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Session 1: Word List

fluent

adj. able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily

synonym: eloquent, articulate, smooth-spoken

(1) **fluent** Chinese, (2) in a **fluent** tone

She learned five languages but is only **fluent** in two of them.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

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

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

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

scalable

adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

synonym : expandable, flexible, adjustable

(1) **scalable** solution, (2) dynamically **scalable**

The company's new software is highly **scalable**, allowing it to handle increasing number of users.

baseline

n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

synonym : standard, criterion

(1) **baseline** budget, (2) establish a **baseline**

The products they sell are the **baseline** for performance in the industry.

departure

n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey

synonym : leaving, exit, flight

(1) **departure** from tradition, (2) **departure** from the company

The **departure** time for the flight is 6:00 am.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

chief

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

synonym : essential, primary, leading

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

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

consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

synonym : confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet
Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.

firm

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

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

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

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

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

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.

spy

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

synonym : agent, undercover operative

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

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

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.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

phrase

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

synonym: expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym: stable, reliable, hard

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

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

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure

The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

degree

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

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

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.

devote

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

synonym : commit, dedicate, apply

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

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

compile

v. to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.

synonym : assemble, collect, gather

(1) **compile** a biography, (2) **compile** the data

We are attempting to **compile** a list of qualified candidates for the position.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym : lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**
I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

auditorium

n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances

synonym: hall, theater, amphitheater

(1) open-air **auditorium**, (2) **auditorium** annex

The **auditorium** seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

worthless

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

synonym: valueless, useless, pointless

(1) **worthless** stock, (2) **worthless** coin

The product was found to be **worthless** as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

expertise

n. specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge

synonym: knowledge, skill, mastery

(1) marketing **expertise**, (2) demonstrate **expertise**

The company's success can be attributed to the **expertise** of its employees.

presentation

n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

synonym: exhibition, display, speech

(1) **presentation** skills, (2) **presentation** slides

She gave a fantastic **presentation** at the conference and received a standing ovation.

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.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

(1) beginning of the **industrial** revolution, (2) **industrial** alcohol

Industrial design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

globalization

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

synonym: worldwide integration

(1) the rapid pace of **globalization**, (2) **globalization** trend

The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural **globalization**.

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.

poll *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym: survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

stomp *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

synonym: trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

accountant *n.* a person whose job is to keep financial records and accounts for a person or organization

synonym: bookkeeper, financial analyst, auditor

(1) audit by **accountant**, (2) **accountant** report

The associate **accountant** carefully reviewed the company's financial records.

depreciation *n.* the decrease in value of an asset over time, often due to wear and tear, obsolescence, or other factors; a decline or reduction in the market price or worth of something

synonym: devaluation, decline, decrease

(1) accumulated **depreciation**, (2) tax **depreciation** allowance

Depreciation of the currency has led to higher import prices for the country.

amortize *v.* to gradually reduce or pay off a debt or loan by making regular payments over a period of time; to spread out the cost or expense of something over a specific period

synonym : repay, settle, defray

(1) **amortize** a loan, (2) **amortize** over time

It will take several years to **amortize** the mortgage on our new house.

accounting

n. a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results

synonym : bookkeeping, finance

(1) the **accounting** department, (2) **accounting** software

The company hired a new accountant to handle its **accounting** needs.

write-off

n. a cancellation or reduction of a debt or financial obligation; a loss or expense that can be deducted from one's taxable income; a dismissal or rejection of something as unimportant or unworthy of attention

synonym : cancellation, deduction

(1) asset **write-off**, (2) **write-off** debts

Due to the economic downturn, the bank had to process many loan **write-offs**.

judgment

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

synonym : conclusion, decision, determination

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

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

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

elite

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

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

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

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

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym : exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

recurring

adj. happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly

synonym : periodic, constant, frequent

(1) **recurring** payments, (2) **recurring** decimals

A **recurring** back pain interfered with his concentration.

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.

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**.

fortune

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

synonym : wealth, affluence, assets

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

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

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym : conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

tycoon

n. a wealthy and powerful business leader or industrialist
synonym: magnate, industrialist, bigwig

(1) business **tycoon**, (2) **tycoon** of industry

He became a successful **tycoon** in the oil industry.

musky

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

synonym: musty, earthy, pungent

(1) **musky** aroma, (2) **musky** perfume

The **musky** scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

adept

adj. having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

synonym: proficient, masterful, experienced

(1) **adept** at fishing, (2) **adept** in handicrafts

She is highly **adept** with medical equipment.

drawback

n. a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive

synonym: disadvantage, defect, weakness

(1) the **drawback** of his method, (2) one of the main **drawbacks**

He pointed out all the **drawbacks** to our plan.

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.

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym : business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym : amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

keynote

n. the central theme or message of a speech, presentation, or event; the first note or tone in a musical scale used as a reference point for the performance of a piece of music

synonym : theme, focus, centerpiece

(1) **keynote** presentation, (2) **keynote** topic

The **keynote** speaker at the conference inspired us with their innovative ideas.

boardroom

n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

synonym : meeting room, conference room, executive room

(1) **boardroom** meeting, (2) **boardroom** decision

The corporate **boardroom** was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

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.

robin

n. a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

synonym : thrush, red-breast, redbird

(1) **robin** eggs, (2) **robin's** nest

I love listening to the cheerful song of the **robin** in my garden.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym : condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

phenomenon

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

synonym : marvel, wonder, splendor

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

A rainbow is a natural **phenomenon**.

appreciate

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

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice

synonym : expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

unique

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

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

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

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

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym: wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

hell

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

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

executive

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

synonym: administrator, manager, director

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

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

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion

synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident

We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

parse

v. to separate a sentence into grammatical parts, such as subject, verb, etc., and describe their syntactic roles

synonym: analyze, dissect, construe

(1) **parse** strings of the form, (2) **parse** the command line

At first, we have to **parse** out our priorities.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym: apology, justification, reason

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

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

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

- jerk** v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
synonym: wrench, jolt, twitch
(1) **jerk** her head back, (2) **jerk** the rope
The driver suddenly **jerked** the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.
- initial** *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
synonym: basic, primary, beginning
(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter
They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.
- conversation** *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue
(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**
Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.
- behold** v. to look at and observe with attention
synonym: see, observe, watch
(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**
His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.
- strike** v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
synonym: hit, impact, influence
(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow
We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- thereafter** *adv.* after that; subsequently
synonym: subsequently, afterward, henceforth
(1) not long **thereafter**, (2) for several weeks **thereafter**
He was promoted to manager, and **thereafter**, he began to make changes in the company.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym : cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education

The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its **inclusive** policy.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

victory

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

synonym : win, triumph, success

(1) **victory** in the law court, (2) **victory** over terrorism

We are optimistic about our final **victory**.

