declines, 170. mechanisms, 171. Democracy, 172. pounds

173. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
- v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
174. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
- n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
175. His reaction was one of complete _____.
- n.* the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real
176. The event organizer appointed a professional _____ to manage the flow of traffic.
- n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner
177. He had no choice but to adopt a _____ measure because of his limited budget.
- n.* something intended for temporary use while you are looking for something more suitable
178. After a lengthy court battle, the child's _____ was granted to the father.
- n.* the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time
179. In the past, Japanese banks were protected by _____ control.
- adj.* having the power to control or restrict something such as business or industry according to rules or principles

ANSWERS: 173. mimic, 174. chain, 175. disbelief, 176. marshal, 177. stopgap, 178. custody, 179. regulatory

180. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

adj. of or relating to the countryside

181. My left arm became _____.

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

182. He couldn't bear the thought of acting against his _____ even if it meant losing the job.

n. a person's inner sense of what is right or wrong in their conduct or motives, viewed as a guide to their behavior

183. The door _____ when I opened it.

v. to make a high-pitched, short, sharp noise; to speak or say something in a high-pitched, weak, or timid voice

184. 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

185. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

186. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.

v. to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

ANSWERS: 180. rural, 181. numb, 182. conscience, 183. squeaked, 184. influence, 185. supple, 186. harness

187. The musician made an impressive _____ with their latest album.

- n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

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

- n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally

189. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.

- n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged

190. The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural _____.

- n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

191. I _____ skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

- n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

192. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

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

193. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.

- adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

ANSWERS: 187. comeback, 188. suicide, 189. basis, 190. globalization, 191. substitute, 192. environment, 193. daunting

194. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
195. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.
- n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
196. The president must have the highest _____ standards.
- adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
197. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
- v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
198. Activists questioned the company's _____ for the environmental impact of its operations.
- n.* the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance
199. 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
200. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
- n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 194. discuss, 195. delivery, 196. ethical, 197. invite, 198. accountability, 199. government, 200. security

201. The defendant entered a _____ of not guilty during his trial.

n. an appeal or request, especially for help or understanding; a legal excuse or defense; an earnest entreaty or supplication

202. He made a _____ argument for the new policy.

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

ANSWERS: 201. plea, 202. persuasive