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Session 1: Word List

enlist

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

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

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

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

reshape

v. to change the form or structure of something

synonym: alter, adjust, modify

(1) **reshape** education policy, (2) **reshape** my thoughts

The advent of the Internet completely **reshaped** the manufacturing industry.

humming

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

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

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

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

critter

n. a small or unimportant creature or animal, often used in a familiar or affectionate way

synonym: animal, creature, beast

(1) cute **critter**, (2) wild **critter**

During their camping trip, the kids were excited to go **critter** hunting in the woods.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym: ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

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.

succeed

v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

synonym: achieve, accomplish, triumph

(1) **succeed** beyond expectations, (2) **succeed** academically

I hope to **succeed** in my career and live a happy life.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym: govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

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.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

narrative

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

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

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

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has

unpredictable ends.

discipline

n. the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

synonym: training, restraint, field

(1) break **discipline**, (2) rigid **discipline**

He quickly learned the military **discipline**.

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.

collective

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

synonym: composite, concerted, cumulative

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

Product development is a **collective** effort.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

interdependent

adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

synonym: interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on each other for survival.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

shrink

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

synonym : decrease, diminish, shy away

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

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

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.

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.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

organ

n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

synonym : function, structure

(1) **organ** bleeding, (2) damage to internal **organs**

These infections have the potential to impact practically every **organ** system.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

approximately

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

synonym: about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same

This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

civilization

n. a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

synonym: society, culture, community

(1) **civilization** decline, (2) lost **civilization**

The rise and fall of **civilizations** can be studied through history and archaeology.

nomadic

adj. moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time

synonym : mobile, migratory, wandering

(1) **nomadic** life, (2) **nomadic** herdsmen

This dessert is the territory of **nomadic** tribes.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym : affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

mastodon

n. a large, extinct elephant-like mammal that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, characterized by its long curved tusks and massive size

(1) **mastodon** fossils, (2) prehistoric **mastodon**

Archaeologists recently discovered **mastodon** bones in North America, proving that these animals once inhabited this region.

protein

n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

(1) stress **protein**, (2) **protein** synthesis

The body needs a certain amount of **protein** to build and repair tissues.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

owe

v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

synonym : have an obligation, incur

(1) **owe** \$100 to my friend, (2) **owe** him a grudge

She **owes** her friend a favor for helping her move.

arrangement

n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

synonym : placement, configuration, account

(1) **arrangement** of the furniture, (2) **arrangement** committee

As a first **arrangement**, we agreed to meet the following Friday.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym : muck, sludge, ooze

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

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

brick

n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material

synonym: block, tile, paver

(1) **brick** wall, (2) dressed **brick**

The wall was made of hard **bricks** that had been used for centuries.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

administer

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

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

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

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

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

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

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

wheat

n. a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

synonym: grain, cereal

(1) harvesting **wheat**, (2) **wheat** crop

The farmer grew **wheat** on his land.

clay

n. a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

synonym: ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

alphabet

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

synonym : ABC's

(1) letters of an **alphabet**, (2) an **alphabet** of manual signs

He strove to memorize the Hebrew **alphabet**.

invention

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym : keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

elite

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

synonym : privileged, favored, elect

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

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

administrator

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

synonym : manager, executive, supervisor

(1) school **administrator**, (2) network **administrator**

The university's **administrator** announced new policies regarding campus safety.

literate

adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic

synonym : educated, well-read, knowledgeable

(1) **literate** population, (2) digitally **literate**

Being **literate** in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.

population

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym : people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

sphere

n. a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity

synonym : ball, globe, scope

(1) **sphere** of influence, (2) business **sphere**

The **sphere** of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.

religion

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

synonym : faith, creed, belief

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

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

revolution

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

synonym : coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

protestant

adj. a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

synonym : reformed, evangelical, nonconformist

(1) hard-line **Protestant**, (2) **protestant** theology

The **Protestant** church was the dominant religion in the area.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym : change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

constitutional

adj. of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic

synonym : fundamental, basic, inherent

(1) **constitutional** ban, (2) a **constitutional** disease

The right to free speech is a **constitutional** right in the United States.

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.

literacy

n. the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively

synonym : education, reading, writing

(1) digital **literacy**, (2) financial **literacy**

Many charities focus on improving **literacy** rates in underprivileged communities.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

crossroad

n. a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

synonym: intersection, junction, fork

(1) critical **crossroad**, (2) major **crossroad**

I'm at a career **crossroads** and unsure which path to take.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym: commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

cooperative

adj. involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal

synonym: harmonious, collegial, helpful

(1) **cooperative** savings, (2) fishing **cooperative**

We appreciate your **cooperative** efforts.

joint

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people;
(noun) the point of connection between two bones or

elements of a skeleton

synonym: collaborative, cooperative, combined

(1) a **joint** venture, (2) the bone of a **joint**

After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a **joint** statement.

ownership

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

synonym: possession, title, proprietorship

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

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

liability

n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

synonym: debt, obligation, responsibility

(1) **liability** insurance, (2) **liability** for military service

The company is facing a potential **liability** of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

bookkeeping

n. the practice of recording and classifying financial transactions in a systematic way

synonym: accounting, record-keeping, reckoning

(1) **bookkeeping** software, (2) **bookkeeping** system

Bookkeeping errors can lead to inaccurate financial reporting and potential legal issues.

enabling

adj. providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity

synonym : facilitating, empowering, authorized

(1) **enabling** infrastructure, (2) **enabling** mindset

Enabling technologies allows people with disabilities to lead more independent lives.

many-to-many

adj. describes a communication or information exchange system in which multiple senders can communicate with multiple receivers, creating a decentralized and collaborative network

synonym : multilateral, reciprocal, mutual

(1) **many-to-many** network, (2) **many-to-many** relationship

The new social media platform allows for **many-to-many** communication between users rather than just one-to-one.

era

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

synonym : epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance

Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

desktop

n. a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities

synonym : computer, workstation, PC

(1) **desktop** software, (2) **desktop** wallpaper

I need to upgrade my **desktop** computer since it's become quite slow.

broadcast

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

synonym : air, announce, advertise

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

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

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.

marketplace

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

synonym: bazaar, mart, emporium

(1) **marketplace** competition, (2) global **marketplace**

The online **marketplace** offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

evolution

n. a gradual process of transformation of living things

synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

tether

v. to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

synonym: tie, fasten, secure

(1) **tether** a horse, (2) **tether** strap

The hiker **tethered** their dog to a tree while they camped for the night.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym: jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

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.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

supercomputer

n. a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing

synonym: high-performance computer, mainframe, giant computer

(1) **supercomputer** performance, (2) **supercomputer** technology

China has developed one of the world's fastest **supercomputers** for its space program.

broadband

n. a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer

(1) mobile **broadband**, (2) fiber-optic **broadband**

I need to upgrade my Internet plan to get faster **broadband** speeds.

considerable

adj. large in size, extent, amount, or significance; noteworthy or substantial in importance

synonym: substantial, significant, sizable

(1) **considerable** effort, (2) **considerable** impact

She was faced with **considerable** challenges in her new job.

literature

n. written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

synonym : writing, prose, fiction

(1) popular **literature**, (2) review of the **literature**

The **literature** of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

dilemma

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

synonym : difficulty, plight, predicament

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

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

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

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.

commons

n. the House of Commons, which is one of the two houses of Parliament; a piece of land or an area set aside for public use, often used for recreation or grazing livestock;

a shared or public resource

synonym : park, common land, public space

(1) the creative **commons** license, (2) community **commons**

The tragedy of the **commons** is an economic theory explaining how individual actions can deplete shared resources.

