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Session 1: Word List

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

prediction

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

synonym: forecast, anticipation, foretelling

(1) make my **predictions**, (2) gloomy **predictions**

These results muddied the **prediction**.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym: duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself
By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

wisdom

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
synonym: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature
The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

guesswork

n. the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition

synonym: speculation, conjecture, estimation

(1) pure **guesswork**, (2) rely on **guesswork**
Making decisions based on **guesswork** can lead to costly mistakes.

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage
The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

concerned

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

synonym: worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen
I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

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.

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

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.

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.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

pants

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

synonym: trousers, breeches, slacks

(1) woolly **pants**, (2) pajama **pants**

I always wear **pants** when I go outside, even in the summer.

advertise

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

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

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

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

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.

magic

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

synonym: fascination, illusion, wizardry

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

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

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym : bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

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.

coercion

n. the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

synonym : pressure, force, compulsion

(1) **coercion** through force, (2) physical **coercion**

The government used **coercion** to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.

essence

n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

synonym : core, nature, disposition

(1) vanilla **essence**, (2) universal **essence**

University teaches the art of understanding the **essence** of

the matter.

speculate

v. to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

synonym: assume, conjecture, infer

(1) **speculate** about the reason, (2) **speculate** on the outcome

He **speculated** that this investment would lead to success.

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.

generator

n. a machine that produces electricity

synonym: dynamo, alternator, creator

(1) random number **generator**, (2) major revenue **generator**

Most data centers have emergency **generators** on standby at all times.

lottery

n. a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

synonym: raffle, sweepstakes, drawing

(1) national **lottery**, (2) scratch-off **lottery**

The odds of winning the **lottery** are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.

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**.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

mathematics

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

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

pretension

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

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

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

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

rigorous

adj. allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate

synonym : severe, exact, strict

(1) **rigorous** standards, (2) have **rigorous** criticism

The way he manages his employees is extremely **rigorous**.

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.

terribly

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much

synonym : awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry

His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym : contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

self-interest

n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

synonym : selfishness, selfhood, egocentricity

(1) unaffected by **self-interest**, (2) material **self-interest**

The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by **self-interest**.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

limitation

n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something

synonym : restriction, constraint, burden

(1) impose **limitation**, (2) **limitation** of exercise

Disability is a physical **limitation** to living everyday life.

constraint

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

synonym: limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time

constraints

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

someplace

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

synonym: somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet

Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

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.

rational

adj. based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking

synonym : logical, reasonable, sensible

(1) **rational** decision, (2) the **rational** faculty

The **rational** approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.

terror

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

synonym : fear, alarm, horror

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

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

exception

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

synonym : anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**

She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

fickle

adj. liable to change frequently or unexpectedly, often without reason; capricious or unsteady

synonym : capricious, unpredictable, inconsistent

(1) **fickle** opinion, (2) **fickle** mood

The weather can be quite **fickle** in this region, changing rapidly and unpredictably.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym : taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

schizophrenia

n. a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

synonym : psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

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.

pursue

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

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

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

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

corporation

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

synonym : business, company, enterprise

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

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

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym : consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

pollutant

n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

synonym : contaminant, toxic substance

(1) noxious **pollutant**, (2) water **pollutant**

The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant **pollutant** in the area.

exhort

v. to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something; to give advice or admonition with urgency or passion

synonym: urge, encourage, persuade

(1) **exhort** to action, (2) **exhort** him to be honest

The motivational speaker tried to **exhort** the audience to reach their full potential.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

responsive

adj. quick to respond or react to something

synonym: alert, reactive, sensitive

(1) **responsive** to affection, (2) **responsive** customer service

The **responsive** website design allows for easy navigation on any device.

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.

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.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

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

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

adviser

n. a person who gives advice about a particular subject

synonym : consultant, guide, expert

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

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

secretary

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

synonym : assistant, clerk, administrator

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

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

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its

rights and interests are illegally violated.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

ambassador

n. a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

synonym: envoy, diplomat, representative

(1) **ambassador** for football, (2) send an **ambassador** abroad

The **ambassador** of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.

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.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym: result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

pinnacle

n. the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

synonym: summit, peak, apex

(1) architectural **pinnacle**, (2) reached the **pinnacle**

Climbing to the **pinnacle** of the mountain is a challenge that

many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.

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**.

pyramid

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

synonym: monument, edifice, tomb

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

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

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

overcome

v. to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

synonym: beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

sally

n. a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark

synonym: sortie, charge, wisecrack

(1) **sally** of wit, (2) **sally** port

The protesters made a sudden **sally** into the town square, surprising everyone.

harry

v. to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

synonym: bother, pester, annoy

(1) **harry** the ship all night, (2) **harry** a suspect

I need to **harry** my coworkers to finish the project on time.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

mess

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

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

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

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

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

straight

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

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

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

influencer

n. a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media

synonym: tastemaker, bellwether

(1) high-profile **influencer**, (2) **influencer** marketing

My team measures the effectiveness of advertising with social media **influencers**.

doe

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

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

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

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

vacation

n. a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure

synonym: leave, recess, break

(1) a short **vacation**, (2) summer **vacation**

Do you have a plan for a long **vacation**?