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.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym : brilliance, brainiac, acumen

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

Mozart was a musical **genius**.

spout

n. a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way

synonym : spigot, nozzle, faucet

(1) **spout** out an opinion, (2) fountain **spout**

The water **spout** in the garden provides a refreshing mist on hot days.

de-minimis

adj. referring to an amount or level that is so small or insignificant that it is not considered important or relevant, especially in a legal or financial context

synonym : insignificant, minimal, negligible

(1) **de-minimis** threshold, (2) **de-minimis** exemption

The court ruled that the money involved in the case was **de-minimis** and not worthy of further legal action.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

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

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

comedy

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

synonym : humor, farce, satire

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

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

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.

broadcast

v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television

synonym : air, announce, advertise

(1) **broadcast** a concert, (2) **broadcast** a radio ad

Most of the programs are **broadcast** in this area.

satirize

v. to use humor, irony, or sarcasm to expose and criticize the foolishness or vices of a person, group, or society; to use satire as a means of social or political commentary

synonym : mock, ridicule, parody

(1) **satirize** mainstream media, (2) **satirize** celebrities

The comedian used humor to **satirize** the political system and its flaws.

interrupt

v. to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action

synonym : disturb, hinder, break in

(1) **interrupt** a call, (2) abruptly **interrupt**

Her sleep was **interrupted** by recurring pain.

immaterial

adj. not having material existence or substance; not being important or relevant

synonym : intangible, abstract, irrelevant

(1) right of **immaterial** property, (2) **immaterial** information

The **immaterial** aspects of culture, such as values, beliefs, and customs, are often more difficult to define and understand than material ones.

insignificant

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

synonym : unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake

He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

honesty

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

synonym : sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better

communication and productivity.

guilty

adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal

synonym: culpable, blameworthy, at fault

(1) feel a bit **guilty**, (2) **guilty** verdict

After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead **guilty** to the theft charge.

unsure

adj. not certain or having doubts

synonym: skeptical, uncertain, doubtful

(1) **unsure** how to deal with, (2) feel **unsure** of me

He was **unsure** if the recent economic turmoil affected his company's sales decline.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

stale

adj. no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting

synonym: old, uninteresting, dull

(1) a **stale** joke, (2) **stale** smell

The bread was **stale** and not fit for eating.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

sane

adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

synonym : rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

homemade

adj. made at home rather than in a factory or workshop

synonym : self-made

(1) **homemade** article, (2) **homemade** bread

I prefer **homemade** cookies over store-bought ones.

bingo

n. a game of chance in which players match numbers on a card with randomly drawn numbers to be the first to complete a specific pattern or sequence; sudden realization, success, or achievement

synonym : lotto, raffle, sweepstakes

(1) **bingo** game, (2) online **bingo** website

They won big at **bingo** last night, taking home the grand prize.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym : substitute, supersede, displace

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

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

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**.

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym : melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

agent

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

synonym: representative, delegate, envoy

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

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

paradigm

n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

synonym: example, standard, epitome

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

He postulated a completely different **paradigm** to explain all these phenomena.

shift

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

synonym: transition, change, modification

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

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

fury

n. intense and often violent anger

synonym: rage, wrath, ire

(1) market **fury**, (2) **fury** of the storm

The crowd's **fury** was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.

signify

v. to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

synonym: indicate, express, convey

(1) **signify** importance, (2) actions that **signify** agreement

The red lights on the dashboard **signify** that the car needs maintenance.

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.

chase

- v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

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

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

refer

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

synonym : cite, allude, mention

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

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

pickle

- n. vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation

synonym : jam, predicament, quagmire

(1) **pickle** a cucumber, (2) **pickle** barrel

The **pickle** must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit

the growth of bacteria.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

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.

touchpoint

n. a point or moment of interaction or contact between a person or user and a product, service, or organization; a specific opportunity or moment for engagement or communication

synonym: contact point, interaction point

(1) omnichannel **touchpoint**, (2) digital **touchpoint**

The marketing team analyzed the customer **touchpoints** to optimize the buyer's journey.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

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

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

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym: shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym: barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

pinch

v. to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance

synonym: cramp, squeeze, clutch

(1) **pinch** off a bud, (2) **pinch** my nose

He **pinched** money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.

bat

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

synonym: cane, rod, stick

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

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

blind

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

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

ointment

n. a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition

synonym: salve, balm, cream

(1) **ointment** for eczema, (2) eye **ointment**

I need to apply the **ointment** to my burn to help it heal faster.

bible

n. the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field

synonym : authoritative book, holy book, doctrine

(1) a passage from the **Bible**, (2) believe **Bible** prophecy
Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology **bible**.

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?

scripture

n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings

synonym : religious text, Bible, holy writ

(1) **scripture** study, (2) biblical **scripture**

Many people find comfort in reading **scripture** during times of hardship.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

wicked

adj. morally bad or evil

synonym : evil, sinful, nefarious

(1) **wicked** thoughts, (2) **wicked** grin

The **wicked** witch cast a spell on the kingdom.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

unclear

adj. poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

synonym: ambiguous, fuzzy, obscure

(1) an **unclear** match, (2) in no **unclear** terms

It is important not to undertake tasks with **unclear** objectives to improve productivity.

script

n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand

synonym: writing, penmanship, article

(1) a hand **script**, (2) the **script** of a play

The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian **script** on a stone monument.

succumb

v. to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

synonym: surrender, break down, die

(1) **succumb** to cancer, (2) **succumb** to old age

He finally **succumbed** to temptation.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

accepting

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

synonym: tolerant, open-minded, receptive

(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity

He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

balcony

n. a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space

synonym: terrace, veranda, deck

(1) **balcony** view, (2) **balcony** seating

They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the **balcony** overlooking the city.

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

adorable

adj. inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable

synonym : cute, lovely, charming

(1) **adorable** baby, (2) **adorable** puppy

My friend's daughter is **adorable**, with curly hair and big brown eyes.