assured

adj. confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

synonym : confident, secure, certain

(1) **assured** confidence, (2) an **assured** position

She was **assured** of a bright future after graduation.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

overlay

v. to place or cover something over or on top of something else; to add a layer of functionality or data on top of another (noun) a layer of material placed on top of a surface, typically to protect or decorate it

synonym : cover, superimpose, layer

(1) **overlay** multiple graphs, (2) **overlay** image

They tried to **overlay** the old map with the new one to compare the changes.

mathematics

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

synonym : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

matrix

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often

enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym : grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

nuclear

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

synonym : atomic

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

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

secured

adj. fixed or fastened firmly in place; made safe or protected from harm or danger

synonym : safe, protected, guaranteed

(1) **secured** loans, (2) **secured** credit card

The **secured** room was only accessible with a special key card.

transaction

n. an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something

synonym : trade, dealing, commerce

(1) card with no foreign **transaction** fees, (2) **transaction** balance

Electronic **transactions** remain incomplete due to system errors.

exchange

v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

synonym : trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words
My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

payoff

n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk

synonym : reward, compensation, return

(1) financial **payoff**, (2) emotional **payoff**

The **payoff** for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.

assurance

n. a statement or action that gives someone confidence; a statement that something will certainly be true or happen

synonym : confidence, guarantee, security

(1) **assurance** policy, (2) life **assurance**

He gave me **assurance** that the project would be completed on time.

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

synonym : advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

probe

n. a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

synonym : investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information

NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym : opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

tournament

n. a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

synonym : competition, championship, contest

(1) **tournament** for professionals, (2) national **tournament**

The basketball **tournament** was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

submit

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

synonym : hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

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**.

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.

ultimatum

- n.* a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met

synonym: demand, requirement, condition

- (1) **ultimatum** deadline, (2) an **ultimatum** for their rebellious teenager

The company issued an **ultimatum** to its employees, demanding a pay cut or face layoffs.

assume

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

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

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

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

separate

- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

- (1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

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.

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.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym : break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

synonym : decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise

The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

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.

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.

neoclassical

adj. relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries

(1) **neoclassical** economics, (2) **neoclassical** music

The **neoclassical** style of architecture is characterized by symmetry and simplicity.

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**.

irrational

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

synonym: illogical, ludicrous, senseless

(1) an **irrational** request, (2) **irrational** numbers

They continued to endure **irrational** treatment by the dictatorship.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

synonym: beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

percentage

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

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

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

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

innate

adj. existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience

synonym : natural, inherent, inborn

(1) **innate** ability, (2) **innate** quality

The belief in **innate** human goodness is a common philosophical concept.

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.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym : exceptionally, notably, unusually

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

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

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

cult

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

synonym : sect, faith, religion

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

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

slash

v. to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement

synonym: cut, gash

(1) **slash** a person with a knife, (2) price **slash**

The government had to **slash** national defense spending due to the recession.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym: extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

influence

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

synonym: power, leverage, effect

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

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

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.

overpopulation

n. a situation in which the number of people or living organisms in a particular area or environment exceeds the carrying capacity or resources of that area or environment

synonym : population explosion, demographic burden, overcrowding

(1) **overpopulation** problem, (2) **overpopulation** crisis
Many animal species are at risk of extinction due to human **overpopulation** and habitat destruction.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder
The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

maxim

n. a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

synonym : adage, proverb, aphorism

(1) old **maxim**, (2) act upon a **maxim**
A good **maxim** is never out of season.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym : herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator
When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

depletion

n. the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level

synonym : exhaustion, deficiency, reduction

(1) **depletion** of bodily fluids, (2) **depletion** of ozone
The **depletion** of natural resources is a major concern for environmentalists.

gloomy

adj. characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

synonym : melancholy, dismal, dreary

(1) **gloomy** mood, (2) **gloomy** expression
The **gloomy** weather made staying motivated and happy

throughout the day hard.

conclude

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

synonym: complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy
We **concluded** a cease-fire.

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym: unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be promoted.

despoil

v. to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something

synonym: plunder, ravage, loot

(1) **despoil** the natural resources, (2) **despoiled** land

The company's practice of using cheap materials to cut costs will **despoil** the quality of the final product.

restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym: restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

watershed

n. an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins

synonym: divide, separator, boundary

(1) the hydrology of a **watershed**, (2) **watershed**

conservation

Watershed management strategies aim to reduce pollution and protect water resources.

forestry

n. the science, art, and practice of managing forests, including planting, cultivating, and caring for trees and conserving and developing natural forests

synonym: lumbering, timbering, arboriculture

(1) a **forestry** school, (2) sustainable **forestry**

The **forestry** industry plays a crucial role in the management and conservation of forests around the world.

fishery

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

synonym: fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

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

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

multiplayer

adj. referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online

synonym: multiuser, collaborative, team-based

(1) **multiplayer** game, (2) **multiplayer** experience

The game has a **multiplayer** mode where you can play with friends online.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

moving

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

synonym: emotional, poignant, touching

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

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

notion

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

synonym: idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

symbiosis

n. a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all

synonym: cooperation, interdependence, mutualism

(1) industrial **symbiosis**, (2) **symbiosis** establishment

The **symbiosis** between the coral and the algae is an important example of mutualism.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

(1) **psychology** experiment, (2) **psychology** of crowd

She had a master's degree in **psychology**.

contest

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

synonym: battle, competition, match

(1) a speech **contest**, (2) a close **contest**

There was a vast **contest** between the two tribes.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

peripheral

adj. relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential

synonym: outer, minor, secondary

(1) **peripheral** vision, (2) **peripheral** devices

The city's **peripheral** areas should be given more attention regarding infrastructure and resources.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

overturn

v. to turn something upside down; to upset

synonym : flip over, upset, topple

(1) **overturn** a decision, (2) **overturn** a table

The court **overturned** the original verdict.

rational

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

synonym : logical, reasonable, sensible

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

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

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**.

pun

n. a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay

synonym : joke, quip, wordplay

(1) witty **pun**, (2) silly **pun**

The comedian's **pun** had the audience laughing out loud.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym : deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

physiological

adj. relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body

synonym : biological, organic, bodily

(1) **physiological** response, (2) **physiological** activity
The doctor explained the various **physiological** changes that occur during pregnancy.

reward

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

synonym: compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love
Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

altruistic

adj. showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people

synonym: selfless, benevolent, philanthropic

(1) **altruistic** behavior, (2) **altruistic** instincts in social animals

The company tried to build an **altruistic** image.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym: penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**
The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who

committed the heinous crime.

glue

n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

synonym : adhesive, paste, gum

(1) **glue** stick, (2) epoxy **glue**

The carpenter applied **glue** to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

fairly

adv. to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

synonym : moderately, reasonably, pretty

(1) **fairly** accurate, (2) have a **fairly** clear view

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

socialism

n. a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole

synonym : communism, collectivism, equality

(1) non-Marxist **socialism**, (2) the rise of **socialism**

The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic **socialism** and its impact on modern European countries.

reaction

n. a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

synonym : response, reply, answer

(1) chemical **reaction**, (2) trigger a **reaction**

There was a chemical **reaction** of the lime with the groundwater.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym : arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

peer

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

synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

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

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

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym: program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

portfolio

n. a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization

synonym: collection, file, folder

(1) investment **portfolio**, (2) **portfolio** manager

The artist's **portfolio** showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.

patent

n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted

synonym: copyright, trademark, license

(1) **patent** application, (2) **patent** law

The company has filed for a **patent** to protect its new

invention.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym : aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

pharmaceutical

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

synonym : drug, medication, prescription

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

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

supple

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

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

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

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

altruism

n. the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

synonym : selflessness, philanthropy, generosity

(1) acts of **altruism**, (2) **altruism** in society

His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical **altruism**.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym : administration, government, system

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

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
synonym : construction, architecture, establishment
(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain
The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
synonym : stable, secure, steadfast
(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**
The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

incentive

n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
synonym : encouragement, inducement, enticement
(1) financial **incentives**, (2) an **incentive** to work hard
They have no **incentive** to win the game.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
synonym : enhance, improve, augment
(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services
Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

interface

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
synonym : junction, surface, UI
(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**
Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of

two liquids.