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

factoid

n. something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true

(1) an attention-grabbing **factoid**, (2) wacky **factoid**

We talked about an interesting **factoid** in today's newspaper.

assess

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

synonym: estimate, evaluate, consider

(1) **assess** a tax of 10 pounds, (2) **assess** the quality

Our company needs to **assess** the business impact of climate change.

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.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

classify

v. to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties

synonym:

categorize, sort, arrange

(1) **classify** images, (2) **classify** emails into folders

I need to **classify** these documents for the upcoming audit.

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym: capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym: revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

stake

n. a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

synonym: share, interest, post

(1) execution by burning at a **stake**, (2) buy the company's **stake**

The **stake** of the company is too high nowadays.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

backward

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

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

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

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

inference

n. a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning; a deduction or assumption

synonym: deduction, conclusion, assumption

(1) make an **inference**, (2) logical **inference**

Based on ice core samples, scientists can draw **inferences** about the Earth's past climate.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

attend

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

synonym: go, be present, accompany

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

We must **attend** to this matter.

clout

n. influence or power, especially political or social influence; a strong force or impact

synonym: influence, power, sway

(1) **clout** in politics, (2) social media **clout**

The CEO has enough **clout** to change the company's legacy policies.

creditor

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

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

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

ego

n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

synonym: self-esteem, personality, psyche

(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**

She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about

her accomplishments.

involvement

n. the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something

synonym: participation, engagement, commitment

(1) political **involvement**, (2) **involvement** in criminal activity

The **involvement** of the local government in the project has been critical to its success.

balance

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

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

differ

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

synonym: vary, diverge, disagree

(1) **differ** from the majority, (2) **differ** according to species

The two products **differed** in their quality and price.

standing

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

synonym: upright, vertical, (*noun*) position

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

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

faithful

adj. loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance

synonym: loyal, devoted, true

(1) **faithful** friend, (2) totally **faithful**

He remained **faithful** to his wife throughout their marriage.

blaze

v. to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously

synonym : burn, flame, ignite

(1) **blaze** a trail, (2) **blaze** with fury

The forest fire continued to **blaze** out of control, threatening nearby homes.

glory

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

synonym : acclaim, credit, recognition

(1) greatest **glory**, (2) former **glory**

It is preferable to die in **glory** than to live in dishonor.

negotiate

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

synonym : discuss, mediate, bargain

(1) **negotiate** a settlement, (2) **negotiate** the price of the house

We are always happy to **negotiate** a discount.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

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**.

accuracy

n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

synonym : precision, exactness, truthfulness

(1) degree of **accuracy**, (2) the **accuracy** of his compass

To assure **accuracy**, I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

nuclear

adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

synonym : atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

theocracy

n. a form of government in which religious leaders or institutions hold the ultimate authority and religious laws are the basis of governance

synonym : ecclesiocracy, priest-dominated state

(1) Christian **theocracy**, (2) modern **theocracy**

The **theocracy** debate has taken center stage in many academic circles due to the rise of religious movements worldwide.

regime

n. the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

synonym : administration, establishment, government

(1) a puppet **regime**, (2) exercise **regime**

Totalitarian **regimes** are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

forth

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

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand

I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

simulate

v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

synonym : pretend, imitate, mimic

(1) **simulate** climate change, (2) **simulate** a future scenario

He had painted the wood to **simulate** stone.

dynamics

n. the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

synonym : mechanics, kinetics, kinematics

(1) **dynamics** of group, (2) **dynamics** of economy

The relationship **dynamics** between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.

interaction

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

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

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

(2) **interaction** among human beings

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

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
synonym : perpendicular, upright, plumb

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

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

axis

n. a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

synonym : central, core, pole

(1) vertical **axis**, (2) a coordinate **axis**

The earth's **axis** of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym : choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

grade

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

synonym : score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels

Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

fuel

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

synonym : energy, power, gas

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

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

analyze

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

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

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

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

quantity

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude

synonym: abundance, portion, amount

(1) half **quantity**, (2) residual **quantity**

In southward, the average annual water **quantity** increases.

achieve

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

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

pride

n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**

She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

civilian

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

synonym: citizen, inhabitant, resident

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

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

conflict.

objective

n. a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

synonym : goal, purpose, aim

(1) **objective** assessment, (2) financial **objective**

The study's main **objective** is to identify risk factors for heart disease.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

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.

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**.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym : interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to

resolve **internal** disputes.

