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Session 1: Word List

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

optimistic

adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

synonym: hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

thesis

n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

synonym: dissertation, argument, treatise

(1) a drift of a **thesis**, (2) master **thesis**

His **thesis** on the effects of climate change won several awards.

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.

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.

stagnant

adj. not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water

synonym : still, unmoving, moribund

(1) **stagnant** car sales, (2) **stagnant** economy

The **stagnant** water in the pond is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

diverge

v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

synonym : separate, split, part

(1) **diverge** from tradition, (2) **diverge** from the main topic

As tectonic plates **diverge**, new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

humankind

n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

synonym : humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a brief moment.

pose

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

synonym : present, put, position

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

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

credible

adj. capable of being trusted or believed

synonym: reasonable, believable, plausible

(1) **credible** source, (2) a **credible** story

They didn't have any **credible** evidence of his innocence.

fundamental

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

synonym: basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

recipe

n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

synonym: instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

alliance

n. a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations.

synonym: pact, accord, coalition

(1) form **alliance**, (2) major airline **alliances**

To sell the product, the companies have formed an **alliance**.

compassion

n. a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

synonym: pity, empathy, understanding

(1) feel **compassion** for the poor, (2) have **compassion** toward the accident

His infinite love and **compassion** for everyone never weary.

enlightened

adj. having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook

synonym: educated, informed, aware

(1) **enlightened** age, (2) make an **enlightened** decision

The **enlightened** teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.

self-interest

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

synonym: selfishness, selfhood, egocentricity

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

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

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

divergence

n. the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal

synonym : divergency, deviation, discrepancy

(1) **divergence** angle, (2) ideological **divergence**

The **divergence** in opinions among the team members led to a delay in completing the project.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

integrate

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

synonym : mix, merge, combine

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

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

glob

n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

synonym : ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym : agony, misery, suffering

(1) have a **nightmare**, (2) **nightmare** situation

Life as a waiter was a big **nightmare** for him.

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.

postwar

adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

synonym : subsequent, aftermath

(1) **postwar** years, (2) **postwar** society

The **postwar** period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

bloc

n. a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together

synonym : group, alliance, coalition

(1) **bloc** countries, (2) a **bloc** of developing nations

The country decided to join the economic **bloc** to benefit from the trade agreements.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym : haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down

He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

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.

marshal

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

synonym : general, commander, organizer

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

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

policy

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

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

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

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

reverse

v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear

synonym: overturn, shift, switch

(1) **reverse** the trend, (2) **reverse** the order

The restaurant **reversed** a ban on smoking.

protectionist

adj. relating to or advocating for policies that protect domestic industries from foreign competition through tariffs, trade barriers, or restrictions on imports; (noun) someone who believes in and promotes such policies

synonym: isolationist, nationalist

(1) **protectionist** ideology, (2) **protectionist** agenda

The government implemented **protectionist** policies to promote domestic industries.

aft

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

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

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

institute

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

synonym: academy, university, college

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

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

liberalize

v. to make something more liberal, open, or permissive, typically in terms of laws, regulations, or social practices, allowing greater freedom, flexibility, or tolerance

synonym: liberate, relax, loosen

(1) **liberalize** drug laws, (2) **liberalize** regulations

The government decided to **liberalize** trade policies to boost economic growth.

security

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

synonym: safety, protection, stock

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

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

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym: aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

commandment

n. a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

synonym: law, edict, precept

(1) violate a **commandment**, (2) a religious **commandment**

He was punished because he contravened a **commandment** of God.

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.

sovereignty

n. supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country

synonym: independence, autonomy, self-rule

(1) democratic **sovereignty**, (2) **sovereignty** issue

The country proclaimed its **sovereignty** over the disputed territory.

sacrosanct

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

synonym: sacred, inviolable, holy

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

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

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

organization

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

synonym: association, institution, community

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

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

cooperation

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

synonym: collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym: shared, common, joint

(1) share of a **mutual** fund, (2) **mutual** efforts

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

waterfront

n. the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

synonym: lakefront, seaside, shoreline

(1) **waterfront** property, (2) **waterfront** view

The city's **waterfront** area was undergoing renovations to improve its accessibility and aesthetics.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

governance

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

synonym: administration, management, direction

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

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

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential
Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret
Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

basis

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

synonym : foundation, base, ground

(1) on an equal **basis**, (2) **basis** for calculation
This evidence will form the **basis** for our discussion.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym : positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**