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.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

mechanism

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

synonym: means, method, system

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

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

suboptimal

adj. not the best or ideal option or solution; falling short of the optimal or desired outcome or result

synonym: inferior, unsatisfactory, imperfect

(1) **suboptimal** outcome, (2) **suboptimal** performance

The company's decision to cut corners on safety measures resulted in **suboptimal** working conditions for their employees.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym: reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

cooperate

v. to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal

synonym: collaborate, team up, work together

(1) **cooperate** with one another, (2) **cooperate** closely in various ways

The team had to **cooperate** to complete the project on time.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym: online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

encyclopedia

n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

synonym: dictionary, compendium, almanac

(1) **encyclopedia** entry, (2) online **encyclopedia**

Many bookshops no longer carry printed **encyclopedias**, but some libraries still hold onto their collections.

tsunami

n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance

synonym: tidal wave, seismic sea wave

(1) **tsunami** warning, (2) **tsunami** relief

The earthquake- **tsunami** caused widespread destruction along the coast.

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

hydrate

v. to add water or moisture to something; to drink enough fluids to maintain proper moisture; (noun) any compound that contains water of crystallization

synonym: moisturize, water, rehydrate

(1) **hydrate** my skin, (2) acid **hydrate**

She drank water to **hydrate** her body.

cholera

n. a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

synonym: infectious disease, epidemic, plague

(1) **cholera** toxin, (2) **cholera** epidemic

The outbreak of **cholera** was a major health crisis in the 19th century.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable

to read or write.

download

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym: load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

upload

v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files

synonym: transfer, load up

(1) **upload** files, (2) **upload** documents to the portal

I need to **upload** these pictures to my computer to edit them.

efficient

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

synonym: productive, effective, competent

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

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

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym: donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

folding

adj. capable of being folded or bent; having one or more sections that can be folded or collapsed for easier storage or transportation

synonym : foldable, collapsible, bendable

(1) **folding** knife, (2) **folding** table

The **folding** chairs were easy to set up and take down for the event.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

withdraw

v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

synonym : retract, remove, back out

(1) **withdraw** from public life, (2) **withdraw** \$500 from my account

The company decided to **withdraw** its proposal due to public opposition.

protest

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

synonym : objection, disapproval, challenge

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

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

device

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

electronic

synonym : gadget, instrument, tool

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

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

interdisciplinary

adj. (also "transdisciplinary") involving or combining several academic disciplines or fields of study

synonym : multidisciplinary, transdisciplinary

(1) **interdisciplinary** research, (2) an **interdisciplinary** conference

The **interdisciplinary** approach to solving the problem involved experts from multiple fields working together.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

synonym : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym : misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

foreigner

n. a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or

origin

synonym: outsider, alien, immigrant

(1) **foreigner** visa, (2) unknown **foreigner**

She faced some challenges as a **foreigner** in the business world but was soon respected for her expertise.

evil

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

synonym: malign, corruption, immorality

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

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

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

microorganism

n. a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope

synonym: germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microorganism**, (2) **microorganisms** in his gut

This **microorganism** is a producer of respiratory disease.

suffer

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

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

alleviate

v. to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden

synonym : ease, relieve, lessen

(1) **alleviate** anxiety, (2) **alleviate** stress

Taking ibuprofen can **alleviate** the pain from a headache.

discourse

n. any form of communication in speech or writing

synonym : discussion, dialogue, communication

(1) hold **discourse** with him, (2) a **discourse** about art

Sweet **discourse** makes short days and nights.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym : mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gr__e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
2. the ma___x of Western civilization *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
3. 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
4. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
5. 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
6. sub_____al performance *adj.* not the best or ideal option or solution; falling short of the optimal or desired outcome or result
7. ov_____rn a table *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
8. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 1. graze, 2. matrix, 3. democracy, 4. software, 5. tragedy, 6. suboptimal, 7. overturn, 8. brain

9. details of his pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
10. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
11. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
12. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
13. a ra____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
14. ov____y multiple graphs *v.* to place or cover something over or on top of something else; to add a layer of functionality or data on top of another (noun) a layer of material placed on top of a surface, typically to protect or decorate it
15. ove_____ion crisis *n.* a situation in which the number of people or living organisms in a particular area or environment exceeds the carrying capacity or resources of that area or environment

ANSWERS: 9. proposal, 10. cult, 11. spirit, 12. organ, 13. radical, 14. overlay, 15. overpopulation

16. pathogenic mic_____ism *n.* a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope
17. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
18. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
19. sy_____is establishment *n.* a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all
20. li_____ty for military service *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
21. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
22. no_____c life *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
23. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
24. 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

ANSWERS: 16. microorganism, 17. fundamental, 18. myth, 19. symbiosis, 20. liability, 21. suffer, 22. nomadic, 23. mechanism, 24. doll

25. fishing coo_____ve *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
26. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
27. a con_____nal disease *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
28. ch_____a epidemic *n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
29. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
30. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
31. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
32. se_____d credit card *adj.* fixed or fastened firmly in place; made safe or protected from harm or danger
33. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
34. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
35. de___t a global power *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

ANSWERS: 25. cooperative, 26. flock, 27. constitutional, 28. cholera, 29. relation, 30. ancient, 31. settle, 32. secured, 33. strategy, 34. volunteer, 35. defeat

36. ts_____i warning *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
37. su_____d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
38. do_____ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
39. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
40. su_____d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
41. a fi_____e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
42. mar_____ce competition *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
43. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
44. majority of his we_____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 36. tsunami, 37. succeed, 38. download, 39. disease, 40. succeed, 41. fierce, 42. marketplace, 43. individual, 44. wealth

45. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
46. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
47. rigid dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
48. ov_____y image *v.* to place or cover something over or on top of something else; to add a layer of functionality or data on top of another (noun) a layer of material placed on top of a surface, typically to protect or decorate it
49. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
50. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
51. 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
52. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
53. wi_____aw from public life *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something

ANSWERS: 45. separate, 46. mud, 47. discipline, 48. overlay, 49. cult, 50. percentage, 51. doll, 52. humming, 53. withdraw

54. con_____ble impact *adj.* large in size, extent, amount, or significance; noteworthy or substantial in importance
55. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
56. sp____e of influence *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
57. life as_____ce *n.* a statement or action that gives someone confidence; a statement that something will certainly be true or happen
58. answer co_____ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
59. de_____l the natural resources *v.* to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something
60. break dis_____ne *n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence
61. gl____y mood *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

ANSWERS: 54. considerable, 55. competitor, 56. sphere, 57. assurance, 58. countless, 59. despoil, 60. discipline, 61. gloomy