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym : endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

device

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

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

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

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

stable

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

synonym : sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job

Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

equilibrium

n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

synonym : balance, stability, harmony

(1) **equilibrium** point, (2) political **equilibrium**

The company struggled to maintain an **equilibrium** between its profits and social responsibilities.

nationalist

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

synonym : chauvinist, patriotic, jingoist

(1) **nationalist** sentiment, (2) **nationalist** revolt

The **nationalist** rally attracted thousands of supporters.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

bunch

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

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym : decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

drift

v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

synonym : float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft

I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

economy

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

synonym : finance, trade, business

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

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

crisis

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

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

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

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

steep

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

synonym: sheer, precipitous, abrupt

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

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

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.

banker

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

synonym: dealer, broker, financier

(1) central **bankers**, (2) investment **banker**

Bankers are only willing to lend with good security.

bazaar

n. marketplace, especially one in the Middle East

synonym: market, fair, trading post

(1) a charity **bazaar**, (2) a church **bazaar**

The **bazaar** market was filled with colorful stalls selling goods from all over the world.

mullah

n. an Islamic religious leader or teacher

synonym: cleric, priest, imam

(1) the wife of a **mullah**, (2) **mullah** leader

The **mullahs** in the country have been accused of using their religious authority to justify acts of terrorism.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

religion

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

synonym: faith, creed, belief

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

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

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym: unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence
The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

predictable

adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
synonym: foreseeable, expectable, likely

(1) **predictable** pattern, (2) in a **predictable** manner
The economy becomes more volatile and less **predictable**.

litigation

n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system

synonym: lawsuit, legal action, court case

(1) civil **litigation**, (2) **litigation** process
The government is considering **litigation** against the company for environmental violations.

merger

n. the process of two or more companies joining together and becoming one entity, often to improve their competitive position or achieve synergies in operations or distribution

synonym: amalgamation, fusion, consolidation

(1) **merger** talks, (2) financial **merger**
The **merger** between the two companies resulted in a stronger market position.

applied

adj. of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way

synonym: practical, practiced, used

(1) **applied** research, (2) **applied** physics
Military technology eventually became the foundation for **applied** technology that supported people's lives.

hedge

n. a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions

synonym: border, fence, barrier

(1) snip at a **hedge**, (2) **hedge** fund firm

The best way to **hedge** financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.

dominant

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

synonym : chief, predominant, prevailing

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

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

theme

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

synonym : subject, topic, motif

(1) **theme** park, (2) central **theme**

The **theme** of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

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

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

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

halfway

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

synonym : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job

The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

panic

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

synonym: confusion, hysteria, consternation

(1) a **panic** reaction, (2) **panic** buying

The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused **panic** in the financial markets.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym: chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

ponder

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

synonym: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

calculation

n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

synonym: analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

beneficial

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

synonym: useful, advantageous, fruitful

(1) a **beneficial** result, (2) **beneficial** to all countries

Laughing is **beneficial** to our health.

hasten

v. to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up

synonym: accelerate, hurry, rush

(1) **hasten** the process, (2) **hasten** the arrival
I need to **hasten** my speed to finish the race on time.

grief

n. a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
synonym: anguish, desperation, dismay

(1) have **grief** and sorrow, (2) a lot of **grief**
Each person has a unique **grief** experience.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
synonym: control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**
Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

destiny

n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
synonym: fate, future, outcome

(1) foreordained **destiny**, (2) **destiny** of the individual
It is said that our **destiny** is written in the stars.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade
Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

suffer

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

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades
The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

sanction

n. official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb)

to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

synonym : approve, authorize, endorse

(1) Imperial **sanction**, (2) popular **sanction**

The government imposed economic **sanctions** on the country.

military

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

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

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

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

hop

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

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

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

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

Session 2: Spelling

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11. amb_____or for football *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
12. a church ba____r *n.* marketplace, especially one in the Middle East
13. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
14. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
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ANSWERS: 10. confuse, 11. ambassador, 12. bazaar, 13. reproduce, 14. outcome, 15. hop, 16. theocracy, 17. exhort, 18. nationalist, 19. shrink

20. bl__e a trail *v.* to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously
21. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
22. snip at a he__e *n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
23. a truncated py_____d *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
24. a puppet re___e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
25. di___r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
26. res_____ve to affection *adj.* quick to respond or react to something
27. ra_____al decision *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
28. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
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ANSWERS: 20. blaze, 21. overcome, 22. hedge, 23. pyramid, 24. regime, 25. differ, 26. responsive, 27. rational, 28. communal, 29. drift

30. reached the pi_____le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
31. in a pre_____le manner *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
32. nu_____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
33. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
34. sch_____nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
35. wi_____m literature *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
36. a c___e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
37. as___s the quality *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
38. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 30. pinnacle, 31. predictable, 32. nuclear, 33. manipulate, 34. schizophrenia, 35. wisdom, 36. clue, 37. assess, 38. possibility

39. a confidential se_____ry *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
40. water po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
41. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
42. 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
43. de_____y of the individual *n.* the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
44. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
45. re___d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
46. fr___k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
47. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
48. ex___t to action *v.* to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something; to give advice or admonition with urgency or passion

ANSWERS: 39. secretary, 40. pollutant, 41. random, 42. union, 43. destiny, 44. engineer, 45. regard, 46. frank, 47. random, 48. exhort

49. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
50. scratch-off lo_____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
51. pure gu_____rk *n.* the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition
52. po____r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
53. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
54. the ra_____al faculty *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
55. lo____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
56. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
57. ap_____d physics *adj.* of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way

ANSWERS: 49. isolate, 50. lottery, 51. guesswork, 52. ponder, 53. claim, 54. rational, 55. locate, 56. negotiation, 57. applied

58. cal_____on of loss and gain *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
59. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
60. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
61. ha__y the ship all night *v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
62. sa__y port *n.* a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark
63. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
64. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
65. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
66. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
67. fa_____ul friend *adj.* loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance

ANSWERS: 58. calculation, 59. stick, 60. crisis, 61. harry, 62. sally, 63. shocking, 64. edit, 65. creditor, 66. isolate, 67. faithful

68. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
69. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
70. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
71. rely on gu_____rk *n.* the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition
72. material sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
73. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
74. pre_____le pattern *adj.* capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
75. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
76. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
77. a medical ad_____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
78. a ben_____al result *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
79. equ_____um point *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

ANSWERS: 68. suffer, 69. controversial, 70. nervous, 71. guesswork, 72. self-interest, 73. standing, 74. predictable, 75. folk, 76. complicated, 77. adviser, 78. beneficial, 79. equilibrium

80. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
81. co_____on through force *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
82. sch_____nia spectrum disorder *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
83. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
84. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
85. I am te_____ly sorry *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
86. unaffected by sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
87. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
88. the ac_____cy of his compass *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

ANSWERS: 80. feat, 81. coercion, 82. schizophrenia, 83. pursue, 84. bunch, 85. terribly, 86. self-interest, 87. bunch, 88. accuracy

89. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
90. mu___h leader *n.* an Islamic religious leader or teacher
91. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
92. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
93. people in ru___l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
94. te___r group *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
95. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
96. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
97. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
98. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
99. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
100. 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

ANSWERS: 89. unfortunately, 90. mullah, 91. ego, 92. involve, 93. rural, 94. terror, 95. complicated, 96. surround, 97. strategy, 98. manipulate, 99. suffer, 100. agency

101. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
102. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
103. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
104. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
105. central ba___rs *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
106. do_____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
107. Christian th_____cy *n.* a form of government in which religious leaders or institutions hold the ultimate authority and religious laws are the basis of governance
108. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
109. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

ANSWERS: 101. feat, 102. advertise, 103. intelligence, 104. stick, 105. banker, 106. dominant, 107. theocracy, 108. analyze, 109. pride

110. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
111. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
112. woolly pa___s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
113. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
114. 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
115. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
116. py_____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
117. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
118. political equ_____um *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

ANSWERS: 110. branch, 111. regard, 112. pants, 113. halfway, 114. assume, 115. complexity, 116. pyramid, 117. planet, 118. equilibrium

119. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
120. his meal pre_____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
121. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
122. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
123. fi_____e mood *adj.* liable to change frequently or unexpectedly, often without reason; capricious or unsteady
124. res_____ve customer service *adj.* quick to respond or react to something
125. vo_____e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
126. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
127. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
128. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
129. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
130. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 119. drift, 120. preference, 121. suppose, 122. communal, 123. fickle, 124. responsive, 125. volume, 126. folk, 127. controversial, 128. mess, 129. illustrate, 130. probable

131. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
132. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
133. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
134. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
135. financial ob_____ve *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
136. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
137. me___r talks *n.* the process of two or more companies joining together and becoming one entity, often to improve their competitive position or achieve synergies in operations or distribution

ANSWERS: 131. magic, 132. damage, 133. doe, 134. disappear, 135. objective, 136. rural, 137. merger

138. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
139. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
140. logical in_____ce *n.* a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning; a deduction or assumption
141. ci_____an life *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
142. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
143. st__p discount *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
144. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
145. send an amb_____or abroad *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
146. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 138. forth, 139. corporation, 140. inference, 141. civilian, 142. straight, 143. steep, 144. situ, 145. ambassador, 146. economy

147. te___r attack *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
148. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
149. major revenue ge_____or *n.* a machine that produces electricity
150. totally fa_____ul *adj.* loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance
151. suffer te_____ly *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
152. ri_____us standards *adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
153. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
154. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
155. ben_____al to all countries *adj.* helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being
156. have ri_____us criticism *adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
157. at____d service *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place

ANSWERS: 147. terror, 148. decision, 149. generator, 150. faithful, 151. terribly, 152. rigorous, 153. chant, 154. percentage, 155. beneficial, 156. rigorous, 157. attend

158. 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
159. central th__e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
160. make an ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
161. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
162. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
163. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
164. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
165. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
166. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 158. security, 159. theme, 160. exception, 161. device, 162. panic, 163.

achieve, 164. vast, 165. bomb, 166. economy

167. make an in_____ce *n.* a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning; a deduction or assumption
168. sp_____te about the reason *v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
169. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
170. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
171. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
172. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
173. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
174. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
175. vertical a__s *n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance
176. the clear co_____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

ANSWERS: 167. inference, 168. speculate, 169. distribute, 170. possibility, 171. intelligence, 172. pretension, 173. reproduce, 174. fuel, 175. axis, 176. contrary

177. ob_____ve assessment *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
178. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
179. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
180. random number ge_____or *n.* a machine that produces electricity
181. national lo_____y *n.* a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing
182. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
183. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
184. nat_____st revolt *adj.* relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country
185. a lot of gr__f *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies

ANSWERS: 177. objective, 178. critic, 179. domestic, 180. generator, 181. lottery, 182. posit, 183. evolve, 184. nationalist, 185. grief

186. the in____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
187. so_____ce quiet *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
188. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
189. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
190. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
191. financial me____r *n.* the process of two or more companies joining together and becoming one entity, often to improve their competitive position or achieve synergies in operations or distribution
192. investment ba____r *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
193. as____s a tax of 10 pounds *v.* to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something
194. un_____hy diet *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
195. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
196. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

ANSWERS: 186. internal, 187. someplace, 188. fuel, 189. backward, 190. surround, 191. merger, 192. banker, 193. assess, 194. unhealthy, 195. advertise, 196. nuclear

197. po___r life's meaning *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
198. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
199. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
200. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
201. ve_____al takeoff *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
202. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
203. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
204. ha___y a suspect *v.* to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target
205. lit_____on process *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
206. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

ANSWERS: 197. ponder, 198. percentage, 199. branch, 200. decision-maker, 201. vertical, 202. economical, 203. assume, 204. harry, 205. litigation, 206. shrink

207. ne_____te a settlement *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
208. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
209. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
210. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
211. neg_____on skills *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
212. wacky fa_____d *n.* something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true
213. 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
214. a seafaring na_____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
215. have a st_____e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
216. vanilla es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
217. execution by burning at a st_____e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

ANSWERS: 207. negotiate, 208. backward, 209. interaction, 210. fascinating, 211. negotiation, 212. factoid, 213. decision, 214. nation, 215. stable, 216. essence, 217. stake

218. a short va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
219. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
220. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
221. cl_____fy images *v.* to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties
222. gloomy pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
223. fi___e opinion *adj.* liable to change frequently or unexpectedly, often without reason; capricious or unsteady
224. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
225. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
226. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

ANSWERS: 218. vacation, 219. opt, 220. defend, 221. classify, 222. prediction, 223. fickle, 224. pursue, 225. decision-maker, 226. predict

227. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
228. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
229. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
230. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
231. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
232. make my pre_____ons *n.* the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future
233. inf_____er marketing *n.* a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media
234. summer va_____on *n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
235. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
236. greatest gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements

ANSWERS: 227. pride, 228. outcome, 229. shocking, 230. critic, 231. grade, 232. prediction, 233. influencer, 234. vacation, 235. statistics, 236. glory

237. impose lim_____on	<i>n.</i>	a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
238. n__b with cold	<i>adj.</i>	unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
239. develop a st_____gy	<i>n.</i>	a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
240. foreordained de_____y	<i>n.</i>	the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
241. sp_____te on the outcome	<i>v.</i>	to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence
242. the int_____on between man and his environment	<i>n.</i>	the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
243. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet	<i>n.</i>	a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
244. mat_____cs competition	<i>n.</i>	the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
245. inv_____nt in criminal activity	<i>n.</i>	the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something
246. a c__e about the crime	<i>n.</i>	an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
247. di_____ar without a trace	<i>v.</i>	to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 237. limitation, 238. numb, 239. strategy, 240. destiny, 241. speculate, 242. interaction, 243. balance, 244. mathematics, 245. involvement, 246. clue, 247. disappear

248. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
249. ne_____te the price of the house *v.* to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement
250. si_____te climate change *v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
251. 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
252. con_____nt on business activity *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
253. dy_____cs of economy *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
254. exercise re____e *n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit
255. 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.

ANSWERS: 248. doe, 249. negotiate, 250. simulate, 251. security, 252. constraint, 253. dynamics, 254. regime, 255. president

256. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
257. 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.
258. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
259. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
260. degree of ac____cy *n.* the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake
261. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
262. cl__t in politics *n.* influence or power, especially political or social influence; a strong force or impact
263. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
264. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
265. a charity ba____r *n.* marketplace, especially one in the Middle East

ANSWERS: 256. opt, 257. president, 258. edit, 259. forth, 260. accuracy, 261. magic, 262. clout, 263. creditor, 264. engage, 265. bazaar

275. 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
276. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
277. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
278. buy the company's st__e *n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something
279. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
280. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
281. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
282. a st__p staircase *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
283. make a cal_____on *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
284. in st___e condition *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

ANSWERS: 275. union, 276. engage, 277. hop, 278. stake, 279. preference, 280. nation, 281. distribute, 282. steep, 283. calculation, 284. stable

285. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
286. architectural pi_____le *n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success
287. without ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
288. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
289. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
290. lim_____on of exercise *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
291. ve_____al axis *adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
292. health po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
293. physical co_____on *n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority

ANSWERS: 285. concerned, 286. pinnacle, 287. exception, 288. statistics, 289. numb, 290. limitation, 291. vertical, 292. policy, 293. coercion

294. get ne____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
295. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
296. from so_____ce deep inside *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
297. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
298. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
299. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
300. chief ad____r *n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
301. pajama pa__s *n.* an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs
302. universal es_____e *n.* the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is

ANSWERS: 294. nervous, 295. crisis, 296. someplace, 297. posit, 298. economical, 299. process, 300. adviser, 301. pants, 302. essence

303. civil lit_____on *n.* the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
304. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
305. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
306. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
307. a do_____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
308. ha___n the arrival *v.* to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up
309. ci_____an casualties *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
310. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
311. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