There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

commodity

n. a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

synonym : merchandise, goods, entity

(1) **commodity** tax, (2) international **commodity**

The government announced a policy to control the rise in **commodity** prices.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym : roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

pump

v. to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

synonym : drain, inject, send

(1) **pump** a secret out of success, (2) **pump** blood throughout the body

He was alert and could not **pump** any critical information out of him.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym : novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

disastrous

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

synonym : catastrophic, destructive, fatal

(1) have **disastrous** consequences, (2) absolutely **disastrous** effect

The emission of hazardous substances has **disastrous** effects on the ecology of a region.

locate

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

synonym : discover, find, place

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

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

guinea

n. a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

synonym : coin, money, currency

(1) **guinea** coins, (2) **guinea** pig

The cost of the antique vase is three **guineas**.

exploitation

n. the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful

synonym : victimization, development, using

(1) sexual **exploitation**, (2) the **exploitation** of fossil resources

Strategic **exploitation** of cutting-edge technology would be a sure formula for success.

ore

n. a naturally occurring mineral or rock from which a valuable substance, typically a metal, can be extracted through mining or other extraction methods

synonym : mineral deposit, rock

(1) gold **ore**, (2) copper **ore**

The mine produces high-quality iron **ore**.

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.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

dwarf

n. a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star

synonym : midget, lilliputian, pygmy

(1) a potted **dwarf** tree, (2) a wise old **dwarf**

The **dwarf** planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.

doll

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

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

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

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

precedent

n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future

synonym : example, model, pattern

(1) break with **precedent**, (2) a bad **precedent**

The court used previous **precedents** to make its decision.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym :

alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

export

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

synonym: ship, send, transfer

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

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

hunk

n. a large, strong, attractive man; a large piece or chunk, especially meat

synonym: muscleman, stud, gob

(1) muscular **hunk**, (2) **hunk** of cheese

She couldn't stop staring at the **hunk** on the magazine cover.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat
The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym : prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic
Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

consequence

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

synonym : result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

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.

critic

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their

critics.

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.

accrue

v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

synonym: increase, accumulate, amass

(1) **accrue** to the general treasury, (2) benefits **accrue** to the community

Two-percent interest will **accrue** on your savings account.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym: completely, fully, totally

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

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

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym: anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**

She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success
Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

benchmark

n. a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance

synonym: standard, measure, gauge

(1) industry **benchmark**, (2) performance **benchmark**

The teacher used a **benchmark** to measure the progress of her students.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

significance

n. the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

synonym: importance, value, worth

(1) **significance** level, (2) mystical **significance**

The **significance** of his discovery cannot be overstated.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

adverse

adj. unfavorable or harmful

synonym: hostile, detrimental, unfavorable

(1) **adverse** circumstances, (2) **adverse** reaction

The **adverse** weather conditions forced us to cancel the outdoor event.

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.

autocracy

n. a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society

synonym: dictatorship, tyranny, authoritarianism

(1) fight against **autocracy**, (2) absolute **autocracy**

An **autocracy** with no democratic system in a place ruled the country.

abandon

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

synonym: relinquish, leave behind, disregard

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

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

complicated

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

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym: different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

aspect

n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

determinant

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

synonym: cause, factor, element

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

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

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym: attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

balance

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

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

damage

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

synonym: harm, impair, injure

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

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

instant

adj. happening immediately, with no delay

synonym: immediate, urgent, moment

(1) get **instant** access, (2) an **instant** reply

His pleasant face turned cold in an **instant**.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

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.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

proposal

n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

synonym: offer, suggestion, proposition

(1) an innovative **proposal**, (2) details of his **proposal**

Our skeleton outline of the **proposal** met with much opposition.

voluntary

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

synonym: self-willed, spontaneous, discretionary

(1) **voluntary** action, (2) **voluntary** participation

The program is **voluntary**, so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

harness

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

synonym: rein in, control, (noun) belt

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

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

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.

transparency

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

synonym: clearness, clarity, translucence

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

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

initiative

n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

synonym: enterprise, drive, ambition

(1) a peace **initiative**, (2) take **initiative**

The teacher's **initiative** to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.

propose

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

synonym: suggest, offer, recommend

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

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

reformer

n. a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it

synonym : inciter, innovator, agitator

(1) education **reformer**, (2) catalytic **reformer**

He is regarded as a passionate social **reformer**.

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.

circulation

n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

synonym : flow, movement, dissemination

(1) lymphatic **circulation**, (2) **circulation** of money

The **circulation** of the magazine has been steadily declining.

spike

n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

synonym : end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

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

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

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

extract

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

synonym : excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

institutional

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

synonym : corporate, governmental

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

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

verify

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

synonym : affirm, ascertain, confirm

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

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

auction

n. a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding

synonym : sale, vendue, bidding

(1) **auction** house, (2) online **auction**

The antique furniture was sold at **auction** for a high price.

agency

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

synonym: organization, bureau, institution

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

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

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.

treasury

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym: coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity
The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

pound

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

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

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.

reveal

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

(1) **reveal** secrets, (2) **reveal** a plan
The detective carefully **revealed** the true identity of the murderer.

ministry

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
synonym: department, agency, bureau

(1) **ministry** officials, (2) enter the **ministry**
The **ministry** of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

president

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

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

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

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

modest

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

synonym : unassuming, humble, unpretentious

(1) **modest** income, (2) only a **modest** fee

Despite his many achievements, he remained **modest** and down-to-earth.

odds

n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

(1) **odds** in favor, (2) **odds** of business

What are the **odds** that he will survive?