62. a high per_____ge
n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
63. computer-ill_____te
adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
64. em_____ng country
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
65. a charm against e__l
adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
66. co_____te with one another
v. to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
67. domestic com_____or
n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
68. economic re___m
n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
69. pr_____n synthesis
n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
70. wild cr_____r
n. a small or unimportant creature or animal, often used in a familiar or affectionate way

ANSWERS: 62. percentage, 63. illiterate, 64. emerging, 65. evil, 66. cooperate, 67. competitor, 68. reform, 69. protein, 70. critter

71. business sp___e *n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
72. re_____in a child *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
73. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
74. en___t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
75. ine_____ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
76. arr_____nt committee *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
77. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
78. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
79. the hydrology of a wa_____ed *n.* an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins
80. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

ANSWERS: 71. sphere, 72. restrain, 73. supple, 74. enlist, 75. inevitably, 76. arrangement, 77. instance, 78. territory, 79. watershed, 80. contribute

81. in_____ce between gas and liquid *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
82. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
83. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
84. chemical re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
85. network adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
86. the creative co_____s license *n.* the House of Commons, which is one of the two houses of Parliament; a piece of land or an area set aside for public use, often used for recreation or grazing livestock; a shared or public resource
87. hold a pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
88. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 81. interface, 82. elite, 83. symbol, 84. reaction, 85. administrator, 86. commons, 87. protest, 88. mechanism

89. con_____nal ban *adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
90. trigger a re_____on *n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others
91. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
92. ma___x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
93. boo_____ng system *n.* the practice of recording and classifying financial transactions in a systematic way
94. wh__t crop *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc
95. irr_____al numbers *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
96. al_____sm in society *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

ANSWERS: 89. constitutional, 90. reaction, 91. quest, 92. matrix, 93. bookkeeping, 94. wheat, 95. irrational, 96. altruism

97. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
98. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
99. de_____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
100. an in_____ve to work hard *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something
101. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
102. phy_____cal activity *adj.* relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body
103. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
104. o_e \$100 to my friend *v.* to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
105. sub_____al outcome *adj.* not the best or ideal option or solution; falling short of the optimal or desired outcome or result
106. the ec_____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
107. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 97. assume, 98. dominate, 99. declare, 100. incentive, 101. automatically, 102. physiological, 103. humming, 104. owe, 105. suboptimal, 106. ecology, 107. device

108. vi___m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
109. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
110. 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
111. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
112. major cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
113. sp__t a bill *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
114. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
115. financial li_____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
116. community co_____s *n.* the House of Commons, which is one of the two houses of Parliament; a piece of land or an area set aside for public use, often used for recreation or grazing livestock; a shared or public resource

ANSWERS: 108. victim, 109. principle, 110. discovery, 111. punishment, 112. crossroad, 113. split, 114. empire, 115. literacy, 116. commons

117. re____in from violence *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
118. coo_____on with strategic partners *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
119. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
120. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
121. review of the lit_____re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
122. a close co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
123. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
124. global mar_____ce *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
125. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 117. restrain, 118. cooperation, 119. fin, 120. settle, 121. literature, 122. contest, 123. crack, 124. marketplace, 125. firm

126. enc_____dia entry *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
127. te___r strap *v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (*noun*) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog
128. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
129. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
130. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
131. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
132. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
133. an al_____et of manual signs *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
134. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 126. encyclopedia, 127. tether, 128. competition, 129. strategy, 130. principle, 131. trustworthy, 132. involve, 133. alphabet, 134. device

135. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
136. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
137. int_____ary research *adj.* (also "transdisciplinary") involving or combining several academic disciplines or fields of study
138. no_____c herdsmen *adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
139. no_____n of success *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
140. de_____led land *v.* to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something
141. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
142. mobile br_____nd *n.* a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer
143. financial in_____ves *n.* something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 135. communicate, 136. sociologist, 137. interdisciplinary, 138. nomadic, 139. notion, 140. despoil, 141. individual, 142. broadband, 143. incentive

144. an innovative pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
145. e__l ways *adj.* profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
146. mo____g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
147. mo____g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
148. ev____e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
149. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
150. sh____k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
151. arr____nt of the furniture *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
152. ev____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
153. 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
154. ev____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
155. social ant____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 144. proposal, 145. evil, 146. moving, 147. moving, 148. evolve, 149. survive, 150. shrink, 151. arrangement, 152. evolution, 153. democracy, 154. evolve, 155. anthropology

156. science of ec____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
157. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
158. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
159. property ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
160. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
161. as_____ce policy *n.* a statement or action that gives someone confidence; a statement that something will certainly be true or happen
162. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
163. man_____any network *adj.* describes a communication or information exchange system in which multiple senders can communicate with multiple receivers, creating a decentralized and collaborative network
164. li_____ty insurance *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

ANSWERS: 156. ecology, 157. elite, 158. revolution, 159. ownership, 160. evolution, 161. assurance, 162. bureaucracy, 163. many-to-many, 164. liability

165. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
166. alt_____ic behavior *adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
167. an int_____ary conference *adj.* (also "transdisciplinary") involving or combining several academic disciplines or fields of study
168. an as_____d position *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
169. mul_____er game *adj.* referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online
170. man_____any relationship *adj.* describes a communication or information exchange system in which multiple senders can communicate with multiple receivers, creating a decentralized and collaborative network
171. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
172. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
173. br_____st a concert *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television

ANSWERS: 165. population, 166. altruistic, 167. interdisciplinary, 168. assured, 169. multiplayer, 170. many-to-many, 171. administrator, 172. leap, 173. broadcast

174. ex____ge rate
- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
175. vague no____n
- n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
176. hard-line Pro_____nt
- adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
177. alt_____ic instincts in social animals
- adj.* showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people
178. ch_____a toxin
- n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes
179. popular lit_____re
- n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

ANSWERS: 174. exchange, 175. notion, 176. protestant, 177. altruistic, 178. cholera, 179. literature

180. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
181. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
182. coo_____ve savings *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
183. acid hy_____e *v.* to add water or moisture to something; to drink enough fluids to maintain proper moisture; (noun) any compound that contains water of crystallization
184. critical cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
185. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
186. card with no foreign tra_____on fees *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
187. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
188. prehistoric ma_____on *n.* a large, extinct elephant-like mammal that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, characterized by its long curved tusks and massive size
189. act upon a ma__m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

ANSWERS: 180. narrative, 181. hire, 182. cooperative, 183. hydrate, 184. crossroad, 185. efficient, 186. transaction, 187. defeat, 188. mastodon, 189. maxim

190. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
191. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
192. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
193. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
194. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
195. tra_____on balance *n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
196. a fo_____ry school *n.* the science, art, and practice of managing forests, including planting, cultivating, and caring for trees and conserving and developing natural forests
197. fa___y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

ANSWERS: 190. supple, 191. rot, 192. survival, 193. stud, 194. invention, 195. transaction, 196. forestry, 197. fairly

198. a lunar pr__e *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
199. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
200. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
201. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
202. thoroughgoing coo_____on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
203. sup_____ter performance *n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
204. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
205. a di_____se about art *n.* any form of communication in speech or writing
206. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 198. probe, 199. reward, 200. anthropology, 201. mathematics, 202. cooperation, 203. supercomputer, 204. reward, 205. discourse, 206. economics

207. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
208. stress pr_____n *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
209. wi_____aw \$500 from my account *v.* to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
210. share ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
211. re_____e education policy *v.* to change the form or structure of something
212. commercial fi_____y *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
213. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
214. industrial sy_____is *n.* a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all
215. hy_____e my skin *v.* to add water or moisture to something; to drink enough fluids to maintain proper moisture; (noun) any compound that contains water of crystallization
216. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

ANSWERS: 207. surprisingly, 208. protein, 209. withdraw, 210. ownership, 211. reshape, 212. fishery, 213. psychology, 214. symbiosis, 215. hydrate, 216. hunt

217. unknown fo_____er *n.* a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or origin
218. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
219. 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
220. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
221. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
222. g__e stick *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
223. up____d files *v.* to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
224. int_____ent systems *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
225. harvesting wh__t *n.* a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

ANSWERS: 217. foreigner, 218. brick, 219. develop, 220. wealth, 221. declare, 222. glue, 223. upload, 224. interdependent, 225. wheat

226. p__r review	<i>n.</i> a person who has the same age, status, or ability
227. hold di_____se with him	<i>n.</i> any form of communication in speech or writing
228. al_____te stress	<i>v.</i> to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden
229. ill_____te population	<i>adj.</i> unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
230. pun_____nt for a crime	<i>n.</i> a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
231. mul_____er experience	<i>adj.</i> referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online
232. sig_____nce level	<i>n.</i> the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
233. sh___k with fear	<i>v.</i> to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
234. sup_____ter technology	<i>n.</i> a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
235. en___h public services	<i>v.</i> to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

ANSWERS: 226. peer, 227. discourse, 228. alleviate, 229. illiterate, 230. punishment, 231. multiplayer, 232. significance, 233. shrink, 234. supercomputer, 235. enrich

236. ove_____ion problem *n.* a situation in which the number of people or living organisms in a particular area or environment exceeds the carrying capacity or resources of that area or environment
237. po_____io manager *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
238. do_____ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
239. mic_____isms in his gut *n.* a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope
240. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
241. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
242. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
243. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
244. al_____te anxiety *v.* to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden

ANSWERS: 236. overpopulation, 237. portfolio, 238. download, 239. microorganism, 240. symbol, 241. mud, 242. hire, 243. competition, 244. alleviate

245. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
246. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
247. o_e him a grudge *v.* to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
248. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
249. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
250. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
251. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
252. re___t the proposal *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
253. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
254. in___e quality *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
255. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people

ANSWERS: 245. emerge, 246. territory, 247. owe, 248. victim, 249. reform, 250. biology, 251. survival, 252. reject, 253. hunt, 254. innate, 255. collective

256. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
257. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
258. non-Marxist so_____sm *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
259. have a fa___y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
260. en_____ng mindset *adj.* providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity
261. ine_____ly reach the consumer *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
262. neo_____cal music *adj.* relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries
263. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

ANSWERS: 256. volunteer, 257. ancestor, 258. socialism, 259. fairly, 260. enabling, 261. inevitably, 262. neoclassical, 263. approximately

264. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
265. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
266. a silent pr_____t *n.* a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
267. financial pa_____f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
268. material sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
269. the bone of a jo____t *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
270. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
271. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
272. acts of al_____sm *n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity

ANSWERS: 264. surprisingly, 265. radical, 266. protest, 267. payoff, 268. self-interest, 269. joint, 270. destroy, 271. nuclear, 272. altruism

273. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
274. 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
275. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
276. in____e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
277. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
278. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
279. co_____ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
280. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
281. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 273. efficient, 274. develop, 275. nation, 276. insure, 277. sociologist, 278. spirit, 279. countless, 280. destroy, 281. mention

282. in_____te a lawsuit	<i>n.</i> an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
283. a building of vast pro_____ons	<i>n.</i> a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
284. sigh of re____f	<i>n.</i> a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
285. as_____d confidence	<i>adj.</i> confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
286. ecology and evo_____ary biology	<i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
287. up____d documents to the portal	<i>v.</i> to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
288. for in_____ce	<i>n.</i> a particular example or single occurrence of something
289. epoxy g__e	<i>n.</i> a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
290. the evo_____ary process	<i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
291. em____e from poverty	<i>v.</i> to move out of or away from something and become visible
292. old ma__m	<i>n.</i> a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

ANSWERS: 282. institute, 283. proportion, 284. relief, 285. assured, 286. evolutionary, 287. upload, 288. instance, 289. glue, 290. evolutionary, 291. emerge, 292. maxim

293. the user in _____ce *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
294. a me _____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
295. be in a di _____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
296. price sl ____h *v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
297. begin to r _t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
298. a f _n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
299. re _____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
300. co _____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
301. re _____e my thoughts *v.* to change the form or structure of something
302. 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

ANSWERS: 293. interface, 294. medical, 295. dilemma, 296. slash, 297. rot, 298. fin, 299. reserve, 300. conclude, 301. reshape, 302. basis

303. the rise of so_____sm
- n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
304. su_____e a plane crash
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
305. co_____al swimming pool
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
306. pa____t application
- n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
307. wall s__d
- n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
308. neo_____cal economics
- adj.* relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries

ANSWERS: 303. socialism, 304. survive, 305. communal, 306. patent, 307. stud, 308. neoclassical

320. co_____te closely in various ways *v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
321. ts_____i relief *n.* a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
322. ra_____al decision *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
323. the st_____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
324. witty p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
325. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
326. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
327. 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
328. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

ANSWERS: 320. cooperate, 321. tsunami, 322. rational, 323. structure, 324. pun, 325. population, 326. contribute, 327. tragedy, 328. myth

329. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
330. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
331. di_____e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
332. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
333. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
334. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
335. 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
336. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 329. agriculture, 330. mathematics, 331. disease, 332. debate, 333. complexity, 334. reserve, 335. economy, 336. capitalism

337. nu____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
338. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
339. investment po_____io *n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
340. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
341. de_____on of ozone *n.* the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level
342. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
343. fi_____y management *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
344. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
345. chicken-and-egg di_____a *n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones

ANSWERS: 337. nuclear, 338. sin, 339. portfolio, 340. agriculture, 341. depletion, 342. firm, 343. fishery, 344. medical, 345. dilemma

346. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
347. 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
348. commercial pha_____cal products *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
349. de_____on of bodily fluids *n.* the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level
350. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
351. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
352. pr_____d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
353. cute cr_____r *n.* a small or unimportant creature or animal, often used in a familiar or affectionate way
354. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
355. emotional pa___f *n.* the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
356. pr_____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

ANSWERS: 346. ancestor, 347. discovery, 348. pharmaceutical, 349. depletion, 350. competitive, 351. enrich, 352. proceed, 353. critter, 354. leap, 355. payoff, 356. proceed

357. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
358. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
359. co_____de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
360. damage to internal or__ns *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
361. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
362. pr__e for inside information *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
363. silly p_n *n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
364. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 357. cheat, 358. debate, 359. conclude, 360. organ, 361. approximately, 362. probe, 363. pun, 364. assume

365. digital li____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
366. major pha_____cal companies *adj.* relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
367. se_____d loans *adj.* fixed or fastened firmly in place; made safe or protected from harm or danger
368. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
369. tou_____nt for professionals *n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners
370. an ul_____um for their rebellious teenager *n.* a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met
371. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
372. fiber-optic br_____nd *n.* a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer
373. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 365. literacy, 366. pharmaceutical, 367. secured, 368. flock, 369. tournament, 370. ultimatum, 371. revolution, 372. broadband, 373. exchange