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

synonym : appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

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

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

flavor

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

synonym : taste, savor, essence

(1) a delicate **flavor**, (2) **flavor** enhancer

The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym : helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

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.

lace

n. a delicate fabric made of interlacing thread or other material; a cord used to fasten or adorn clothing, often with a pattern of holes or spaces; a decorative netting or interlaced design

synonym: cord, string, ribbon

(1) **lace** curtains, (2) **lace** trim

She wore a beautiful dress with delicate **lace** detailing.

cyanide

n. a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison

synonym: nitrile, poison, toxin

(1) **cyanide** poisoning, (2) hydrogen **cyanide**

The use of **cyanide** as a chemical weapon is prohibited under international law.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

suicide

n. the act of killing yourself intentionally

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

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

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

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym: muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

piggyback

n. a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support

(1) **piggyback** on her success, (2) **piggyback** equipment

The little girl wanted a **piggyback** ride on her father's shoulders.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym: accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

bore

v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources

synonym: bear, tire, weary

(1) **bore** diameter, (2) **bore** him with his stories

The lecture on quantum physics **bored** me to tears.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

bob

v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

synonym : bobble, bounce, wag

(1) **bob** a quick curtsy, (2) **bob** on the surface of the water

I need to **bob** my head to the beat of the music.

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.

calf

n. a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals

synonym : baby cow, heifer, yearling

(1) baby **calf**, (2) a **calf** elephant

The newborn **calf** stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.

crayfish

n. a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source

synonym : crawfish, crawdad, freshwater lobster

(1) freshwater **crayfish**, (2) cooked **crayfish**

The seafood restaurant is known for its delicious **crayfish** dish.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an

edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
synonym : sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

desperate

adj. feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation

synonym : anguish, frantic, hopeless

(1) her **desperate** screams, (2) **desperate** attempt

He was **desperate** when he lost all his money by gambling.

paw

n. the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

synonym : mitt, manus, talon

(1) **paw** print, (2) **paw** pad

The cat batted at the toy with its **paw**.

bucket

n. an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids

synonym : pail, tub, can

(1) **bucket** list, (2) **bucket** of golf balls

She filled a **bucket** with water and carried it back to the house.

cow

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

synonym : bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

thread

n. a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related

to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

synonym : filament, string, yarn

(1) **thread** a catheter, (2) start a new **thread**

The detective followed a **thread** of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.

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.

remiss

adj. negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention

synonym : negligent, careless, delinquent

(1) **remiss** behavior, (2) **remiss** in his duties

Her **remiss** attitude towards her studies is why she falls behind in class.

fond

adj. having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

synonym : liking, enjoying, affectionate

(1) very **fond** of, (2) **fond** memories of the birthday

He is excessively **fond** of alcohol.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

mustard

n. a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between

yellow and brown

synonym : condiment, sauce, spice

(1) **mustard** leaf, (2) black **mustard** seed

He had to endure the **mustard** gas attack during the war.

dumpling

n. a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables

synonym : doughball, potsticker, pierogi

(1) **dumpling** soup, (2) homemade **dumpling**

I ordered some delicious **dumplings** for lunch.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym : plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

porridge

n. a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners

synonym : oatmeal, gruel, mush

(1) oat **porridge**, (2) sweet **porridge**

A bowl of hot **porridge** is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

bush

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

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

wrap

v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

synonym: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

Wrap the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

recap

v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

synonym: outline, summarize, abstract

(1) **recap** key points, (2) **recap** briefly

Let me quickly **recap** these results.

ambiguous

adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

synonym: unclear, uncertain, equivocal

(1) **ambiguous** situation, (2) clarify **ambiguous** points

The instructions provided were **ambiguous** and confused the team.

pony

n. a small horse

synonym: cayuse

(1) **pony** engine, (2) a spotted **pony**

At this ranch, children can experience riding a **pony**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. accounting f__m
adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
2. m_d volcano
n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
3. co___r degree
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
4. ex_____ve authority
adj. not divided or shared with others
5. j__k the rope
v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
6. wi___d grin
adj. morally bad or evil
7. ind_____al alcohol
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
8. oat po_____ge
n. a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
9. establish a ba_____ne
n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
10. c__t's practices
n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 1. firm, 2. mud, 3. confer, 4. exclusive, 5. jerk, 6. wicked, 7. industrial, 8. porridge, 9. baseline, 10. cult

11. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
12. wo_____ss stock *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
13. 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
14. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
15. wo_____ss coin *adj.* having no value or usefulness; not worth considering
16. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
17. actions that si_____y agreement *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
18. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
19. few cu__e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
20. 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: 11. edit, 12. worthless, 13. clue, 14. translate, 15. worthless, 16. strike, 17. signify, 18. blind, 19. curse, 20. economy

21. feel a bit gu___y *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
22. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
23. online bi__o website *n.* a game of chance in which players match numbers on a card with randomly drawn numbers to be the first to complete a specific pattern or sequence; sudden realization, success, or achievement
24. vi_____y over terrorism *n.* success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
25. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
26. pi__h my nose *v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
27. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
28. bu___t of golf balls *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
29. f__d memories of the birthday *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

ANSWERS: 21. guilty, 22. chase, 23. bingo, 24. victory, 25. analyze, 26. pinch, 27. chief, 28. bucket, 29. fond

30. marketing ex_____se *n.* specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge
31. b_b on the surface of the water *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
32. glo_____ion trend *n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders
33. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
34. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
35. am_____us situation *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
36. s__e judgment *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
37. perfect ex____e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 30. expertise, 31. bob, 32. globalization, 33. employee, 34. intelligence, 35. ambiguous, 36. sane, 37. excuse

38. deliver a ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
39. romantic co_____y *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment
40. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
41. demonstrate ex_____se *n.* specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge
42. ho_____y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
43. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
44. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
45. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
46. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
47. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

ANSWERS: 38. judgment, 39. comedy, 40. initial, 41. expertise, 42. honesty, 43. solid, 44. origin, 45. suppose, 46. cult, 47. elite

48. ho____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
49. for several weeks the_____er *adv.* after that; subsequently
50. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
51. fr_____c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
52. mu__y aroma *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
53. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
54. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
55. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
56. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
57. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
58. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

ANSWERS: 48. horrible, 49. thereafter, 50. corporate, 51. frantic, 52. musky, 53. communicate, 54. numb, 55. suppose, 56. executive, 57. poll, 58. takeaway

59. su____e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
60. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
61. 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
62. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
63. an elegant ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
64. ro__n's nest *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
65. ty___n of industry *n.* a wealthy and powerful business leader or industrialist
66. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
67. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
68. in_____pt a call *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
69. co___y series *n.* a genre of dramatic entertainment that aims to amuse and provoke laughter by depicting amusing or ludicrous situations, characters, or events; the use of humor, wit, and satire in writing, films, and other forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 59. suicide, 60. hell, 61. economical, 62. mass, 63. entertainment, 64. robin, 65. tycoon, 66. delicious, 67. afterward, 68. interrupt, 69. comedy

70. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
71. digital s_y tools *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
72. open-air aud_____um *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
73. fl____t Chinese *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
74. st__p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
75. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
76. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
77. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
78. re_____ng payments *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
79. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
80. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

ANSWERS: 70. consultant, 71. spy, 72. auditorium, 73. fluent, 74. stomp, 75. statistics, 76. mention, 77. nation, 78. recurring, 79. applaud, 80. clue

81. pa__e the command line *v.* to separate a sentence into grammatical parts, such as subject, verb, etc., and describe their syntactic roles
82. bit of good fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
83. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
84. fe__e post *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
85. historical phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
86. ho_____de bread *adj.* made at home rather than in a factory or workshop
87. ac_____m definition *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
88. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 81. parse, 82. fortune, 83. edit, 84. fence, 85. phenomenon, 86. homemade, 87. acronym, 88. introduction

89. th__e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
90. sa____ze mainstream media *v.* to use humor, irony, or sarcasm to expose and criticize the foolishness or vices of a person, group, or society; to use satire as a means of social or political commentary
91. a hand sc___t *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
92. si____y importance *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
93. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
94. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
95. ad__t in handicrafts *adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult
96. br____st a concert *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
97. pre____ion skills *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

ANSWERS: 89. theme, 90. satirize, 91. script, 92. signify, 93. degree, 94. genius, 95. adept, 96. broadcast, 97. presentation

98. de_____te attempt *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
99. st__p off to the room *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
100. an emotional ju_____nt *n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
101. wr_____ff debts *n.* a cancellation or reduction of a debt or financial obligation; a loss or expense that can be deducted from one's taxable income; a dismissal or rejection of something as unimportant or unworthy of attention
102. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
103. p_w print *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
104. Doppler sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
105. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
106. cl___e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
107. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

ANSWERS: 98. desperate, 99. stomp, 100. judgment, 101. write-off, 102. bunch, 103. paw, 104. shift, 105. peer, 106. cliché, 107. pronounce

108. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
109. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
110. acc_____nt report *n.* a person whose job is to keep financial records and accounts for a person or organization
111. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
112. ill fo_____e *n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
113. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
114. her de_____te screams *adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
115. wi___d thoughts *adj.* morally bad or evil
116. major pa_____gm shift *n.* a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
117. ac_____ng attitude *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
118. commit su_____e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
119. am_____ze a loan *v.* to gradually reduce or pay off a debt or loan by making regular payments over a period of time; to spread out the cost or expense of something over a specific period

ANSWERS: 108. numb, 109. industrious, 110. accountant, 111. broth, 112. fortune, 113. equivalent, 114. desperate, 115. wicked, 116. paradigm, 117. accepting, 118. suicide, 119. amortize

120. hour of ent_____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
121. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
122. ap_____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
123. fl___r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
124. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
125. pi___e a cucumber *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
126. a st__e joke *adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
127. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
128. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
129. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 120. entertainment, 121. bush, 122. applaud, 123. flavor, 124. equivalent, 125. pickle, 126. stale, 127. Christ, 128. dictionary, 129. intelligence

130. b__e him with his stories *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
131. di___r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
132. in no un_____r terms *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
133. a joy to be___d *v.* to look at and observe with attention
134. the sc___t of a play *n.* a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
135. face rel_____ss pressure *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
136. mu_____d leaf *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
137. use an ac_____m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
138. a spotted p__y *n.* a small horse
139. du_____ng soup *n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables

ANSWERS: 130. bore, 131. differ, 132. unclear, 133. behold, 134. script, 135. relentless, 136. mustard, 137. acronym, 138. pony, 139. dumpling

140. central th__e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
141. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
142. dynamically sc_____le *adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
143. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
144. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
145. an un_____r match *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
146. l__e curtains *n.* a delicate fabric made of interlacing thread or other material; a cord used to fasten or adorn clothing, often with a pattern of holes or spaces; a decorative netting or interlaced design
147. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
148. under a cu__e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

ANSWERS: 140. theme, 141. conversation, 142. scalable, 143. inclusive, 144. conversation, 145. unclear, 146. lace, 147. appreciate, 148. curse

149. de-_____is threshold *adj.* referring to an amount or level that is so small or insignificant that it is not considered important or relevant, especially in a legal or financial context
150. ready-made ph____es *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
151. with fr_____c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
152. ba_____y seating *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
153. an ins_____ant mistake *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
154. natural phe_____on *n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
155. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
156. sc_____re study *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
157. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
158. number of different sc_____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
159. b_b a quick curtsy *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

ANSWERS: 149. de-minimis, 150. phrase, 151. frantic, 152. balcony, 153. insignificant, 154. phenomenon, 155. devote, 156. scripture, 157. handle, 158.

scenario, 159. bob

160. co____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
161. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
162. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
163. ro__n eggs *n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America
164. mu__y perfume *adj.* having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss
165. for a s__e reason *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
166. or____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
167. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
168. ta____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
169. a delicate fl____r *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
170. p_w pad *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
171. ag__t system *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

ANSWERS: 160. confuse, 161. phrase, 162. communicate, 163. robin, 164. musky,

165. sane, 166. origin, 167. corporate, 168. takeaway, 169. flavor, 170. paw, 171. agent

172. un___e how to deal with *adj.* not certain or having doubts
173. re__p briefly *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
174. biblical sc_____re *n.* the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
175. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
176. market f__y *n.* intense and often violent anger
177. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
178. cooked cr_____sh *n.* a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source
179. antidiarrheal ag__t *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

ANSWERS: 172. unsure, 173. recap, 174. scripture, 175. whistle, 176. fury, 177. germ, 178. crayfish, 179. agent

180. start a new th___d
- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
181. b_t cave
- n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
182. tax dep_____ion allowance
- n.* the decrease in value of an asset over time, often due to wear and tear, obsolescence, or other factors; a decline or reduction in the market price or worth of something
183. a we__d dress
- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
184. have sur_____gly little effect
- adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
185. re__r to a map
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 180. thread, 181. bat, 182. depreciation, 183. weird, 184. surprisingly, 185. refer

186. sc____le solution *adj.* capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands
187. s_y cameras *n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
188. the acc_____ng department *n.* a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results
189. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
190. wh_____e for help *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
191. black mu_____d seed *n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
192. gu___y verdict *adj.* feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
193. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
194. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 186. scalable, 187. spy, 188. accounting, 189. unique, 190. whistle, 191. mustard, 192. guilty, 193. clap, 194. peer

195. ad__t at fishing *adj.* having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult
196. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
197. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
198. sa_____ze celebrities *v.* to use humor, irony, or sarcasm to expose and criticize the foolishness or vices of a person, group, or society; to use satire as a means of social or political commentary
199. sp__t out an opinion *n.* a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way
200. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
201. freshwater cr_____sh *n.* a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source

ANSWERS: 195. adept, 196. revolution, 197. chase, 198. satirize, 199. spout, 200. solid, 201. crayfish

202. age-old cl___e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
203. b_t an eye *n.* a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
204. re_____ng decimals *adj.* happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly
205. a person of ge___s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
206. di___r according to species *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
207. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
208. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
209. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
210. co_____e the data *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
211. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 202. cliché, 203. bat, 204. recurring, 205. genius, 206. differ, 207. nod, 208. instance, 209. writ, 210. compile, 211. context

212. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
213. pa__e strings of the form *v.* to separate a sentence into grammatical parts, such as subject, verb, etc., and describe their syntactic roles
214. business ty___n *n.* a wealthy and powerful business leader or industrialist
215. aud_____um annex *n.* a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
216. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
217. bu___t list *n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
218. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
219. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
220. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
221. de_____re from the company *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
222. 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
223. pr_____ce a judgment *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

ANSWERS: 212. concerned, 213. parse, 214. tycoon, 215. auditorium, 216. replace, 217. bucket, 218. translate, 219. handle, 220. yell, 221. departure, 222. stick, 223. pronounce

224. st__e smell	<i>adj.</i> no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
225. the worst case sc_____io	<i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
226. m_d wall	<i>n.</i> a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
227. the t__e of a song	<i>n.</i> a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
228. acc_____ng software	<i>n.</i> a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results
229. w__p a fish in foil	<i>v.</i> to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
230. sur_____gly advanced culture	<i>adv.</i> in a way that causes amazement or wonder
231. financial a_d	<i>n.</i> things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
232. bl__d to the beauties	<i>adj.</i> unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
233. j__k her head back	<i>v.</i> to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
234. vi_____y in the law court	<i>n.</i> success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won
235. cultural pa_____gm	<i>n.</i> a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model

ANSWERS: 224. stale, 225. scenario, 226. mud, 227. tune, 228. accounting, 229. wrap, 230. surprisingly, 231. aid, 232. blind, 233. jerk, 234. victory, 235. paradigm

236. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
237. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
238. feel un___e of me *adj.* not certain or having doubts
239. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
240. ad_____le baby *adj.* inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable
241. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
242. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
243. ins_____ant amount *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
244. clarify am_____us points *adj.* open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided
245. l__e trim *n.* a delicate fabric made of interlacing thread or other material; a cord used to fasten or adorn clothing, often with a pattern of holes or spaces; a decorative netting or interlaced design
246. very f__d of *adj.* having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time

ANSWERS: 236. broth, 237. mass, 238. unsure, 239. confuse, 240. adorable, 241. unique, 242. initial, 243. insignificant, 244. ambiguous, 245. lace, 246. fond

247. ho____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
248. p__y engine *n.* a small horse
249. beginning of the ind____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
250. cy____e poisoning *n.* a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison
251. pi____e barrel *n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
252. a passage from the Bi__e *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
253. homemade du____ng *n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
254. th____d a catheter *n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching

ANSWERS: 247. horrible, 248. pony, 249. industrial, 250. cyanide, 251. pickle, 252. bible, 253. dumpling, 254. thread

255. pi__h off a bud *v.* to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
256. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
257. baby c__f *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
258. online dic_____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
259. chief con_____nt *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
260. de-_____is exemption *adj.* referring to an amount or level that is so small or insignificant that it is not considered important or relevant, especially in a legal or financial context
261. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
262. the rapid pace of glo_____ion *n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

ANSWERS: 255. pinch, 256. bush, 257. calf, 258. dictionary, 259. consultant, 260. de-minimis, 261. executive, 262. globalization

263. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
264. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
265. ho_____de article *adj.* made at home rather than in a factory or workshop
266. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
267. re__p key points *v.* to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
268. 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
269. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
270. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
271. one of the main dr_____cks *n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
272. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 263. probable, 264. colleague, 265. homemade, 266. probable, 267. recap, 268. stick, 269. definition, 270. excuse, 271. drawback, 272. firm

273. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
274. ad____le puppy *adj.* inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable
275. pi_____ck equipment *n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support
276. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
277. su_____b to cancer *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
278. 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
279. co____r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
280. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
281. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 273. nod, 274. adorable, 275. piggyback, 276. writ, 277. succumb, 278. mess, 279. confer, 280. appreciate, 281. mention

282. not long the _____er *adv.* after that; subsequently
283. ke _____e presentation *n.* the central theme or message of a speech, presentation, or event; the first note or tone in a musical scale used as a reference point for the performance of a piece of music
284. eye oi _____nt *n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
285. int _____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
286. major paradigm sh ____t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
287. re _____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
288. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
289. bi__o game *n.* a game of chance in which players match numbers on a card with randomly drawn numbers to be the first to complete a specific pattern or sequence; sudden realization, success, or achievement
290. be ____d the sunrise *v.* to look at and observe with attention
291. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

ANSWERS: 282. thereafter, 283. keynote, 284. ointment, 285. introduction, 286. shift, 287. replace, 288. aid, 289. bingo, 290. behold, 291. hell

292. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
293. hydrogen cy_____e *n.* a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison
294. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
295. fountain sp__t *n.* a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way
296. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
297. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
298. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
299. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 292. Christ, 293. cyanide, 294. exclusive, 295. spout, 296. industrious, 297. context, 298. elite, 299. adopt

300. bo_____om meeting *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
301. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
302. re___s in his duties *adj.* negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention
303. in a fl___t tone *adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
304. 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
305. sweet po_____ge *n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
306. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
307. ho_____y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
308. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 300. boardroom, 301. chief, 302. remiss, 303. fluent, 304. economy, 305. porridge, 306. revolution, 307. honesty, 308. nation

309. co_____e a biography *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
310. co_____t my wallet *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
311. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
312. b__e diameter *v.* to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
313. imm_____al information *adj.* not having material existence or substance; not being important or relevant
314. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
315. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
316. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

ANSWERS: 309. compile, 310. consult, 311. germ, 312. bore, 313. immaterial, 314. economical, 315. cow, 316. cow

317. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
318. regularly co_____t with a doctor *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
319. the dr_____ck of his method *n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
320. f__y of the storm *n.* intense and often violent anger
321. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
322. pre_____ion slides *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
323. right of imm_____al property *adj.* not having material existence or substance; not being important or relevant
324. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
325. re___s behavior *adj.* negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention
326. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

ANSWERS: 317. degree, 318. consult, 319. drawback, 320. fury, 321. colleague, 322. presentation, 323. immaterial, 324. adopt, 325. remiss, 326. concerned

327. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
328. believe Bi__e prophecy *n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
329. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
330. digital tou_____nt *n.* a point or moment of interaction or contact between a person or user and a product, service, or organization; a specific opportunity or moment for engagement or communication
331. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
332. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
333. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
334. ke_____e topic *n.* the central theme or message of a speech, presentation, or event; the first note or tone in a musical scale used as a reference point for the performance of a piece of music
335. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way

ANSWERS: 327. weird, 328. bible, 329. statistics, 330. touchpoint, 331. fence, 332. employee, 333. instance, 334. keynote, 335. yell

336. de_____re from tradition *n.* the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
337. pi_____ck on her success *n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support
338. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
339. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
340. bo_____om decision *n.* a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets
341. am_____ze over time *v.* to gradually reduce or pay off a debt or loan by making regular payments over a period of time; to spread out the cost or expense of something over a specific period
342. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
343. br_____st a radio ad *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television

ANSWERS: 336. departure, 337. piggyback, 338. refer, 339. poll, 340. boardroom, 341. amortize, 342. clap, 343. broadcast

344. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
345. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
346. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
347. ac_____ng of diversity *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
348. oi_____nt for eczema *n.* a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
349. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
350. audit by acc_____nt *n.* a person whose job is to keep financial records and accounts for a person or organization
351. ba_____y view *n.* a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
352. w__p up a meeting *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
353. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
354. ba_____ne budget *n.* a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court

ANSWERS: 344. tune, 345. devote, 346. definition, 347. accepting, 348. ointment, 349. strike, 350. accountant, 351. balcony, 352. wrap, 353. bunch, 354. baseline

355. rel_____ss attack *adj.* persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
356. omnichannel tou_____nt *n.* a point or moment of interaction or contact between a person or user and a product, service, or organization; a specific opportunity or moment for engagement or communication
357. 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
358. a c__f elephant *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
359. de_____us breeze *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
360. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
361. asset wr_____ff *n.* a cancellation or reduction of a debt or financial obligation; a loss or expense that can be deducted from one's taxable income; a dismissal or rejection of something as unimportant or unworthy of attention
362. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
363. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
364. su_____b to old age *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

ANSWERS: 355. relentless, 356. touchpoint, 357. mess, 358. calf, 359. delicious, 360. analyze, 361. write-off, 362. define, 363. afterward, 364. succumb

365. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
366. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
367. abruptly in_____pt *v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
368. accumulated dep_____ion *n.* the decrease in value of an asset over time, often due to wear and tear, obsolescence, or other factors; a decline or reduction in the market price or worth of something

ANSWERS: 365. inclusive, 366. define, 367. interrupt, 368. depreciation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
3. The archaeologist found a hieratic Egyptian _____ on a stone monument.
n. a written text of a film, play, broadcast, or speech; something written by hand
4. After much contemplation, the suspect decided to plead _____ to the theft charge.
adj. feeling responsible for or having done something wrong or criminal
5. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
6. Always _____ a lawyer before launching a business.
v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
7. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.
n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. economical, 2. chased, 3. script, 4. guilty, 5. refer, 6. consult, 7. conversation

8. The marketing team analyzed the customer _____ to optimize the buyer's journey.
- n.* a point or moment of interaction or contact between a person or user and a product, service, or organization; a specific opportunity or moment for engagement or communication
9. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
- n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
10. 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
11. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.
- adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
12. It will take several years to _____ the mortgage on our new house.
- v.* to gradually reduce or pay off a debt or loan by making regular payments over a period of time; to spread out the cost or expense of something over a specific period
13. The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural _____.
- n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders
14. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 8. touchpoints, 9. germ, 10. clue, 11. chief, 12. amortize, 13. globalization, 14. Christmas

15. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
16. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
17. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
18. The _____ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.
n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
19. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to _____.
v. to look at and observe with attention
20. In an economically prosperous country, most male _____ is due to child support problems.
n. the act of killing yourself intentionally
21. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
22. The newborn _____ stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.
n. a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals

ANSWERS: 15. strike, 16. writ, 17. numb, 18. theme, 19. behold, 20. suicide, 21. blind, 22. calf

23. Capitalism guarantees the right of ownership of personal _____.
- n.* a large amount of money or property; chance or luck as an unknown and arbitrary force affecting human affairs
24. A bowl of hot _____ is a nutritious breakfast option in winter.
- n.* a hot cereal dish made from boiled grains or legumes, typically oats, rice, or cornmeal, often served with milk or sweeteners
25. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
- adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
26. A rainbow is a natural _____.
- n.* something that exists and can be perceptible, especially one that is not fully understood
27. The government recruited a ____ to gather information on a suspected terrorist cell
- n.* a person who is employed or trained to observe or gather information in secret, often for military or political purposes; a person who secretly or illegally gathers information about a private individual or organization
28. She learned five languages but is only _____ in two of them.
- adj.* able to communicate in a specific language smoothly or effectively, or easily
29. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
- n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
30. Her remarks _____ the debate.
- v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

ANSWERS: 23. fortune, 24. porridge, 25. Industrial, 26. phenomenon, 27. spy, 28. fluent, 29. definition, 30. confused

31. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.
- n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
32. _____ of the currency has led to higher import prices for the country.
- n.* the decrease in value of an asset over time, often due to wear and tear, obsolescence, or other factors; a decline or reduction in the market price or worth of something
33. The comedian used humor to _____ the political system and its flaws.
- v.* to use humor, irony, or sarcasm to expose and criticize the foolishness or vices of a person, group, or society; to use satire as a means of social or political commentary
34. We would _____ an early reply.
- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
35. When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and _____ at me.
- v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
36. She gave a fantastic _____ at the conference and received a standing ovation.
- n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
37. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.
- v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
38. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.
- adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

ANSWERS: 31. curse, 32. Depreciation, 33. satirize, 34. appreciate, 35. yelled, 36. presentation, 37. pronounce, 38. inclusive

39. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
40. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
41. He finally _____ to temptation.
- v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
42. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
- v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
43. I am going to trim this _____ off.
- n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
44. At first, we have to _____ out our priorities.
- v.* to separate a sentence into grammatical parts, such as subject, verb, etc., and describe their syntactic roles
45. Students have loved this textbook for many years as a biology _____.
- n.* the sacred writings of the Christian religions, consisting of the Old and New Testaments; a book regarded as authoritative in its field
46. Mozart was a musical _____.
- n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

ANSWERS: 39. peer, 40. hell, 41. succumbed, 42. nodded, 43. bush, 44. parse, 45. bible, 46. genius

47. The FBI _____ went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.
- n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
48. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
- n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
49. We are attempting to _____ a list of qualified candidates for the position.
- v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
50. She filled a _____ with water and carried it back to the house.
- n.* an open container with a handle made of metal or plastic, often used for carrying liquids
51. The bread was _____ and not fit for eating.
- adj.* no longer fresh, new, or interesting; dull or uninteresting
52. He had to endure the _____ gas attack during the war.
- n.* a yellow or brown condiment that tastes spicy made from the seeds of various plants; (adjective) between yellow and brown
53. The little girl wanted a _____ ride on her father's shoulders.
- n.* a ride on someone's back or shoulders, or the act of carrying or supporting something on someone's back or shoulders; (verb) to carry or transport someone or something on one's back or shoulders, or to attach or mount one thing onto another thing for transportation or support

ANSWERS: 47. agent, 48. broth, 49. compile, 50. bucket, 51. stale, 52. mustard, 53. piggyback

54. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
55. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
56. He postulated a completely different _____ to explain all these phenomena.
n. a standard or typical example of something; a pattern or model
57. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company
58. Her _____ attitude towards her studies is why she falls behind in class.
adj. negligent or careless in performing a duty or task; failing to take proper care or give sufficient attention
59. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
60. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
61. The _____ witch cast a spell on the kingdom.
adj. morally bad or evil
62. She is highly _____ with medical equipment.
adj. having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude to do something quite difficult

ANSWERS: 54. excuse, 55. suppose, 56. paradigm, 57. corporate, 58. remiss, 59. equivalent, 60. handle, 61. wicked, 62. adept

63. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
64. I prefer _____ cookies over store-bought ones.
adj. made at home rather than in a factory or workshop
65. The company hired a new accountant to handle its _____ needs.
n. a system of recording and summarizing financial transactions and analyzing, verifying, and reporting the results
66. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
67. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
68. The _____ time for the flight is 6:00 am.
n. the act of leaving, especially to start a journey
69. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
70. The children _____ their feet in time to the music.
v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
71. 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: 63. cliché, 64. homemade, 65. accounting, 66. define, 67. replace, 68. departure, 69. unique, 70. stomped, 71. stick

72. He _____ money from the cashbox without telling the company's employees.
v. to grip something such as someone's skin and press it tightly between the finger and thumb; (noun) a painful or straitened circumstance
73. The _____ speaker at the conference inspired us with their innovative ideas.
n. the central theme or message of a speech, presentation, or event; the first note or tone in a musical scale used as a reference point for the performance of a piece of music
74. The products they sell are the _____ for performance in the industry.
n. a starting point or minimum for comparing facts; the back line bounding each end of a tennis or handball court
75. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
76. The use of _____ as a chemical weapon is prohibited under international law.
n. a highly toxic compound consisting of a carbon atom triple-bonded to a nitrogen atom, most often encountered as hydrogen cyanide or one of its salts, often used in industrial processes, insecticides, and as a lethal poison
77. The cat batted at the toy with its _____.
n. the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
78. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
79. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.
adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

ANSWERS: 72. pinched, 73. keynote, 74. baseline, 75. initial, 76. cyanide, 77. paw, 78. analyze, 79. delicious

80. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.
- v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
81. The _____ seating was filled with people waiting for the concert to begin.
- n. a room or building used for concerts, plays, or other public performances
82. She wore a beautiful dress with delicate _____ detailing.
- n. a delicate fabric made of interlacing thread or other material; a cord used to fasten or adorn clothing, often with a pattern of holes or spaces; a decorative netting or interlaced design
83. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
- n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
84. He pointed out all the _____ to our plan.
- n. a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
85. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
- v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
86. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
- v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 80. whistle-blow, 81. auditorium, 82. lace, 83. executive, 84. drawbacks, 85. communicate, 86. adopted

87. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.

- n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

88. He was _____ if the recent economic turmoil affected his company's sales decline.

- adj.* not certain or having doubts

89. At this ranch, children can experience riding a _____.

- n.* a small horse

90. RADAR is an _____ for radio detection and ranging.

- n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

91. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

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

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

93. We _____ along with the singer's song.

- v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

94. I love listening to the cheerful song of the _____ in my garden.

- n.* a small bird from the thrush family, typically having a red breast and found across Europe, Asia, and North America

ANSWERS: 87. tune, 88. unsure, 89. pony, 90. acronym, 91. confer, 92. devoted, 93. clapped, 94. robin

95. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
96. 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
97. The seafood restaurant is known for its delicious _____ dish.
- n.* a freshwater crustacean resembling a small lobster typically found in streams, rivers, and lakes and often used as a popular food source
98. Her sleep was _____ by recurring pain.
- v.* to say or do something that causes someone to stop in their speech or action
99. The water _____ in the garden provides a refreshing mist on hot days.
- n.* a tube or chute through which something, particularly a liquid, can be poured or discharged in a continuous stream; a projecting tube or pipe that transfers fluids from one container to another; (verb) to send out a stream of liquid or gas, typically in a forceful way
100. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.
- n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
101. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

ANSWERS: 95. colleague, 96. edit, 97. crayfish, 98. interrupted, 99. spout, 100. honesty, 101. employee

102. The detective followed a _____ of clues which ultimately led to the suspect's arrest.
- n.* a fine cord of natural or synthetic fibers or filaments, such as cotton or nylon, used in sewing, knitting, or weaving; a series of connected messages or comments on a social media platform or online forum, often related to a particular topic; a sequence or line of events, ideas, or actions that are connected or related; (verb) to pass a thread through a needle or other small opening, in preparation for sewing or stitching
103. The _____ must have an acidity level high enough to inhibit the growth of bacteria.
- n.* vegetables or fruit preserved in salty water or vinegar served cold with meat, salads, etc.; informal terms for a difficult situation
104. Her _____ are consistently rational and sensible.
- n.* the ability to form valuable opinions and make reasonable decisions
105. Pakistan's ___ budget was still being reviewed.
- n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
106. The main _____ from the meeting was the need for better communication.
- n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
107. He was _____ when he lost all his money by gambling.
- adj.* feeling or showing a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation
108. He was promoted to manager, and _____ he began to make changes in the company.
- adv.* after that; subsequently

ANSWERS: 102. thread, 103. pickle, 104. judgments, 105. aid, 106. takeaway, 107. desperate, 108. thereafter,

109. A _____ back pain interfered with his concentration.

adj. happening or occurring again periodically or repeatedly

110. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

111. I need to ____ my head to the beat of the music.

v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

112. He became a successful _____ in the oil industry.

n. a wealthy and powerful business leader or industrialist

113. The _____ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

n. the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

114. The company's success can be attributed to the _____ of its employees.

n. specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge

115. _____ the text from Italian into English.

v. to convert or change words into another language

116. The product was found to be _____ as it failed to meet the customer's expectations.

adj. having no value or usefulness; not worth considering

ANSWERS: 109. recurring, 110. introduction, 111. bob, 112. tycoon, 113. flavor, 114. expertise, 115. Translate, 116. worthless

117. _____ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.
v. to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
118. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.
n. a person who provides professional or expert advice
119. I need to apply the _____ to my burn to help it heal faster.
n. a medicated salve or paste applied to the skin for treatment or relief of a condition
120. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
121. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.
v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
122. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
123. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.
n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
124. 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

ANSWERS: 117. Wrap, 118. consultant, 119. ointment, 120. statistics, 121. applaud, 122. industrious, 123. cows, 124. nation

125. The corporate _____ was filled with tense silence as the CEO presented the new plan.

n. a room where the board of directors of a company or organization meets

126. It is important not to undertake tasks with _____ objectives to improve productivity.

adj. poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

127. I ordered some delicious _____ for lunch.

n. a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables

128. They won big at _____ last night, taking home the grand prize.

n. a game of chance in which players match numbers on a card with randomly drawn numbers to be the first to complete a specific pattern or sequence; sudden realization, success, or achievement

129. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

130. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

131. We are optimistic about our final _____.

n. success in a game, competition, election, or battle, or the knowledge that you have won

132. The _____ scent of the old book filled the air of the dusty library.

adj. having a strong, earthy smell that is often reminiscent of musk or moss

ANSWERS: 125. boardroom, 126. unclear, 127. dumplings, 128. bingo, 129. fence, 130. mud, 131. victory, 132. musky

133. The red lights on the dashboard _____ that the car needs maintenance.
v. to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
134. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
135. Due to the economic downturn, the bank had to process many loan _____.
n. a cancellation or reduction of a debt or financial obligation; a loss or expense that can be deducted from one's taxable income; a dismissal or rejection of something as unimportant or unworthy of attention
136. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
137. The athlete's _____ training paid off in the end.
adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks
138. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
139. Let me quickly _____ these results.
v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.
140. Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained _____.
adj. mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

ANSWERS: 133. signify, 134. degree, 135. write-offs, 136. mass, 137. relentless, 138. scenarios, 139. recap, 140. sane

141. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.
adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
142. My friend's daughter is _____ with curly hair and big brown eyes.
adj. inspiring love, affection, or fondness; charming or delightful; cute, lovable
143. They enjoyed a romantic dinner on the _____ overlooking the city.
n. a platform projecting from the wall of a building and surrounded by a railing, providing an outdoor space
144. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.
n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
145. The associate _____ carefully reviewed the company's financial records.
n. a person whose job is to keep financial records and accounts for a person or organization
146. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
147. He was an _____ person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.
adj. willing to receive or to take something offered
148. He is excessively _____ of alcohol.
adj. having affection or liking for someone, particularly someone you've known for a long time
149. 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

ANSWERS: 141. frantic, 142. adorable, 143. balcony, 144. entertainment, 145. accountant, 146. mentioned, 147. accepting, 148. fond, 149. intelligence,

150. Many people find comfort in reading _____ during times of hardship.
n. the sacred writings of a particular religion or belief system, often regarded as authoritative and containing moral or spiritual teachings
151. The crowd's _____ was palpable as they shouted and protested against the government's decision.
n. intense and often violent anger
152. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.
adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
153. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.
adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
154. The lecture on quantum physics _____ me to tears.
v. to make someone feel weary or uninterested, often by talking at length about uninteresting or mundane topics; to cause someone to feel bored or unengaged; (noun) a hole or tunnel drilled or dug into the ground, either for exploration or extraction of natural resources
155. The cave was a habitat for _____.
n. a nocturnal animal with wings that flies and feeds at night, similar to a mouse; a piece of wood with a handle used for hitting the ball in sports including baseball, cricket, and table tennis
156. The company's new software is highly _____ allowing it to handle increasing number of users.
adj. capable of being easily expanded or increased in size, number, or scale to meet changing demands

ANSWERS: 150. scripture, 151. fury, 152. concerned, 153. horrible, 154. bored, 155. bats, 156. scalable,

157. The _____ aspects of culture, such as values, beliefs, and customs, are often more difficult to define and understand than material ones.

adj. not having material existence or substance; not being important or relevant

158. 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

159. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

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

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

161. The court ruled that the money involved in the case was _____ and not worthy of further legal action.

adj. referring to an amount or level that is so small or insignificant that it is not considered important or relevant, especially in a legal or financial context

162. The two products _____ in their quality and price.

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

163. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

164. The driver suddenly _____ the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.

v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

ANSWERS: 157. immaterial, 158. mess, 159. origin, 160. firm, 161. de-minimis, 162. differed, 163. polls, 164. jerked

165. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
166. He made me feel small and _____.
adj. of little importance, influence, or power
167. 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
168. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
169. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
170. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
171. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
adv. after the time mentioned
172. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

ANSWERS: 165. revolution, 166. insignificant, 167. economy, 168. probable, 169. weird, 170. cult, 171. afterward, 172. instances

173. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

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

174. Could you help me _____ some furniture?

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

175. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

176. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

177. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

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

178. The instructions provided were _____ and confused the team.

adj. open to more than one interpretation; not clear or decided

179. I love going to see live _____ shows with my friends.

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

180. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

181. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

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

ANSWERS: 173. bunch, 174. shift, 175. solid-state, 176. context, 177. elites, 178. ambiguous, 179. comedy, 180. surprisingly, 181. phrase

182. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

adj. not divided or shared with others

183. I need to purchase a new English _____.

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

184. Most of the programs are _____ in this area.

v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television

ANSWERS: 182. exclusive, 183. dictionary, 184. broadcast