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym : accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

promulgate

v. to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea

synonym : announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **promulgate** guidelines, (2) **promulgate** new regulations

The government issued a decree to **promulgate** new laws regarding environmental conservation.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym : congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

gesture

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

synonym : motion, expression, gesticulation

(1) **gesture** of goodwill, (2) hand **gesture**

She made a facial **gesture** to express disagreement.

citizenship

n. the status of being a member of a particular country

synonym : nationality, belonging, residency

(1) dual **citizenship**, (2) **citizenship** rights

Her **citizenship** application was denied due to a technical error.

professional

adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

synonym : skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym : social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

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.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym : by nature, inherently, intrinsically

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

He was **naturally** gifted.

alarming

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

synonym : forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

efface

v. to erase or obliterate something completely; to make something disappear or become less prominent

synonym : erase, delete, wipe out

(1) **efface** a memory, (2) **efface** a blemish

The cleaning crew had to **efface** the stubborn stain from the carpet using a specialized cleaner

collier

n. a coal miner or worker in the coal industry; a ship that transports coal

synonym : miner, digger, excavator

(1) **collier's** job, (2) **collier** factory

The town's economy was largely dependent on the **collier**

industry.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

sentimental

adj. connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

synonym: bathetic, drippy, maudlin

(1) in a **sentimental** mood, (2) **sentimental** damage

Stop being **sentimental** and always speak the truth.

ambassador

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

synonym: envoy, diplomat, representative

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. history of hu_____nd | <i>n.</i> the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth |
| 2. p__e a challenge | <i>v.</i> to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed |
| 3. demonstrate ex_____se | <i>n.</i> specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge |
| 4. enter the mi_____ry | <i>n.</i> a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service |
| 5. major airline al_____ces | <i>n.</i> a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations. |
| 6. feel com_____on for the poor | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck |
| 7. an in_____l letter | <i>adj.</i> of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name |
| 8. an innovative pr_____al | <i>n.</i> a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one |
| 9. break with pr_____nt | <i>n.</i> a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future |
| 10. a b__c of developing nations | <i>n.</i> a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together |

ANSWERS: 1. humankind, 2. pose, 3. expertise, 4. ministry, 5. alliance, 6. compassion, 7. initial, 8. proposal, 9. precedent, 10. bloc

11. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
12. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
13. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
14. re____l a plan *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
15. co_____r's job *n.* a coal miner or worker in the coal industry; a ship that transports coal
16. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
17. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
18. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
19. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 11. extract, 12. acquire, 13. abandon, 14. reveal, 15. collier, 16. fantastic, 17. boom, 18. balance, 19. doll

20. ac___e to the general treasury *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
21. pro_____nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
22. take ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
23. ex___t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
24. the exp_____ion of fossil resources *n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
25. pro_____ist agenda *adj.* relating to or advocating for policies that protect domestic industries from foreign competition through tariffs, trade barriers, or restrictions on imports; (noun) someone who believes in and promotes such policies
26. unaffected by sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
27. real estate ag___y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

ANSWERS: 20. accrue, 21. professional, 22. initiative, 23. export, 24. exploitation, 25. protectionist, 26. self-interest, 27. agency

28. a ge____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
29. sen_____al damage *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
30. co____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
31. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
32. mystical sig_____nce *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
33. 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
34. re____e the trend *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
35. re___e book *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
36. a peace ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
37. online au____n *n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding

ANSWERS: 28. genuine, 29. sentimental, 30. combine, 31. organization, 32. significance, 33. communicate, 34. reverse, 35. recipe, 36. initiative, 37. auction

38. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
39. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
40. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
41. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
42. marketing ex_____se *n.* specialized knowledge or skills in a particular field or subject; expert proficiency or knowledge
43. 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
44. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
45. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
46. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
47. ve___y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

ANSWERS: 38. critic, 39. policy, 40. consequence, 41. finance, 42. expertise, 43. adopt, 44. minister, 45. unfortunately, 46. enormous, 47. verify

48. d__e not go *v.* to have the courage to do something
49. 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
50. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
51. gu___a coins *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
52. mi_____ry officials *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
53. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
54. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
55. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
56. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