374. su___t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
375. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
376. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
377. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
378. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
379. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
380. li_____te population *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
381. te___r a horse *v.* to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog
382. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 374. submit, 375. insure, 376. peer, 377. contest, 378. involve, 379. separate, 380. literate, 381. tether, 382. crack

383. 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
384. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
385. dressed br__k *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
386. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
387. re___t all imperfect merchandise *v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
388. letters of an al_____et *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
389. en_____ng infrastructure *adj.* providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity
390. ul_____um deadline *n.* a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met
391. civ_____ion decline *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

ANSWERS: 383. basis, 384. influence, 385. brick, 386. brain, 387. reject, 388. alphabet, 389. enabling, 390. ultimatum, 391. civilization

392. Wi_____ia entry *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
393. fo_____g knife *adj.* capable of being folded or bent; having one or more sections that can be folded or collapsed for easier storage or transportation
394. online enc_____dia *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
395. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
396. ch__t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
397. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
398. tax re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
399. national tou_____nt *n.* a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

ANSWERS: 392. Wikipedia, 393. folding, 394. encyclopedia, 395. split, 396. cheat, 397. structure, 398. relief, 399. tournament

400. wa_____ed conservation *n.* an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins
401. digitally li_____te *adj.* having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
402. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
403. in___e ability *adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
404. 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
405. lost civ_____ion *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
406. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
407. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 400. watershed, 401. literate, 402. invention, 403. innate, 404. economy, 405. civilization, 406. quest, 407. capitalism

408. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
409. per_____al vision *adj.* relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential
410. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
411. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
412. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
413. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
414. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
415. phy_____cal response *adj.* relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body
416. mystical sig_____nce *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
417. pro_____nt theology *adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers

ANSWERS: 408. era, 409. peripheral, 410. nation, 411. fierce, 412. ancient, 413. narrative, 414. commerce, 415. physiological, 416. significance, 417. protestant

418. de____p software *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
419. ov____rn a decision *v.* to turn something upside down; to upset
420. re____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
421. agree to su____t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
422. tru____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
423. su____r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
424. pa____t law *n.* a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
425. en____t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
426. me____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
427. ec____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
428. br____st a radio ad *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television

ANSWERS: 418. desktop, 419. overturn, 420. religion, 421. submit, 422. trustworthy, 423. suffer, 424. patent, 425. enlist, 426. mention, 427. economics, 428. broadcast

429. con_____ble effort *adj.* large in size, extent, amount, or significance; noteworthy or substantial in importance
430. soft c__y ground *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
431. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
432. unaffected by sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
433. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
434. copyrighted so_____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
435. boo_____ng software *n.* the practice of recording and classifying financial transactions in a systematic way
436. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
437. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
438. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

ANSWERS: 429. considerable, 430. clay, 431. communal, 432. self-interest, 433. influence, 434. software, 435. bookkeeping, 436. complexity, 437. era, 438. bureaucracy

439. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
440. sl__h a person with a knife *v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
441. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
442. ma_____on fossils *n.* a large, extinct elephant-like mammal that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, characterized by its long curved tusks and massive size
443. Wi_____ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
444. de_____p wallpaper *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
445. an irr_____al request *adj.* not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers
446. gl____y expression *adj.* characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy
447. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something

ANSWERS: 439. proportion, 440. slash, 441. administer, 442. mastodon, 443. Wikipedia, 444. desktop, 445. irrational, 446. gloomy, 447. propose

448. fun_____al rights	<i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
449. fo_____g table	<i>adj.</i> capable of being folded or bent; having one or more sections that can be folded or collapsed for easier storage or transportation
450. psy_____gy of crowd	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of mind and behavior
451. do_____te over the weak	<i>v.</i> to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
452. a jo__t venture	<i>adj.</i> shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
453. record driving aut_____lly	<i>adv.</i> without needing a direct human control
454. fo_____er visa	<i>n.</i> a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or origin
455. em_____ng technologies	<i>adj.</i> starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
456. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist	<i>v.</i> to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
457. per_____al devices	<i>adj.</i> relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential
458. cell and molecular bi_____y	<i>n.</i> the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 448. fundamental, 449. folding, 450. psychology, 451. dominate, 452. joint, 453. automatically, 454. foreigner, 455. emerging, 456. communicate, 457. peripheral, 458. biology

459. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
460. develop int_____ent skills *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
461. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
462. 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

ANSWERS: 459. relation, 460. interdependent, 461. administer, 462. institute

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The wall was made of hard _____ that had been used for centuries.
n. a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
2. A good _____ is never out of season.
n. a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
3. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
4. _____ technologies allows people with disabilities to lead more independent lives.
adj. providing the means, support, or resources necessary for something to happen or be achieved; allowing or encouraging a particular behavior or activity
5. He left the party in _____ at its radical political stance.
n. a strong expression of disagreement, disapproval, or opposition
6. She _____ her friend a favor for helping her move.
v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
7. The police had to _____ the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.
v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

ANSWERS: 1. bricks, 2. maxim, 3. spirit, 4. Enabling, 5. protest, 6. owes, 7. restrain

8. The _____ approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.
adj. based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
9. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
10. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar _____.
n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
11. 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
12. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
13. The company decided to _____ its proposal due to public opposition.
v. to remove or take back something; to stop participating in something
14. The _____ style of architecture is characterized by symmetry and simplicity.
adj. relating to a revival of classic forms, styles, or ideas, especially those of ancient Greek and Roman art and architecture, that emerged in the late 18th and early 19th centuries
15. They have no _____ to win the game.
n. something, such as a punishment, reward, etc., that encourages a person to do something

ANSWERS: 8. rational, 9. supple, 10. era, 11. doll, 12. crack, 13. withdraw, 14. neoclassical, 15. incentive

16. Despite attending school, he remained _____ and unable to read or write.
adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
17. Many animal species are at risk of extinction due to human _____ and habitat destruction.
n. a situation in which the number of people or living organisms in a particular area or environment exceeds the carrying capacity or resources of that area or environment
18. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
19. She drank water to _____ her body.
v. to add water or moisture to something; to drink enough fluids to maintain proper moisture; (noun) any compound that contains water of crystallization
20. He gave me _____ that the project would be completed on time.
n. a statement or action that gives someone confidence; a statement that something will certainly be true or happen
21. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
22. She was _____ of a bright future after graduation.
adj. confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

ANSWERS: 16. illiterate, 17. overpopulation, 18. cult, 19. hydrate, 20. assurance, 21. fins, 22. assured

23. The doctor explained the various _____ changes that occur during pregnancy.
adj. relating to the normal functioning of living organisms and their organs and systems; concerning the physical or biochemical processes and activities that occur within the body
24. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
25. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
26. 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
27. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
28. The _____ approach to solving the problem involved experts from multiple fields working together.
adj. (also "transdisciplinary") involving or combining several academic disciplines or fields of study
29. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.
v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
30. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 23. physiological, 24. ancient, 25. dominates, 26. communicate, 27. religion, 28. interdisciplinary, 29. enlist, 30. disease

31. The _____ for all my hard work was finally getting a promotion.
n. the outcome or result of an action or series of actions; the return or reward gained from an investment, effort, or risk
32. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
33. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.
n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
34. Please _____ the assignment to me.
v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
35. The earthquake-_____ caused widespread destruction along the coast.
n. a huge ocean wave caused by an earthquake, volcano, or other disturbance
36. After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a _____ statement.
adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
37. The _____ room was only accessible with a special key card.
adj. fixed or fastened firmly in place; made safe or protected from harm or danger
38. The _____ weather made staying motivated and happy throughout the day hard.
adj. characterized by a lack of light or sunshine, resulting in a dark or dim atmosphere; feeling despondent, dismal, or melancholy