ANSWERS: 303. litigation, 304. chant, 305. complexity, 306. damage, 307. domestic, 308. hasten, 309. civilian, 310. influence, 311. volume

312. sa__y of wit *n.* a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark
313. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
314. strict time con_____nts *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
315. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
316. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
317. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
318. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
319. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
320. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 312. sally, 313. policy, 314. constraint, 315. process, 316. involve, 317. locate, 318. religion, 319. frank, 320. confuse

321. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
322. high-profile inf_____er *n.* a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media
323. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
324. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
325. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
326. dy_____cs of group *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
327. have gr__f and sorrow *n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
328. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
329. un_____hy habit *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

ANSWERS: 321. environment, 322. influencer, 323. fascinating, 324. military, 325. analyze, 326. dynamics, 327. grief, 328. corporation, 329. unhealthy

330. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
331. ha_____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
332. 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
333. th__e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
334. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
335. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
336. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
337. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
338. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
339. at___d a meeting *v.* to be present at an event, to go to a place
340. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

ANSWERS: 330. influence, 331. halfway, 332. agency, 333. theme, 334. bomb, 335. straight, 336. mess, 337. internal, 338. identify, 339. attend, 340. standing

341. id____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
342. ov____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
343. pr____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
344. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
345. se____ry general *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
346. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
347. a fountain of wi____m *n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
348. su____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
349. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
350. pre____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 341. identify, 342. overcome, 343. predict, 344. probable, 345. secretary, 346. ego, 347. wisdom, 348. suppose, 349. planet, 350. pretension

351. chaotic env_____nt
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
352. de___d my country
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
353. even more unf_____ely
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
354. ex-s__u conservation
adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
355. noxious po_____nt
n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
356. a civil en_____er
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
357. residual qu_____ty
n. the amount or number of something; magnitude
358. he__e fund firm
n. a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions
359. false cl__m
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
360. the ba_____e of power
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 351. environment, 352. defend, 353. unfortunately, 354. situ, 355. pollutant, 356. engineer, 357. quantity, 358. hedge, 359. claim, 360. balance

361. bl__e with fury *v.* to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously
362. an attention-grabbing fa____d *n.* something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true
363. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
364. students at all gr__e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
365. popular sa____on *n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement
366. political inv____nt *n.* the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something
367. former gl__y *n.* great honor or success won by notable achievements
368. freedom of re____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
369. ill____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
370. ha__n the process *v.* to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up

ANSWERS: 361. blaze, 362. factoid, 363. panic, 364. grade, 365. sanction, 366. involvement, 367. glory, 368. religion, 369. illustrate, 370. hasten

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His arm was swollen and _____ red.
adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much
2. You should not _____ them from the community.
v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
3. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
4. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
5. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
6. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
7. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
8. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.
n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

ANSWERS: 1. terribly, 2. isolate, 3. unfortunately, 4. outcome, 5. confused, 6. clue, 7. complicated, 8. secretary

9. The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant _____ in the area.
- n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
10. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
11. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
12. The company struggled to maintain an _____ between its profits and social responsibilities.
- n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
13. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
- v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
14. Military technology eventually became the foundation for _____ technology that supported people's lives.
- adj.* of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way
15. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
16. The _____ of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.
- n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization

ANSWERS: 9. pollutant, 10. crisis, 11. strategy, 12. equilibrium, 13. locate, 14. applied, 15. defend, 16. ambassador

17. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?
- n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
18. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
19. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.
- adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
20. The CEO has enough _____ to change the company's legacy policies.
- n.* influence or power, especially political or social influence; a strong force or impact
21. 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
22. 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
23. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
- adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
24. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.
- v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

ANSWERS: 17. percentage, 18. statistics, 19. halfway, 20. clout, 21. involves, 22. agency, 23. domestic, 24. reproduce

25. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
26. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
27. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.
n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
28. Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered _____.
adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
29. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
30. It is said that our _____ is written in the stars.
n. the events that will inevitably happen to a particular person or thing in the future
31. Based on ice core samples, scientists can draw _____ about the Earth's past climate.
n. a conclusion reached based on evidence and reasoning; a deduction or assumption
32. The odds of winning the _____ are extremely low, but millions still buy tickets hoping to hit the jackpot.
n. a game of chance in which a large number of people buy tickets or chances to win a prize, with the winner(s) determined by a random drawing

ANSWERS: 25. economical, 26. economy, 27. constraint, 28. unhealthy, 29. analyze, 30. destiny, 31. inferences, 32. lottery

33. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
- n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
34. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
35. The relationship _____ between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.
- n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
36. Do you have a plan for a long _____
- n.* a period in which someone does not have to attend work or school and is free to do whatever they choose, such as travel or leisure
37. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
38. Climbing to the _____ of the mountain is a challenge that many outdoor enthusiasts strive to achieve.
- n.* the highest point or peak of something, particularly a mountain or a career; the greatest or highest level of achievement or success

ANSWERS: 33. policy, 34. situ, 35. dynamics, 36. vacation?, 37. achieve, 38. pinnacle

39. The army is instructed not to target any _____ during the conflict.
n. a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
40. University teaches the art of understanding the _____ of the matter.
n. the basic or most important part or quality of something that makes it what it is
41. The economy becomes more volatile and less _____.
adj. capable of being known, seen or declared in advance
42. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.
adj. of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
43. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.
n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
44. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.
v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
45. 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
46. The _____ approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.
adj. based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking

ANSWERS: 39. civilians, 40. essence, 41. predictable, 42. nuclear, 43. magic, 44. edit, 45. influence, 46. rational

47. 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
48. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
- v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
49. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
50. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
51. The _____ market was filled with colorful stalls selling goods from all over the world.
- n.* marketplace, especially one in the Middle East
52. We want to _____ our company through your media.
- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
53. 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
54. She intends to _____ a political career.
- v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 47. nation, 48. drifted, 49. branch, 50. evolved, 51. bazaar, 52. advertise, 53. decision-makers, 54. pursue

55. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
56. The government is considering _____ against the company for environmental violations.
n. the process of resolving legal disputes through the court system
57. I need to _____ these documents for the upcoming audit.
v. to categorize or group something according to a system or set of criteria; to assign something to a particular class or category based on its characteristics or properties
58. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside
59. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
60. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
61. Her company soon won a _____ market share.
adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
62. The _____ cliff made it difficult to climb.
adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

ANSWERS: 55. Communal, 56. litigation, 57. classify, 58. rural, 59. engineer, 60. feat, 61. dominant, 62. steep

63. I always wear _____ when I go outside, even in the summer.

n. an item of clothing that covers the lower part of the body and each leg separately, typically with a waistband and two legs

64. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

65. The weather can be quite _____ in this region, changing rapidly and unpredictably.

adj. liable to change frequently or unexpectedly, often without reason; capricious or unsteady

66. These results muddied the _____.

n. the act of predicting the future by reasoning; a statement made about the future

67. It is preferable to die in _____ than to live in dishonor.

n. great honor or success won by notable achievements

68. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

69. I decided to ___ for premature retirement.

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

70. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's _____.

n. the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

71. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

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

ANSWERS: 63. pants, 64. frank, 65. fickle, 66. prediction, 67. glory, 68. regarded, 69. opt, 70. wisdom, 71. mess

72. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
73. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
74. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.
v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
75. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.
adj. of or relating to the inside of something
76. He had painted the wood to _____ stone.
v. to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
77. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
78. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.
n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
79. She was constantly trying to boost her _____ by talking about her accomplishments.
n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

ANSWERS: 72. identify, 73. vast, 74. manipulate, 75. internal, 76. simulate, 77. possibility, 78. terror, 79. ego

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

81. The _____ between the two companies resulted in a stronger market position.

n. the process of two or more companies joining together and becoming one entity, often to improve their competitive position or achieve synergies in operations or distribution

82. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

83. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

84. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.

n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

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

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

86. The _____ debate has taken center stage in many academic circles due to the rise of religious movements worldwide.

n. a form of government in which religious leaders or institutions hold the ultimate authority and religious laws are the basis of governance

ANSWERS: 80. probable, 81. merger, 82. critics, 83. process, 84. panic, 85. interaction, 86. theocracy

87. The way he manages his employees is extremely _____.
- adj.* allowing or demanding no deviation from a standard; extremely careful, thorough, or accurate
88. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
- v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
89. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
90. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.
- n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
91. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible
92. After retiring, he continued to be an _____ to politicians.
- n.* a person who gives advice about a particular subject
93. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.
- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
94. The _____ of the local government in the project has been critical to its success.
- n.* the fact or condition of taking part in something, or the degree to which someone takes part in something

ANSWERS: 87. rigorous, 88. shrink, 89. doe, 90. contrary, 91. disappear, 92. adviser, 93. volume, 94. involvement

95. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

96. My left arm became _____.

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

97. The _____ rally attracted thousands of supporters.

adj. relating to or supporting a political ideology that emphasizes a strong sense of national identity and devotion to one's own country

98. The _____ in the country have been accused of using their religious authority to justify acts of terrorism.

n. an Islamic religious leader or teacher

99. I need to _____ my coworkers to finish the project on time.

v. to persistently harass, badger, or bother someone or something; to persistently attack or pursue an opposing force or target

100. The motivational speaker tried to _____ the audience to reach their full potential.

v. to strongly encourage or urge someone to do something; to give advice or admonition with urgency or passion

101. The forest fire continued to _____ out of control, threatening nearby homes.

v. to burst into flame or light up intensely; to move in a trailblazing manner; to shine brightly or conspicuously

102. Disability is a physical _____ to living everyday life.

n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something

ANSWERS: 95. nervous, 96. numb, 97. nationalist, 98. mullahs, 99. harry, 100. exhort, 101. blaze, 102. limitation

103. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

104. Our company needs to _____ the business impact of climate change.

v. to judge or decide the nature or quality of someone or something

105. She sat quietly, _____ the difficult decision.

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

106. She was the _____ to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

107. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

108. Relations between the two countries have been relatively _____ due to the summit meeting.

adj. firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed

109. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

110. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

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

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

ANSWERS: 103. chant, 104. assess, 105. pondering, 106. exception, 107. bunch, 108. stable, 109. surround, 110. fascinating, 111. random

112. 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

113. The _____ of the company is too high nowadays.

- n.* a share or financial investment in something such as a business; a wooden or metal post set up to mark something

114. We talked about an interesting _____ in today's newspaper.

- n.* something commonly accepted as fact, even though it is probably not true

115. The government imposed economic _____ on the country.

- n.* official permission or approval for an action, especially an economic or political action by a government or international organization; a penalty or punishment imposed for breaking the law, rule, or agreement; (verb) to impose a penalty or punishment for breaking the law, rule, or agreement

116. Totalitarian _____ are less likely to innovate because they deprive individuals of economic incentives.

- n.* the organization, a system, or method that is the governing authority of a political unit

117. The _____ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

- n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

118. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.

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

119. The best way to _____ financial risks is to diversify your portfolio.

- n.* a fence formed by a line of bushes or shrubs; (verb) limit or avoid something such as duties, issues, and questions by conditions or exceptions

ANSWERS: 112. union, 113. stake, 114. factoid, 115. sanctions, 116. regimes, 117. theme, 118. grade, 119. hedge

120. 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

121. Laughing is _____ to our health.

adj. helpful, useful, or sound; promoting or enhancing well-being

122. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

123. In southward, the average annual water _____ increases.

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude

124. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

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

125. Let's go _____ new and try something we have not done before.

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

126. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

127. We must _____ to this matter.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 120. decision, 121. beneficial, 122. straight, 123. quantity, 124. creditor, 125. someplace, 126. posit, 127. attend, 128. pretensions

129. The government used _____ to force citizens to comply with pandemic restrictions.
- n.* the use of force, threats, or intimidation to persuade someone to do something against their will; the practice of controlling or manipulating someone through the use of power or authority
130. Each person has a unique _____ experience.
- n.* a very great sadness, especially when somebody dies
131. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
132. 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
133. He tried to _____ a bad reputation and win the election.
- v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
134. The _____ concert was packed with fans.
- adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
135. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
136. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 129. coercion, 130. grief, 131. device, 132. environment, 133. overcome, 134. standing, 135. mathematics, 136. folk

137. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

138. The earth's _____ of rotation is tilted 66.5 degrees to the ecliptic plane.

- n.* a real or imaginary straight line through a body or figure around which the object turns; a group of countries in special alliance

139. He _____ that this investment would lead to success.

- v.* to form a theory or conjecture or guess about a subject without solid evidence

140. Making decisions based on _____ can lead to costly mistakes.

- n.* the act or process of making an estimate or speculation based on incomplete or uncertain information; conjecture or supposition

141. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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

142. The study's main _____ is to identify risk factors for heart disease.

- n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

143. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.

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

144. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.

- adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

ANSWERS: 137. predict, 138. axis, 139. speculated, 140. guesswork, 141. religion, 142. objective, 143. corporation, 144. shocking

145. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
146. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
147. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
- v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
148. He remained _____ to his wife throughout their marriage.
- adj.* loyal, constant, and steadfast in affection or allegiance
149. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
- adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
150. The two products _____ in their quality and price.
- v. to be not like someone or something in some way
151. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.
- adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
152. The _____ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.
- n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

ANSWERS: 145. damage, 146. distributed, 147. hopped, 148. faithful, 149. backward, 150. differed, 151. vertical, 152. schizophrenia

153. The error in the _____ was attributable to rounding.
n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
154. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.
adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
155. 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
156. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.
n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
157. The ____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
158. 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
159. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
160. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 153. calculation, 154. controversial, 155. engaged, 156. negotiation, 157. fuel, 158. security, 159. complexity, 160. stick

161. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

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

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

163. 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.

164. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

165. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

166. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

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

167. We are always happy to _____ a discount.

v. to have formal discussions with someone to reach an agreement

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

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

ANSWERS: 161. preference, 162. suppose, 163. president, 164. planet, 165. bombs, 166. forth, 167. negotiate, 168. suffers

169. _____ are only willing to lend with good security.

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

170. The protesters made a sudden _____ into the town square, surprising everyone.

n. a sudden, impulsive outing or excursion; a witty or clever remark

171. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.

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

172. The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by _____.

n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

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

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

174. To assure _____ I recommend investing in high-quality test kits.

n. the state or degree of being exact or correct; the ability to perform something with proficiency and without mistake

175. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

176. My team measures the effectiveness of advertising with social media _____.

n. a person or thing that affects or changes someone's or something's behavior, especially a person with the ability to affect potential buyers of a product or service through recommendations on social media

ANSWERS: 169. Bankers, 170. sally, 171. pyramids, 172. self-interest, 173. balance, 174. accuracy, 175. illustrate, 176. influencers

177. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
178. The _____ website design allows for easy navigation on any device.
adj. quick to respond or react to something
179. Most data centers have emergency _____ on standby at all times.
n. a machine that produces electricity
180. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.
adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
181. I need to _____ my speed to finish the race on time.
v. to move or act quickly; to cause or encourage something to happen sooner or more rapidly; to accelerate or speed up
182. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
183. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
184. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

ANSWERS: 177. intelligence, 178. responsive, 179. generators, 180. concerned, 181. hasten, 182. military, 183. claim, 184. pride

185. 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

ANSWERS: 185. assumes