ANSWERS: 48. dare, 49. economical, 50. economics, 51. guinea, 52. ministry, 53. damage, 54. aid, 55. intense, 56. league

57. al____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
58. mo____t income *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
59. dual cit____ip *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
60. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
61. research in____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
62. opt____ic outlook *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
63. a baseball le____e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
64. lo____e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
65. pro____ist ideology *adj.* relating to or advocating for policies that protect domestic industries from foreign competition through tariffs, trade barriers, or restrictions on imports; (noun) someone who believes in and promotes such policies

ANSWERS: 57. alarming, 58. modest, 59. citizenship, 60. government, 61. institute, 62. optimistic, 63. league, 64. locate, 65. protectionist

66. cit_____ip rights *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
67. put a ha_____s on my pet *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
68. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
69. severe cr_____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
70. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
71. ex_____t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
72. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
73. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
74. di_____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
75. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

ANSWERS: 66. citizenship, 67. harness, 68. struggle, 69. critic, 70. drag, 71. export, 72. transparency, 73. enormous, 74. distinct, 75. threshold

76. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
77. is_____on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
78. absolute au_____cy *n.* a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society
79. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
80. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
81. di_____e from the main topic *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
82. vo_____ry action *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
83. fo_____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
84. hi_____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 76. transparency, 77. isolation, 78. autocracy, 79. discovery, 80. economics, 81. diverge, 82. voluntary, 83. forecast, 84. historic

85. lymphatic cir_____on *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
86. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
87. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
88. a potted dw__f tree *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
89. g__b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
90. ve___y identity *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
91. qualified for an el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
92. cir_____on of money *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
93. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
94. cr_____le source *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
95. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type

ANSWERS: 85. circulation, 86. odds, 87. improvisation, 88. dwarf, 89. glob, 90. verify, 91. elector, 92. circulation, 93. fantastic, 94. credible, 95. distinct

96. 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
97. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
98. national se____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
99. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
100. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
101. en____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
102. ac____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
103. the ar____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 96. mess, 97. asset, 98. security, 99. basis, 100. troop, 101. encourage, 102. acquire, 103. argument

104. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
105. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
106. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
107. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
108. make an enl_____ed decision *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
109. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
110. gold o_e *n.* a naturally occurring mineral or rock from which a valuable substance, typically a metal, can be extracted through mining or other extraction methods
111. democratic sov_____ty *n.* supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country
112. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
113. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 104. glob, 105. conduct, 106. strengthen, 107. economical, 108. enlightened, 109. generation, 110. ore, 111. sovereignty, 112. basis, 113. extract

114. im____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
115. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
116. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
117. ha____s a horse to a carriage *v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object
118. sac_____ct belief *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
119. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
120. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
121. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
122. pe____t in success *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
123. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 114. improve, 115. decide, 116. unprecedented, 117. harness, 118. sacrosanct, 119. communal, 120. boom, 121. government, 122. persist, 123. develop

124. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
125. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
126. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
127. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
128. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
129. send an amb_____or abroad *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
130. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
131. certified pro_____nal secretary *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
132. sov_____ty issue *n.* supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country
133. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
134. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 124. naturally, 125. asset, 126. generation, 127. unfortunately, 128. determinant, 129. ambassador, 130. improvisation, 131. professional, 132. sovereignty, 133. minister, 134. president

135. di____e from tradition *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
136. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
137. tr_____ry money *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
138. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
139. under a cu__e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
140. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
141. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
142. ad_____e circumstances *adj.* unfavorable or harmful
143. a weather fo_____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
144. 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

ANSWERS: 135. diverge, 136. discovery, 137. treasury, 138. compelling, 139. curse, 140. opportune, 141. stack, 142. adverse, 143. forecast, 144. mass

145. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
146. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
147. po_____r society *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
148. sexual exp_____ion *n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
149. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
150. 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
151. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

ANSWERS: 145. opportune, 146. damage, 147. postwar, 148. exploitation, 149. combination, 150. introduction, 151. governance

152. hu_____nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
153. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
154. co_____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
155. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
156. violate a com_____nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
157. 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
158. an in_____t reply *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
159. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
160. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
161. pe_____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

ANSWERS: 152. humankind, 153. complicated, 154. confine, 155. organization, 156. commandment, 157. economy, 158. instant, 159. consequence, 160. rebuild, 161. persist

162. co_____r factory *n.* a coal miner or worker in the coal industry; a ship that transports coal
163. get in_____t access *adj.* happening immediately, with no delay
164. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
165. in a sen_____al mood *adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism
166. sac_____ct tradition *adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence
167. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
168. to prevent blood sugar sp___es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
169. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
170. benefits ac___e to the community *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
171. wat_____nt view *n.* the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

ANSWERS: 162. collier, 163. instant, 164. historic, 165. sentimental, 166. sacrosanct, 167. revenue, 168. spike, 169. process, 170. accrue, 171. waterfront

172. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
173. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
174. d__e to take risks *v.* to have the courage to do something
175. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
176. pro_____te new regulations *v.* to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea
177. ge_____e of goodwill *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning
178. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
179. au_____n house *n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
180. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
181. material sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

ANSWERS: 172. relation, 173. democracy, 174. dare, 175. nation, 176. promulgate, 177. gesture, 178. combination, 179. auction, 180. argument, 181. self-interest

182. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
183. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
184. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
185. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
186. a bad pr_____nt *n.* a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
187. div_____ce angle *n.* the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal
188. have a ni_____re *n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
189. st_____nt economy *adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
190. pro_____te guidelines *v.* to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea
191. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 182. charismatic, 183. naturally, 184. improve, 185. pound, 186. precedent, 187. divergence, 188. nightmare, 189. stagnant, 190. promulgate, 191. decision

192. re_____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
193. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
194. re_____e the order *v.* to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
195. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
196. 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
197. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
198. a drift of a th____s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
199. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
200. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
201. co_____e themselves solely *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

ANSWERS: 192. rebuild, 193. communal, 194. reverse, 195. elect, 196. stick, 197. balance, 198. thesis, 199. threshold, 200. entirely, 201. confine

202. coo_____on with strategic partners
n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
203. pr_____s improvement
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
204. mu____l efforts
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties
205. d__g a team down
v. to pull or haul with force
206. the aftermath of this tr_____y
n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
207. al_____ng news
adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
208. as____ts of social, political, and economic life
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
209. become increasingly com_____ed
adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
210. in_____te both businesses
v. to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

ANSWERS: 202. cooperation, 203. process, 204. mutual, 205. drag, 206. tragedy, 207. alarming, 208. aspect, 209. complicated, 210. integrate

211. master th___s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
212. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
213. 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
214. share of a mu___l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
215. he is opt_____ic *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
216. catalytic re_____er *n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
217. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
218. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
219. presidential el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
220. ma_____l the books into their proper places *n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

ANSWERS: 211. thesis, 212. aft, 213. stick, 214. mutual, 215. optimistic, 216.

reformer, 217. abandon, 218. decision, 219. elector, 220. marshal

221. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
222. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
223. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
224. details of his pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
225. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
226. gu___a pig *n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic
227. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
228. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
229. nontechnical as___ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 221. policy, 222. compelling, 223. genuine, 224. proposal, 225. communicate, 226. guinea, 227. develop, 228. unprecedented, 229. aspect

230. manage my fi_____es
- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
231. a det_____nt of crop yields
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
232. tr_____rm an education system
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
233. have com_____on toward the accident
- n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck
234. ni_____re situation
- n.* a very frightening or unpleasant dream
235. co_____e augmented reality
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
236. the members of a military tr__p
- n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
237. thoroughgoing coo_____on
- n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
238. en_____ge a sense of affinity
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
239. deputy ma_____l
- n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

ANSWERS: 230. finance, 231. determinant, 232. transform, 233. compassion, 234. nightmare, 235. combine, 236. troop, 237. cooperation, 238. encourage, 239. marshal

240. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
241. str_____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
242. 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
243. p__p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
244. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
245. 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
246. intelligence ag___y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

ANSWERS: 240. struggle, 241. strengthen, 242. mass, 243. pump, 244. aft, 245. clue, 246. agency

247. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
248. a wise old dw__f *n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
249. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
250. 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
251. copper o_e *n.* a naturally occurring mineral or rock from which a valuable substance, typically a metal, can be extracted through mining or other extraction methods
252. fight against au_____cy *n.* a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society
253. form al_____ce *n.* a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations.

ANSWERS: 247. charismatic, 248. dwarf, 249. moth, 250. economy, 251. ore, 252. autocracy, 253. alliance

254. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
255. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
256. 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
257. 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
258. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
259. muscular h__k *n.* a large, strong, attractive man; a large piece or chunk, especially meat
260. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
261. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
262. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
263. 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

ANSWERS: 254. revenue, 255. competition, 256. introduction, 257. clue, 258. integrate, 259. hunk, 260. odds, 261. propose, 262. industrious, 263. mess

264. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
265. 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
266. only a mo___t fee *adj.* having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions
267. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
268. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
269. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
270. political op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
271. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 264. fundamental, 265. adopt, 266. modest, 267. pound, 268. moth, 269. stack, 270. optimism, 271. security

272. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
273. vo_____ry participation *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
274. p__p blood throughout the body *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
275. h__k of cheese *n.* a large, strong, attractive man; a large piece or chunk, especially meat
276. amb_____or for football *n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
277. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
278. co_____t research *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
279. po_____r years *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
280. hand ge_____e *n.* a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

ANSWERS: 272. politician, 273. voluntary, 274. pump, 275. hunk, 276. ambassador, 277. tragedy, 278. conduct, 279. postwar, 280. gesture

281. ins_____nal bank *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
282. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
283. re____e collection *n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
284. lib_____ze drug laws *v.* to make something more liberal, open, or permissive, typically in terms of laws, regulations, or social practices, allowing greater freedom, flexibility, or tolerance
285. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
286. international co_____ty *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
287. b__c countries *n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together
288. industry be_____rk *n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
289. the country's is_____on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
290. wat_____nt property *n.* the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean

ANSWERS: 281. institutional, 282. relation, 283. recipe, 284. liberalize, 285. propose, 286. commodity, 287. bloc, 288. benchmark, 289. isolation, 290. waterfront

291. ef___e a blemish *v.* to erase or obliterate something completely; to make something disappear or become less prominent
292. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
293. absolutely dis_____us effect *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
294. a cr___le story *adj.* capable of being trusted or believed
295. lib_____ze regulations *v.* to make something more liberal, open, or permissive, typically in terms of laws, regulations, or social practices, allowing greater freedom, flexibility, or tolerance
296. in_____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
297. performance be_____rk *n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance
298. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
299. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
300. have dis_____us consequences *adj.* extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful
301. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 291. efface, 292. democracy, 293. disastrous, 294. credible, 295. liberalize, 296. initial, 297. benchmark, 298. transform, 299. politician, 300. disastrous, 301. elect

302. sense of op_____sm *n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
303. st_____nt car sales *adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
304. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
305. education re_____er *n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it
306. few cu__e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
307. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
308. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
309. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
310. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
311. to sp__e *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

ANSWERS: 302. optimism, 303. stagnant, 304. institute, 305. reformer, 306. curse, 307. aid, 308. doll, 309. president, 310. locate, 311. spike

312. ef___e a memory *v.* to erase or obliterate something completely; to make something disappear or become less prominent
313. tr____ry bonds *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
314. sig_____nce level *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
315. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
316. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
317. p__e a significant threat to my company *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
318. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
319. re___l secrets *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
320. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
321. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
322. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

ANSWERS: 312. efface, 313. treasury, 314. significance, 315. industrious, 316. nation, 317. pose, 318. entirely, 319. reveal, 320. competition, 321. intense, 322. governance

323. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
324. ideological div_____ce *n.* the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal
325. address ins_____nal constraints *adj.* of, in, or relating to a large important organization, such as a university or bank; organized as or forming part of the standard systems, practices, etc.
326. a religious com_____nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
327. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
328. co_____ty tax *n.* a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold
329. enl_____ed age *adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
330. ad_____e reaction *adj.* unfavorable or harmful

ANSWERS: 323. decide, 324. divergence, 325. institutional, 326. commandment, 327. fundamental, 328. commodity, 329. enlightened, 330. adverse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. To sell the product, the companies have formed an _____.
 - n.* a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations.

2. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.
 - v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

3. He is regarded as a passionate social _____.
 - n.* a person who makes changes to a system or law to improve it

4. The detective carefully _____ the true identity of the murderer.
 - v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible

5. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
 - n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

6. People have been exploring ways to _____ natural forces and resources since ancient times.
 - v.* to control and exploit the power of something, especially natural resources that produce energy; (noun) a set of narrow pieces of leather and metal that are used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object

7. The event organizer appointed a professional _____ to manage the flow of traffic.
 - n.* a military officer of high rank or a person in charge of organizing or leading a parade or public event; a law enforcement official or officer responsible for maintaining order and enforcing regulations; (verb) to organize, arrange, or gather together resources, information, or people in a deliberate and systematic manner

ANSWERS: 1. alliance, 2. acquire, 3. reformer, 4. revealed, 5. security, 6. harness, 7. marshal

8. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.
- v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
9. The _____ planet Pluto is much smaller than earth and orbits the sun.
- n.* a person or animal that is much smaller than usual or expected for its type; a celestial body, especially a planet, that is smaller and less massive than a star
10. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
11. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
- v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
12. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
- n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
13. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
14. The _____ of peace met with government officials to discuss bilateral relations.
- n.* a diplomatic representative of a country who is sent to another country or international organization
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. integrate, 9. dwarf, 10. decide, 11. exports, 12. economics, 13. argument, 14. ambassador, 15. curse

16. The town's economy was largely dependent on the _____ industry.
n. a coal miner or worker in the coal industry; a ship that transports coal
17. The restaurant _____ a ban on smoking.
v. to change something's direction, order, position, decision, etc., to the opposite one; (adjective) directed or moving toward the rear
18. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
19. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.
v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
20. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.
n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
21. She squeezed a _____ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.
n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
22. The _____ of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.
n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

ANSWERS: 16. collier, 17. reversed, 18. encouraged, 19. strengthen, 20. policy, 21. glob, 22. ministry

23. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
- n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
24. The teacher's _____ to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.
- n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
25. We always _____ all critical information independently.
- v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
26. The _____ teacher taught the class about the importance of compassion and empathy.
- adj.* having or showing a rational, modern, and well-informed outlook
27. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
28. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.
- n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
29. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
- n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
30. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
- n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

ANSWERS: 23. troop, 24. initiative, 25. verify, 26. enlightened, 27. determinant, 28. stack, 29. politician, 30. moth

31. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
32. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.
v. to make or become better
33. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.
n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream
34. The _____ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.
n. a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking
35. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
v. to organize and carry out a particular activity
36. 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
37. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.
adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
38. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 31. revenue, 32. improve, 33. nightmare, 34. recipe, 35. conduct, 36. communicate, 37. intense, 38. doll

39. The antique furniture was sold at _____ for a high price.
- n.* a public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder; a process of selling goods or property through competitive bidding
40. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.
- n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
41. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.
- n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
42. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
- n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
43. There is considerable _____ that the economy will recover soon.
- n.* a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
44. The government issued a decree to _____ new laws regarding environmental conservation.
- v.* to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea
45. He was punished because he contravened a _____ of God.
- n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

ANSWERS: 39. auction, 40. agency, 41. league, 42. combination, 43. optimism, 44. promulgate, 45. commandment

46. The court used previous _____ to make its decision.
n. a previous event or action that serves as an example or rule to authorize or justify similar events or actions in the future
47. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
48. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
49. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
50. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
v. to restrict the movement of someone or something
51. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.
v. to build again or anew
52. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
53. The _____ water in the pond is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
adj. not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
54. The recent _____ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.
n. a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

ANSWERS: 46. precedents, 47. basis, 48. industrious, 49. critics, 50. confined, 51. rebuild, 52. charismatic, 53. stagnant, 54. spike

55. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

56. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

57. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

58. That incident led to his _____.

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

59. The government announced a policy to control the rise in _____ prices.

n. a product or a raw material that can be traded, bought, or sold

60. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

61. 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

62. 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

63. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.

n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

ANSWERS: 55. entirely, 56. relations, 57. mutual, 58. isolation, 59. commodity, 60. minister, 61. initial, 62. stick, 63. consequences

64. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

65. Strategic _____ of cutting-edge technology would be a sure formula for success.

- n.* the process of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful

66. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

67. His infinite love and _____ for everyone never weary.

- n.* a strong feeling of sympathy and sadness for another's suffering or bad luck

68. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

69. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.

- n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

70. Stop being _____ and always speak the truth.

- adj.* connected with or resulting from someone's emotions, rather than reason or realism

71. The country decided to join the economic _____ to benefit from the trade agreements.

- n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together

ANSWERS: 64. develop, 65. exploitation, 66. fundamental, 67. compassion, 68. Communal, 69. proposal, 70. sentimental, 71. bloc

72. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
73. The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by _____.
n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
74. The mine produces high-quality iron _____.
n. a naturally occurring mineral or rock from which a valuable substance, typically a metal, can be extracted through mining or other extraction methods
75. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
76. They didn't have any _____ evidence of his innocence.
adj. capable of being trusted or believed
77. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
v. to pull or haul with force
78. The _____ in opinions among the team members led to a delay in completing the project.
n. the act or process of separating and moving in different directions; a difference or variance between two or more things or ideas; a deviation from a common or shared path or goal
79. Two-percent interest will _____ on your savings account.
v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

ANSWERS: 72. aft, 73. self-interest, 74. ore, 75. fantastic, 76. credible, 77. dragged, 78. divergence, 79. accrue

80. 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
81. 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
82. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
83. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
84. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
- v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
85. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
86. 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
87. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
- n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

ANSWERS: 80. introduction, 81. nation, 82. opportune, 83. president, 84. propose, 85. complicated, 86. expertise, 87. improvisation

88. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
89. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.
v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
90. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
91. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
92. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.
adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type
93. 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
94. The city's _____ area was undergoing renovations to improve its accessibility and aesthetics.
n. the area of land along the edge of a body of water, such as a lake, river, or ocean
95. The _____ of his discovery cannot be overstated.
n. the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

ANSWERS: 88. decision, 89. persist, 90. aspects, 91. generation, 92. distinct, 93. mess, 94. waterfront, 95. significance

96. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

97. The cost of the antique vase is three _____.

- n.* a former British gold coin worth 21 shillings or a unit of currency used in some West African countries; (Guinea) a republic in western Africa on the Atlantic

98. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.

- adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

99. The teacher used a _____ to measure the progress of her students.

- n.* a standard or reference point used for comparison or evaluation; a point of reference for measuring progress or performance

100. The main discussion topic is government _____.

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

101. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

- n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election

102. He has a _____ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

- adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

103. As tectonic plates _____ new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

- v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

ANSWERS: 96. elected, 97. guineas, 98. compelling, 99. benchmark, 100. transparency, 101. elector, 102. professional, 103. diverge,

104. The government decided to _____ trade policies to boost economic growth.
- v.* to make something more liberal, open, or permissive, typically in terms of laws, regulations, or social practices, allowing greater freedom, flexibility, or tolerance
105. 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
106. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
107. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
108. The _____ weather conditions forced us to cancel the outdoor event.
- adj.* unfavorable or harmful
109. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite _____.
- adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
110. She's on the _____ of adulthood.
- n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
111. The tradition of the annual family reunion is _____ and must be upheld.
- adj.* considered to be holy and deserving of respect and reverence

ANSWERS: 104. liberalize, 105. mass, 106. struggle, 107. historic, 108. adverse, 109. alarming, 110. threshold, 111. sacrosanct

112. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

- n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

113. His pleasant face turned cold in an _____.

- adj.* happening immediately, with no delay

114. He was alert and could not _____ any critical information out of him.

- v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities

115. 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

116. 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

117. She couldn't stop staring at the _____ on the magazine cover.

- n.* a large, strong, attractive man; a large piece or chunk, especially meat

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

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

119. The protracted war nearly depleted the country's _____.

- n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

ANSWERS: 112. asset, 113. instant, 114. pump, 115. clue, 116. economy, 117. hunk, 118. organization, 119. treasury

120. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

121. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

122. The cleaning crew had to _____ the stubborn stain from the carpet using a specialized cleaner

v. to erase or obliterate something completely; to make something disappear or become less prominent

123. The _____ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

124. She made a facial _____ to express disagreement.

n. a movement of the hands, head, or face that express a particular meaning

125. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

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

126. He was _____ gifted.

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

127. The country proclaimed its _____ over the disputed territory.

n. supremacy or authority, especially supreme authority over a country

ANSWERS: 120. competition, 121. boom, 122. efface, 123. cooperation, 124. gesture, 125. institutes, 126. naturally, 127. sovereignty

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

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

129. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.

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

130. The castle was _____ several years later.

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

131. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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

132. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.

- n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

133. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.

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

134. The _____ of the magazine has been steadily declining.

- n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

ANSWERS: 128. balance, 129. damage, 130. abandoned, 131. Democracy, 132. finance, 133. pose, 134. circulation

135. 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

136. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

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

137. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

138. The program is _____ so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

139. The government implemented _____ policies to promote domestic industries.

adj. relating to or advocating for policies that protect domestic industries from foreign competition through tariffs, trade barriers, or restrictions on imports;
(noun) someone who believes in and promotes such policies

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

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

141. We have to discuss the _____ reforms of our country.

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

142. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.

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

ANSWERS: 135. economical, 136. locate, 137. transformed, 138. voluntary, 139. protectionist, 140. pounds, 141. institutional, 142. extracting

143. Most executives were _____ about future business conditions.
adj. hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
144. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
145. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
146. His _____ on the effects of climate change won several awards.
n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
147. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
148. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
149. On the geological time scale, _____ has existed for a brief moment.
n. the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
150. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 143. optimistic, 144. odds, 145. government, 146. thesis, 147. unfortunately, 148. tragedy, 149. humankind, 150. process

151. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

152. An _____ with no democratic system in a place ruled the country.

n. a form of government in which one person has unlimited power and authority; a system of government in which a ruler or ruling class holds absolute power and controls all aspects of society

153. The emission of hazardous substances has _____ effects on the ecology of a region.

adj. extremely bad, harmful, or unsuccessful

154. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

155. Is this painting _____ or forged?

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

156. Her _____ application was denied due to a technical error.

n. the status of being a member of a particular country

157. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

158. 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

159. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

ANSWERS: 151. dare, 152. autocracy, 153. disastrous, 154. enormous, 155. genuine, 156. citizenship, 157. combine, 158. adopted, 159. Unprecedented

160. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

161. The _____ period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

162. Despite his many achievements, he remained _____ and down-to-earth.

adj. having or showing a humble estimate of one's merits, importance, etc.; free from vanity, egotism, boastfulness, or great pretensions

163. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

164. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.

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

165. Pakistan's ___ budget was still being reviewed.

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

ANSWERS: 160. discovery, 161. postwar, 162. modest, 163. forecasts, 164. governance, 165. aid