ANSWERS: 31. payoff, 32. contribute, 33. narrative, 34. submit, 35. tsunami, 36. joint, 37. secured, 38. gloomy

39. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

40. The hiker _____ their dog to a tree while they camped for the night.

v. to tie or secure an animal, person, or object with a rope, chain, or other similar devices to prevent it from moving too far away; (noun) a rope or chain used to tie up or restrain an animal, such as a horse or dog

41. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

42. The company issued an _____ to its employees, demanding a pay cut or face layoffs.

n. a final demand or proposal presented by one party to another, usually with a threat of serious consequences if the terms are not met

43. The _____ chairs were easy to set up and take down for the event.

adj. capable of being folded or bent; having one or more sections that can be folded or collapsed for easier storage or transportation

44. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

45. Sweet _____ makes short days and nights.

n. any form of communication in speech or writing

46. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

ANSWERS: 39. competitive, 40. tethered, 41. approximately, 42. ultimatum, 43. folding, 44. sins, 45. discourse, 46. graze

47. 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
48. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
- adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
49. The company's decision to cut corners on safety measures resulted in _____ working conditions for their employees.
- adj.* not the best or ideal option or solution; falling short of the optimal or desired outcome or result
50. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.
- n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
51. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
52. 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
53. 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

ANSWERS: 47. economy, 48. firm, 49. suboptimal, 50. structure, 51. commerce, 52. nation, 53. relations

54. Many bookshops no longer carry printed _____ but some libraries still hold onto their collections.
- n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
55. The _____ of natural resources is a major concern for environmentalists.
- n.* the reduction of something, especially a natural resource, to a critically low level
56. The tragedy of the _____ is an economic theory explaining how individual actions can deplete shared resources.
- n.* the House of Commons, which is one of the two houses of Parliament; a piece of land or an area set aside for public use, often used for recreation or grazing livestock; a shared or public resource
57. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.
- v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
58. The belief in _____ human goodness is a common philosophical concept.
- adj.* existing naturally or from birth; inherent or inborn; not acquired or learned through experience
59. 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
60. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.
- n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

ANSWERS: 54. encyclopedias, 55. depletion, 56. commons, 57. proceed, 58. innate, 59. discovery, 60. matrix

61. I need to _____ these pictures to my computer to edit them.
v. to transfer digital data or files from a local computer or device to a remote server or network; the act of transferring such data or files
62. I need to upgrade my _____ computer since it's become quite slow.
n. a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities
63. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
64. Most of the programs are _____ in this area.
v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television
65. The city's _____ areas should be given more attention regarding infrastructure and resources.
adj. relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential
66. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.
adj. reliable and dependable
67. The company is facing a potential _____ of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.
n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
68. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else

ANSWERS: 61. upload, 62. desktop, 63. peer, 64. broadcast, 65. peripheral, 66. trustworthy, 67. liability, 68. symbol

69. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.

- n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

70. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?

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

71. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

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

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

73. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

74. The company's practice of using cheap materials to cut costs will _____ the quality of the final product.

- v.* to strip or plunder something of its possessions or resources; to deprive or rob something of its natural or valuable qualities; to ruin the appearance or integrity of something

75. This shirt will _____ in the wash.

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

76. He quickly learned the military _____.

- n.* the practice of training people to obey rules or a code of behavior, using and punishments if these are broken; a region of activity, knowledge, or influence

ANSWERS: 69. stud, 70. percentage, 71. strategy, 72. moving, 73. destroyed, 74. despoil, 75. shrink, 76. discipline

77. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of _____ weapons.

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

78. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

79. This _____ is a producer of respiratory disease.

n. a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope

80. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

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

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

82. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

83. She had a master's degree in _____.

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

84. During their camping trip, the kids were excited to go _____ hunting in the woods.

n. a small or unimportant creature or animal, often used in a familiar or affectionate way

ANSWERS: 77. nuclear, 78. proportion, 79. microorganism, 80. competitors, 81. suffers, 82. evolved, 83. psychology, 84. critter

85. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
86. The online _____ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.
n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
87. I need to upgrade my Internet plan to get faster _____ speeds.
n. a type of high-speed internet connection that provides wide bandwidth for faster data transmission; any communication technology that allows high-speed data transfer
88. He has a flair for _____.
n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
89. _____ errors can lead to inaccurate financial reporting and potential legal issues.
n. the practice of recording and classifying financial transactions in a systematic way
90. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.
v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
91. She gave money to help set up a _____ laboratory.
adj. relating to the production and selling of the medical drugs
92. The _____ between the coral and the algae is an important example of mutualism.
n. a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all

ANSWERS: 85. complexity, 86. marketplace, 87. broadband, 88. mathematics, 89. Bookkeeping, 90. cheated, 91. pharmaceutical, 92. symbiosis

93. The choice between bureaucracy and adocracy represents a common _____.
- n.* a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more options, especially that are equally unfavorable ones
94. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
- adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
95. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
- adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
96. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
97. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job
98. 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
99. _____ 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
100. The outbreak of _____ was a major health crisis in the 19th century.
- n.* a severe infectious disease that causes acute diarrhea, vomiting, and dehydration, often resulting in a rapid and dangerous loss of body fluids and electrolytes

ANSWERS: 93. dilemma, 94. Communal, 95. radical, 96. device, 97. hire, 98. economics, 99. Democracy, 100. cholera

101. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
102. They study the _____ of the universe.
- n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
103. He deals _____ with his employees.
- adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
104. China has developed one of the world's fastest _____ for its space program.
- n.* a computer with a high level of computing power and speed, typically used for scientific or engineering computations that require immense amounts of data processing
105. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
- adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
106. We appreciate your _____ efforts.
- adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
107. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
108. The majority of the people on the island are _____ folk.
- n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

ANSWERS: 101. ecology, 102. evolution, 103. fairly, 104. supercomputers, 105. Evolutionary, 106. cooperative, 107. instances, 108. fishery

109. They tried to _____ the old map with the new one to compare the changes.
v. to place or cover something over or on top of something else; to add a layer of functionality or data on top of another (noun) a layer of material placed on top of a surface, typically to protect or decorate it
110. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.
adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder
111. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
112. Corruption is an _____ act for any reason.
adj. profoundly immoral, cruel, and wicked; having or exerting a harmful effect on people
113. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
114. Being _____ in multiple languages can open up many opportunities for travel and work.
adj. having the ability to read and write; possessing knowledge or understanding of a particular subject or topic
115. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.
adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening
116. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

ANSWERS: 109. overlay, 110. surprisingly, 111. volunteer, 112. evil, 113. assumes, 114. literate, 115. fierce, 116. biology

117. 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

118. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

119. 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

120. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the _____ of two liquids.

- n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

121. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

122. The team had to _____ to complete the project on time.

- v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal

123. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 117. basis, 118. wealth, 119. institutes, 120. interface, 121. punishment, 122. cooperate, 123. separate

124. She faced some challenges as a _____ in the business world but was soon respected for her expertise.
- n.* a person who is not a citizen or national of the country they are in; someone from a different country, culture, or origin
125. The _____ of the earth is divided into several layers including the crust, mantle, and core.
- n.* a round object or geometric shape that is three-dimensional and symmetrical around a central point; a particular aspect or scope of life or activity
126. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
127. Not all teachers accept citing _____ as a valid source for academic papers.
- n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
128. The sculptor carefully molded the _____ into the desired shape.
- n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
129. This dessert is the territory of _____ tribes.
- adj.* moving from one location to another rather than staying in one place all of the time
130. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 124. foreigner, 125. sphere, 126. rot, 127. Wikipedia, 128. clay, 129. nomadic, 130. anthropology

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

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

132. The university's _____ announced new policies regarding campus safety.

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

133. NASA sent a _____ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

n. a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

134. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

135. We _____ a cease-fire.

v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

136. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

137. Necessity is the mother of _____.

n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 131. efficient, 132. administrator, 133. probe, 134. mentioned, 135. concluded, 136. individual, 137. invention

138. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
139. The artist's _____ showcased various works, from paintings to sculptures.
- n.* a collection of work, documents, or other materials that demonstrate a person's skills, qualifications, or achievements; a collection of investments held by a person or organization
140. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.
- v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
141. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
142. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
- n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
143. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
- v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
144. Electronic _____ remain incomplete due to system errors.
- n.* an instance of buying or selling something; the act or process of doing something
145. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 138. principle, 139. portfolio, 140. propose, 141. debate, 142. competition, 143. involves, 144. transactions, 145. software

146. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.

adv. without needing a direct human control

147. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

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

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

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

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

150. The basketball _____ was fiercely competitive, with the top teams all vying for first place.

n. a competition or series of contests involving several players or teams, leading to a final winner or winners

151. They continued to endure _____ treatment by the dictatorship.

adj. not based on, or not using reason or clear thinking; (mathematics) a real number that cannot be expressed as the ratio of two integers

152. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

153. The _____ of his discovery cannot be overstated.

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

ANSWERS: 146. automatically, 147. reserve, 148. elites, 149. humming, 150. tournament, 151. irrational, 152. split, 153. significance

154. Product development is a _____ effort.

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

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

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

156. The government had to _____ national defense spending due to the recession.

v. to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement

157. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

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

158. As a first _____ we agreed to meet the following Friday.

n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order

159. 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

160. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

ANSWERS: 154. collective, 155. ownership, 156. slash, 157. mechanisms, 158. arrangement, 159. develop, 160. victim

161. There was a vast _____ between the two tribes.

n. a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals

162. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

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

163. The farmer grew _____ on his land.

n. a cereal plant that is the most important kind grown in temperate countries, the grain of which is ground to make flour for bread, pasta, pastry, etc

164. The company _____ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

165. 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

166. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

167. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

168. The new social media platform allows for _____ communication between users rather than just one-to-one.

adj. describes a communication or information exchange system in which multiple senders can communicate with multiple receivers, creating a decentralized and collaborative network

ANSWERS: 161. contest, 162. revolution, 163. wheat, 164. rejected, 165. tragedy, 166. Sociologist, 167. survive, 168. many-to-many

169. I'm at a career _____ and unsure which path to take.
- n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
170. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
171. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
- v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
172. His act of volunteering at the homeless shelter was a clear example of practical _____.
- n.* the belief or practice of disinterested and selfless concern for the well-being of others; unselfish devotion to the welfare of others often expressed as acts of kindness or charity
173. 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.
174. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
- n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
175. 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

ANSWERS: 169. crossroads, 170. reform, 171. declared, 172. altruism, 173. cooperation, 174. flock, 175. self-interest

176. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

177. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

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

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

179. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

180. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

181. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

182. The company tried to build an _____ image.

adj. showing a selfless and disinterested concern for the happiness and well-being of other people

183. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

184. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

ANSWERS: 176. insure, 177. bureaucracy, 178. proposal, 179. emerged, 180. brain, 181. inevitably, 182. altruistic, 183. enriches, 184. empire

185. The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic _____ and its impact on modern European countries.
- n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
186. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
187. The comedian's ____ had the audience laughing out loud.
- n.* a humorous play on words or use of words that sound similar but have different meanings, often for a comedic effect; a form of wordplay
188. I hope to _____ in my career and live a happy life.
- v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
189. In nature, all living things are _____ and rely on each other for survival.
- adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
190. The advent of the Internet completely _____ the manufacturing industry.
- v.* to change the form or structure of something
191. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
192. The _____ industry plays a crucial role in the management and conservation of forests around the world.
- n.* the science, art, and practice of managing forests, including planting, cultivating, and caring for trees and conserving and developing natural forests

ANSWERS: 185. socialism, 186. influence, 187. pun, 188. succeed, 189. interdependent, 190. reshaped, 191. Agriculture, 192. forestry

193. The company has filed for a _____ to protect its new invention.
n. a legal document that grants an inventor exclusive rights to their invention for a certain period of time; the invention or process for which a patent has been granted
194. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.
n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
195. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
196. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
197. She was faced with _____ challenges in her new job.
adj. large in size, extent, amount, or significance; noteworthy or substantial in importance
198. The court _____ the original verdict.
v. to turn something upside down; to upset
199. Archaeologists recently discovered _____ bones in North America, proving that these animals once inhabited this region.
n. a large, extinct elephant-like mammal that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, characterized by its long curved tusks and massive size
200. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

ANSWERS: 193. patent, 194. mud, 195. Emerging, 196. settle, 197. considerable, 198. overturned, 199. mastodon, 200. relief

201. _____ management strategies aim to reduce pollution and protect water resources.
- n.* an area of land that separates rivers that flow to different seas or drainage basins
202. Hounds ____ their prey by using their keen scent.
- v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
203. The athlete was able to ____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
204. Many charities focus on improving _____ rates in underprivileged communities.
- n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
205. The _____ church was the dominant religion in the area.
- adj.* a member of a Western Christian church that is separate from the Roman Catholic Church and that is based on the teachings of Martin Luther and other Reformers
206. These infections have the potential to impact practically every ____ system.
- n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
207. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
- n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 201. Watershed, 202. hunt, 203. leap, 204. literacy, 205. Protestant, 206. organ, 207. Capitalism

208. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.
- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
209. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
- n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
210. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.
- adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
211. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
212. The carpenter applied _____ to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.
- n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
213. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
214. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
- n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
215. The rise and fall of _____ can be studied through history and archaeology.
- n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

ANSWERS: 208. myth, 209. territory, 210. medical, 211. ancestor, 212. glue, 213. exchange, 214. population, 215. civilizations

216. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

217. The game has a _____ mode where you can play with friends online.

adj. referring to a mode of play or game that involves multiple players, often competing or collaborating, typically over a computer network or online

218. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

219. He strove to memorize the Hebrew _____.

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

220. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.

v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

221. The _____ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

222. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

223. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 216. fundamental, 217. multiplayer, 218. defeat, 219. alphabet, 220. download, 221. notion, 222. survival, 223. rewards

224. The _____ of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.
- n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
225. The right to free speech is a _____ right in the United States.
- adj.* of or relating to a constitution (= the set of fundamental principles), especially of a country or government; existing as an essential characteristic
226. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
- n.* a long or challenging search for something
227. Taking ibuprofen can _____ the pain from a headache.
- v.* to make something, usually pain, distress, or problem, less severe or intense; to ease or lighten a burden
228. The body needs a certain amount of _____ to build and repair tissues.
- n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
229. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.
- adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
230. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
- v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
231. There was a chemical _____ of the lime with the groundwater.
- n.* a response that reveals a person's feelings or attitude; (in chemistry) a process in which one or more substances are changed into others

ANSWERS: 224. literature, 225. constitutional, 226. quest, 227. alleviate, 228. protein, 229. countless, 230. administer, 231. reaction

ANSWERS: