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Session 1: Word List

synchronize

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

synonym: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

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.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym: experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

applaud

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

synonym: clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra
I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms
This artwork is **typical** of her work.

raucous

adj. harsh, loud, and disorderly; characterized by rowdy or chaotic behavior; producing an unpleasantly loud and harsh noise

synonym: boisterous, noisy, loud

(1) **raucous** laughter, (2) **raucous** crowd
The **raucous** party next door kept us awake all night.

incoherent

adj. expressed or formulated without clarity or logic; lacking cohesion or connection; disjointed or rambling in speech or writing

synonym: inconsistent, rambling, unintelligible

(1) **incoherent** speech, (2) **incoherent** thoughts
The speaker's **incoherent** rambling made it difficult for the audience to understand the message.

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.

clap

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

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

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

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

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

synonym : harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

emergent

adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

synonym : coming, appearing, developing

(1) **emergent** repair of an aorta, (2) an **emergent** republic

Extensive areas of **emergent** plants are usually called marsh.

frequency

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym : recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym : luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

intelligent

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

Intelligent robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

sensitive

adj. able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

synonym : exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

requirement

n. something that is needed or wanted

synonym : prerequisite, provision, condition

(1) meet **requirement**, (2) school **requirement**

What is the entry **requirement** for this course?

spontaneous

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

synonym : willing, impulsive, intuitive

(1) a **spontaneous** behavior, (2) **spontaneous** labor

The crowd broke out into **spontaneous** laughter.

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.

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**.

spook

v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

synonym : frighten, scare, discomfort

(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children

The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

inanimate

adj. not having life or spirit; not animate

synonym : lifeless, inert, passive

(1) **inanimate** nature, (2) **inanimate** matter

The **inanimate** object was not capable of movement or feeling.

spontaneously

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

synonym : impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym : prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

atomic

adj. of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)

synonym : tiny, microscopic, nuclear

(1) **atomic** nucleus, (2) **atomic** bomb

Carbon has an **atomic** mass of 12.

cosmos

n. another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

synonym : universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

tendency

n. an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic

synonym : inclination, propensity, proclivity

(1) economic **tendency**, (2) curious **tendency**

There is a growing **tendency** among young people to prioritize experiences over material possessions.

oppose

v. to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening

synonym : match, resist, confront

(1) **oppose** a decision, (2) publicly **oppose**

I strongly **oppose** the new proposed law that would harm our environment.

entropy

n. a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty

synonym : randomness

(1) **entropy** calculation, (2) **entropy** conservation

Since the second law of thermodynamics is applicable to the universe, the **entropy** of the universe continues to increase.

countervail

v. to oppose or balance something with equal force or weight; to counteract or compensate for something

synonym : counteract, oppose, offset

(1) **countervail** the argument, (2) **countervail** the cost

The company implemented new security measures to **countervail** the threat of cyber attacks.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

synonym : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

theme

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
synonym: subject, topic, motif

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

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

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

synchronous

adj. occurring or operating at the same time or pace;
happening simultaneously; coordinated or synchronized

synonym: simultaneous, concurrent, parallel

(1) **synchronous** communication, (2) **synchronous** learning

The group of performers perfectly executed the **synchronous** dance routine.

glorious

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor;
having great beauty and splendor

synonym: exquisite, magnificent, majestic

(1) a **glorious** victory, (2) photo in **glorious** color

I choose a **glorious** death rather than a shameful life.

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.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

exhibit

v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information

synonym: display, expose, show

(1) **exhibit** a bad attitude, (2) **exhibit** a great talent

Other technology industries **exhibit** similarly explosive growth.

ballet

n. a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

(1) a **ballet** enthusiast, (2) **ballet** lessons

She is a leading female classical **ballet** dancer

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

defend

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

synonym: protect, guard, support

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

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

starling

n. a bird with dark and iridescent feathers, often found in large flocks

(1) **starling** bird, (2) **starling** migration

The **starling** flock created a mesmerizing display in the sky.

swarm

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

synonym: horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

confuse

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

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

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

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym: beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset

She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

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.

puzzled

adj. confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

synonym: confused, perplexed, bewildered

(1) **puzzled** expression, (2) **puzzled** by the question

She was **puzzled** by the strange behavior of her cat.

choreography

n. the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

synonym: composition, arrangement, dance notation

(1) original **choreography**, (2) **choreography** art

The dance performance featured intricate **choreography**.

choreograph

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

(1) **choreograph** a stage performance, (2) exquisitely **choreographed**

He had **choreographed** the dance in this play himself.

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.

attract

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

synonym: lure, entice, draw in

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

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

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym: space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

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.

prey

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

synonym: target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists
The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

random

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

synonym: incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

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

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

attraction

n. a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity

synonym: allure, appeal, interest

(1) the big **attraction** of the event, (2) popular tourist **attraction**

She felt an instant **attraction** toward him.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

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.

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.

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.

selfish

adj. concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest

synonym: egocentric, self-centered, narcissistic

(1) **selfish** motive, (2) **selfish** desire

His **selfish** ambition caused him to step on others to climb the corporate ladder.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

odds

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

synonym : chances, likelihoods, probabilities

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

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

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

peregrine

n. a type of falcon known for its swift flight and ability to cover great distances during its migratory journeys

synonym : falcon, wanderer, traveler

(1) **peregrine** habitat, (2) **peregrine** migration

I caught a glimpse of a **peregrine** falcon soaring high above the cliffs.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

panic

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

synonym : confusion, hysteria, consternation

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

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

propagate

v. to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction

synonym : spread, multiply, reproduce

(1) **propagate** a rumor, (2) **propagate** plants
The company is working hard to **propagate** their brand message to as many people as possible

mess

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

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**
He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

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.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

mystical

adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding

synonym: occult, esoteric, enigmatic

(1) **mystical** intuition, (2) **mystical** belief

While meditating, he had a **mystical** experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.

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**.

insight

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

synonym: wisdom, discernment, understanding

(1) a profound **insight**, (2) share my **insights**

We gained various **insights** by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

organization

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

synonym: association, institution, community

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

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

firefly

n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

(1) the glow of a **firefly**, (2) sparkle like **firefly**

In that country, there is a culture of eating live **firefly** squid.

independence

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

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

operator

n. a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations

synonym: controller, handler, manipulator

(1) **operator** error, (2) an elevator **operator**

The **operator** of the machine must follow strict safety protocols.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

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.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

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.

specifically

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

synonym : especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically**

American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

reinforce

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

synonym : strengthen, fortify, support

(1) **reinforce** the military, (2) **reinforce** good behavior

We should **reinforce** the troops at the front line.

mate

n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

synonym : companion, partner, spouse

(1) smoking **mate**, (2) dog-loving **mate**

I need to find a **mate** for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym : body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

combine

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

synonym : coalesce, cohere, blend

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

(2) **combine** augmented reality

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

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a

sacred creature.

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.

navigate

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

synonym: guide, helm, voyage

(1) **navigate** the Pacific, (2) **navigate** through a document

Our knowledge helps **navigate** our clients successfully.

beacon

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

synonym: lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.

stunning

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

synonym: beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure

The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

tale

n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure

synonym: canard, fiction, fable

(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror

Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

spectacle

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

synonym : marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

optical

adj. of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light

synonym : visual, ocular

(1) new **optical** glasses, (2) **optical** fiber

The **optical** illusion made it appear like the building was floating in midair.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

synonym : spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

eyelid

n. a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye

synonym : lid, palpebra, shield

(1) **eyelid** twitch, (2) drooping **eyelid**

Bright light can cause me to squint and strain my eyes, resulting in twitchy **eyelids**.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

pacemaker

n. a small electronic device that is implanted in the chest to regulate the heartbeat of people with certain heart conditions; a person or thing that sets the pace or rhythm for others

synonym: heartbeat regulator, pacer, pacesetter

(1) implanted **pacemaker**, (2) **pacemaker** battery

Some people with **pacemakers** may need to avoid certain activities or sources of electromagnetic interference.

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym: essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

sinoatrial

adj. relating to or affecting both the sinuses and the atria of the heart, specifically referring to the sinoatrial node, the natural pacemaker of the heart

synonym: atrioventricular

(1) **sinoatrial** block, (2) **sinoatrial** dysfunction

An abnormality in the **sinoatrial** node can lead to irregular heart rhythms.

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

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

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

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

beep *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning

synonym: bleep, honk, buzz

(1) **beep** out a warning, (2) **beep** the horn

The timer **beeped**, reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.

electrical *adj.* relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

rhythm *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym: beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

voltage *n.* the difference in the force of an electric current between two points

(1) the **voltage** spiked, (2) low **voltage**

Connecting batteries in series increase the **voltage** of the circuit.

ventricle *n.* a chamber or cavity within an organ or structure, particularly the lower chamber of the heart that pumps blood to the lungs and other parts of the body

synonym: chamber, pumping heart muscle

(1) left **ventricle**, (2) **ventricle** in the brain

The heart's **ventricles** are responsible for pumping blood out to the body.

pump

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

synonym: drain, inject, send

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

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

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.

epilepsy

n. a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures or convulsions, which can manifest in a variety of ways and be caused by various factors

synonym: seizures, convulsions, fits

(1) **epilepsy** seizure, (2) **epilepsy** medication

The flashing lights at the concert triggered her **epilepsy** and caused a seizure.

discharge

v. to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy

synonym: release, emit, expel

(1) **discharge** water, (2) **discharge** a contract

The hospital will **discharge** the patient as soon as their condition stabilizes.

pathological

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

synonym : aberrant, diseased, abnormal

(1) **pathological** liar, (2) **pathological** condition

The doctor was concerned that the patient's **pathological** fear of germs impacted their daily life.

concert

n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers

synonym : gig, musical, show

(1) have a **concert** again, (2) a benefit **concert**

This artist always packs the **concert** halls.

laser

n. a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

synonym : beam, bar, ray

(1) **laser** printer, (2) pulse **laser**

The company holds patents on core components of **laser** jet printers.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym : measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a **rhythmic** stroking, (2) in a **rhythmic** pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

applause

n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

synonym : clapping, cheering, acclaim

(1) round of **applause**, (2) earn **applause**

The **applause** burst from the audience.

atom

n. the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus

synonym : particle, element, fraction

(1) oxygen **atom**, (2) neutral hydrogen **atoms**

The outermost electron shell of an **atom** determines its chemical characteristics.

pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym : beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

magic

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

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

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

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

metronome

n. a device used by musicians to mark time by means of regularly recurring ticks or sounds at an adjustable tempo

synonym : beatkeeper, timekeeper

(1) **metronome** ticking, (2) electronic **metronome**

The composer marked the score with **metronome** indications to guide the musicians.

advertise

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

synonym : publicize, announce, promote

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

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

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

hop

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

an aircraft, bus, etc.

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

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

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

drift

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

synonym : float, wander, freewheel

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

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

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym : abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

mechanical

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

synonym : machinelike, automated, automatic

(1) a **mechanical** style of writing, (2) the influence of **mechanical** action

A **mechanical** engineer is still in demand in many companies.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

graduate

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

synonym : alumna, alum, grad

(1) **graduate** degree program, (2) honor **graduate**

Many employers hire **graduate** trainees to train as managers.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

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.

whimsical

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

synonym : capricious, impulsive, flighty

(1) **whimsical** reasons, (2) a **whimsical** person

Much of his painting has a **whimsical** quality.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

consequence

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

synonym : result, impact, outcome

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

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

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine
Our world is in the third **millennium**.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

pride

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

synonym: vanity, conceit, egotism

(1) **pride** of a company, (2) hide his **pride**
She took great **pride** in her work, always striving for perfection.

erect

v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise;
(adjective) upright or vertical

synonym: build, set up, construct

(1) **erect** structure, (2) keep the flagpole **erect**
The workers were able to **erect** the tent in just a few minutes.

crossing

n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect

synonym: intersection, junction

(1) **crossing** bridge, (2) a **crossing-keeper**
The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway **crossing**.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym : creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym : empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

lord

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym : master, noble, peer

(1) a young **lord**, (2) **lord** of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

Norman

adj. relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

synonym : medieval, antique, archaic

(1) **norman** cathedral, (2) **norman** invasion

The **Norman** architecture in the old city was a sight to behold.

foster

v. to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

synonym : nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

sculptor

n. an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

synonym : carver, modeler, artist

(1) **sculptor** studio, (2) renowned **sculptor**

The famous **sculptor** used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

engineer

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

synonym : architect, creator, builder

(1) a civil **engineer**, (2) **engineer** shortage

The **engineer** will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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.

vision

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

synonym: sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym: amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

abyss

n. a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

synonym: chasm, cavity, gulf

(1) the **abyss** of time, (2) an **abyss** of hopelessness

The deep sea is an **abyss** of mystery and discovery.

saber

n. a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing

synonym: sword, cutlass, blade

(1) **saber** fencing, (2) ceremonial **saber**

The military commander drew his **saber** and shouted orders to the troops.

blade

n. the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting

synonym: knife, sword, cutter

(1) a **blade** of grass, (2) the **blade** of a turbine

The **blade** of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.

scamper

v. to run with quick, light steps, especially because one is excited or in a hurry

synonym:

run, dash, hurry

(1) **scamper** about buying, (2) **scamper** to the door
The squirrel would **scamper** up the tree to escape the approaching cat.

ribbon

n. a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

synonym: band, strip, sash

(1) silk **ribbon**, (2) pink **ribbon** campaign

She tied the **ribbon** around the gift box to make it look pretty.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym: iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

suspension

n. the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles

synonym: moratorium, abeyance, break

(1) **suspension** of arms, (2) **suspension** bridge

The court ordered a long-term **suspension** of business.

cable

n. a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire

synonym: wire, cord, rope

(1) **cable** television, (2) coaxial **cable**

This system uses submarine **cables** to exchange information between continents.

droopy

adj. bending or hanging down, especially from exhaustion or weakness

synonym : limp, flabby, lax

(1) **droopy** posture, (2) rabbit with **droopy** ears

He had a brushy and **droopy** mustache.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym : scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

taut

adj. tightly stretched or pulled; tense or firm; concise or succinct, without any unnecessary or excess elements

synonym : tight, tense, rigid

(1) **taut** muscles, (2) **taut** nerves

The tightrope walker balanced on the **taut** wire with grace.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

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.

sideways

adv. towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

synonym : to the edge, obliquely, sidelong

(1) fall **sideways**, (2) a **sideways** market

She glanced **sideways** at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

unstable

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

synonym : shaky, unbalanced, inconsistent

(1) mentally **unstable**, (2) **unstable** weather

The tower proved to be **unstable** in the high wind.

windy

adj. characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance

synonym : airy, gusty, breezy

(1) **windy** hillside, (2) **windy** eloquence

The weather is too **windy** for us to go on a boat ride.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym : absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

backward

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

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

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

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

- odd** *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal
(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior
His grandfather was an **odd** man.
- scary** *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming
(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story
The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.
- balance** *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder
(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet
Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.
- degree** *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
synonym : level, qualification, diploma
(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade
She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.
- normally** *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
synonym : commonly, generally, naturally
(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much
I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.
- deliberately** *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
synonym : intentionally, knowingly, willfully
(1) **deliberately** amateurish, (2) commit a crime **deliberately**
He **deliberately** misleads others.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

conform

v. to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

synonym : comply, follow, adhere

(1) **conform** to standards, (2) **conform** in all its aspects

The school requires students to **conform** to a strict dress code.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

oscillate

v. to swing or move back and forth like a pendulum or a wave; to fluctuate or alternate between two points or states; to hesitate or be indecisive

synonym : fluctuate, swing, vibrate

(1) **oscillate** back and forth, (2) **oscillate** between joy and anger

The fan in the room **oscillates**, making the airflow more evenly.

forth

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

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

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

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

skate

n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

synonym: blade, runner, sled

(1) **skate** park, (2) roller **skate**

She has been practicing an ice **skate** routine for months

gait

n. a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion

synonym: pace, stride, step

(1) awkward **gait**, (2) brisk **gait**

The older woman's **gait** was slow and unsteady.

adopt

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

synonym: accept, assume, take on

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

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

clip

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

synonym: buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

simulate

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

synonym: pretend, imitate, mimic

(1) **simulate** climate change, (2) **simulate** a future scenario
He had painted the wood to **simulate** stone.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

loop

n. a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

synonym: circle, curl, spiral

(1) exit from a **loop**, (2) positive feedback **loop**

Many people in this city use the **loop** railway for transportation.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

bother

v. to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

synonym: annoy, pester, irritate

(1) **bother** the neighbors, (2) **bother** with details

Please don't **bother** me while I'm trying to concentrate.

disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

synonym: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

analyze

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

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

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

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

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym: striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea

The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

shocking

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

synonym: startling, surprising, astounding

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

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

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated
The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

investigation

n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
synonym: examination, analysis, inspection

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

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

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.

wobble

v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down

synonym: sway, rock, totter

(1) **wobble** a few steps, (2) **wobble** chair

The table **wobbled** a little when I put my drink on it.

reckon

v. to think or believe something

synonym: regard, imagine, suppose

(1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival

He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

mimic

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

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

pendulum

n. a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism

synonym: oscillator, balance, clock

(1) **pendulum** swings, (2) political **pendulum**

The **pendulum** clock was a familiar sight in the old house.

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.

dangle

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

synonym: swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym: onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true
synonym : clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

instruction

n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

synonym : education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

intriguing

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

synonym : fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym : hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym : ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

ministry

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

synonym : department, agency, bureau

(1) **ministry** officials, (2) enter the **ministry**

The **ministry** of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st_____ng beauty *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
2. pr_____te plants *v.* to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction
3. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
4. brisk g__t *n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
5. designed spe_____lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
6. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
7. my_____al belief *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
8. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
9. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
10. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
11. p__y of beast *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

ANSWERS: 1. stunning, 2. propagate, 3. brilliant, 4. gait, 5. specifically, 6. difficulty, 7. mystical, 8. confuse, 9. engineer, 10. risky, 11. prey

12. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
13. cou_____il the cost *v.* to oppose or balance something with equal force or weight; to counteract or compensate for something
14. p__p a secret out of success *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
15. publicly op___e *v.* to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening
16. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
17. fl__k of spectator *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
18. 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
19. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
20. an innovative pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one

ANSWERS: 12. organization, 13. countervail, 14. pump, 15. oppose, 16. nod, 17. flock, 18. spirit, 19. architect, 20. proposal

21. se____h motive *adj.* concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest
22. renowned sc____or *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
23. follow his ins____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
24. a con____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
25. co____te with one another *v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
26. exp____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
27. th__e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
28. en____y conservation *n.* a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty
29. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
30. at____c bomb *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
31. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

ANSWERS: 21. selfish, 22. sculptor, 23. instruction, 24. convincing, 25. cooperate, 26. experiment, 27. theme, 28. entropy, 29. tale, 30. atomic, 31. tip

32. 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
33. pa__c buying *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
34. earn ap_____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
35. ep_____sy medication *n.* a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures or convulsions, which can manifest in a variety of ways and be caused by various factors
36. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
37. 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
38. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
39. in a rh_____ic pace *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
40. hold your br____h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
41. exquisitely cho_____phed *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

ANSWERS: 32. democracy, 33. panic, 34. applause, 35. epilepsy, 36. vision, 37. reform, 38. shocking, 39. rhythmic, 40. breath, 41. choreograph

42. l__d of castle *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
43. exit from a l__p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
44. o__s in favor *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
45. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
46. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
47. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
48. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
49. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
50. pat_____cal condition *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
51. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

ANSWERS: 42. lord, 43. loop, 44. odds, 45. platform, 46. steel, 47. instance, 48. emit, 49. desire, 50. pathological, 51. organ

52. not no____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
53. 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
54. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
55. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
56. an aerial be____n *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
57. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
58. rabbit with dr____y ears *adj.* bending or hanging down, especially from exhaustion or weakness
59. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
60. cou_____il the argument *v.* to oppose or balance something with equal force or weight; to counteract or compensate for something
61. pa_____er battery *n.* a small electronic device that is implanted in the chest to regulate the heartbeat of people with certain heart conditions; a person or thing that sets the pace or rhythm for others
62. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 52. normally, 53. fin, 54. emit, 55. swarm, 56. beacon, 57. unexpected, 58. droopy, 59. confuse, 60. countervail, 61. pacemaker, 62. mathematics

63. low vo____e *n.* the difference in the force of an electric current between two points
64. se____h desire *adj.* concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest
65. me_____me ticking *n.* a device used by musicians to mark time by means of regularly recurring ticks or sounds at an adjustable tempo
66. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
67. pretty sp_____le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
68. a material wi____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
69. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
70. sp__k the children *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
71. inc_____nt thoughts *adj.* expressed or formulated without clarity or logic; lacking cohesion or connection; disjointed or rambling in speech or writing

ANSWERS: 63. voltage, 64. selfish, 65. metronome, 66. magic, 67. spectacle, 68. witness, 69. clap, 70. spook, 71. incoherent

72. wi____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
73. da___e a carrot *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
74. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
75. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
76. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
77. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
78. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
79. er__t structure *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
80. the con_____ce of an argument *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
81. pe____ne habitat *n.* a type of falcon known for its swift flight and ability to cover great distances during its migratory journeys

ANSWERS: 72. witness, 73. dangle, 74. rub, 75. frame, 76. graduate, 77. constant, 78. random, 79. erect, 80. consequence, 81. peregrine

82. laws of ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
83. a si____ys market *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
84. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
85. don't dis_____nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
86. def_____ly become a problem *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
87. a pa__c reaction *n.* a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action
88. 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
89. del_____ely amateurish *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
90. singing in un____n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
91. mo____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

ANSWERS: 82. physics, 83. sideways, 84. odd, 85. disappoint, 86. definitely, 87. panic, 88. reform, 89. deliberately, 90. unison, 91. movement

92. get into a m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
93. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
94. in_____te nature *adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate
95. 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
96. original cho_____phy *n.* the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance
97. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
98. en____t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
99. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
100. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
101. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
102. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

ANSWERS: 92. mess, 93. unbelievable, 94. inanimate, 95. mechanism, 96. choreography, 97. shocking, 98. enlist, 99. immediately, 100. distance, 101. initially, 102. flash

103. sp__t a bill
v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
104. di_____ge water
v. to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy
105. op_____l fiber
adj. of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light
106. de___d against a threat
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
107. economic te_____cy
n. an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic
108. sparkle like fi_____y
n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
109. a cr_____l issue for women
adj. extremely vital or necessary
110. high fr_____cy
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
111. mi_____ry officials
n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
112. record driving aut_____lly
adv. without needing a direct human control

ANSWERS: 103. split, 104. discharge, 105. optical, 106. defend, 107. tendency, 108. firefly, 109. crucial, 110. frequency, 111. ministry, 112. automatically

113. di_____ge a contract *v.* to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy
114. op___e a decision *v.* to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening
115. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
116. the bl__e of a turbine *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
117. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
118. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
119. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
120. clap the hands in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
121. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
122. oxygen a__m *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus

ANSWERS: 113. discharge, 114. oppose, 115. communicate, 116. blade, 117. vulnerable, 118. capture, 119. absolutely, 120. unison, 121. pervasive, 122. atom

123. awkward g__t *n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
124. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
125. fa___y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
126. ceremonial sa__r *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
127. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
128. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
129. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
130. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
131. coaxial ca__e *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
132. ex_____t a great talent *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
133. 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
134. a sw__m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

ANSWERS: 123. gait, 124. independence, 125. fairly, 126. saber, 127. scary, 128. hint, 129. millennium, 130. demonstrate, 131. cable, 132. exhibit, 133. cheat, 134. swarm

135. fishing coo_____ve *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
136. no___n invasion *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period
137. popular tourist att_____on *n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
138. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
139. int_____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
140. sus_____on of arms *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
141. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
142. t__t muscles *adj.* tightly stretched or pulled; tense or firm; concise or succinct, without any unnecessary or excess elements

ANSWERS: 135. cooperative, 136. Norman, 137. attraction, 138. mathematics, 139. intelligent, 140. suspension, 141. precise, 142. taut

143. agree to su___t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
144. the vo_____e spiked *n.* the difference in the force of an electric current between two points
145. em_____nt repair of an aorta *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
146. tw___h of an eye *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
147. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
148. syn_____us learning *adj.* occurring or operating at the same time or pace; happening simultaneously; coordinated or synchronized
149. op_____or error *n.* a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations
150. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
151. int_____ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
152. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
153. drooping ey___d *n.* a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye

ANSWERS: 143. submit, 144. voltage, 145. emergent, 146. twitch, 147. steel, 148. synchronous, 149. operator, 150. probable, 151. intriguing, 152. unbelievable, 153. eyelid

154. co_____m in all its aspects *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
155. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
156. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
157. no___n cathedral *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period
158. en_____y calculation *n.* a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty
159. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
160. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
161. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
162. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
163. individual ins_____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something

ANSWERS: 154. conform, 155. suppose, 156. beetle, 157. Norman, 158. entropy, 159. defend, 160. clap, 161. mimic, 162. kingdom, 163. instruction

164. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
165. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
166. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
167. p__p blood throughout the body *v.* to cause water, air, gas, etc. to move from one place to another by using mechanical equipment; to get or supply something such as money, information, etc. in significant quantities
168. 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
169. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
170. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
171. at___c nucleus *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
172. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 164. brain, 165. prop, 166. initially, 167. pump, 168. fishery, 169. advertise, 170. backward, 171. atomic, 172. nod

173. artificial cr____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
174. ca__e television *n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
175. wi__y hillside *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
176. sc_____r to the door *v.* to run with quick, light steps, especially because one is excited or in a hurry
177. tw___h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
178. commit a crime del_____ely *adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner
179. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
180. share my in_____ts *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
181. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
182. left ve_____le *n.* a chamber or cavity within an organ or structure, particularly the lower chamber of the heart that pumps blood to the lungs and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 173. creature, 174. cable, 175. windy, 176. scamper, 177. twitch, 178. deliberately, 179. capture, 180. insight, 181. balance, 182. ventricle

183. a profound in_____t *n.* the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like
184. int_____ng concept *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
185. unintended con_____ces *n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
186. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
187. ey____d twitch *n.* a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye
188. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
189. fall si_____ys *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
190. bi_____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
191. enter the mi_____ry *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

ANSWERS: 183. insight, 184. intriguing, 185. consequence, 186. sect, 187. eyelid, 188. degree, 189. sideways, 190. bizarre, 191. ministry

192. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
193. for spe_____lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
194. la__r printer *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
195. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
196. dr__t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
197. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
198. dr___y posture *adj.* bending or hanging down, especially from exhaustion or weakness
199. details of his pr_____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
200. sk__e park *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces

ANSWERS: 192. spot, 193. specifically, 194. laser, 195. attract, 196. drift, 197. hop, 198. droopy, 199. proposal, 200. skate

201. photo in gl_____us color *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor
202. this shift occurs spo_____sly *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
203. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
204. words of co_____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
205. theory of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
206. st_____ng migration *n.* a bird with dark and iridescent feathers, often found in large flocks
207. sin_____al dysfunction *adj.* relating to or affecting both the sinuses and the atria of the heart, specifically referring to the sinoatrial node, the natural pacemaker of the heart
208. nuclear ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
209. 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
210. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
211. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 201. glorious, 202. spontaneously, 203. convinced, 204. comfort, 205. universe, 206. starling, 207. sinoatrial, 208. physics, 209. mechanism, 210. amazing, 211. analyze

212. gr____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
213. expansion of the un____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
214. br____h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
215. app____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
216. co____m to standards *v.* to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group
217. establish his ki____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
218. syn____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
219. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
220. silk ri____n *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
221. score an ad____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 212. graduate, 213. universe, 214. breath, 215. apparently, 216. conform, 217. kingdom, 218. synchronize, 219. spot, 220. ribbon, 221. advantage

222. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
223. make dr_____ic changes *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
224. pe_____ne migration *n.* a type of falcon known for its swift flight and ability to cover great distances during its migratory journeys
225. central th__e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
226. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
227. have a fa___y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
228. wo___e a few steps *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
229. neutral hydrogen a__ms *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
230. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
231. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
232. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
233. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time

ANSWERS: 222. architect, 223. dramatic, 224. peregrine, 225. theme, 226. flash, 227. fairly, 228. wobble, 229. atom, 230. random, 231. ignore, 232. probable, 233. constant

234. ap_____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
235. un_____le weather *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
236. first-person na_____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
237. a cr_____ng-keeper *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
238. increase sl_____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
239. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
240. ba____t lessons *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
241. ma_____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
242. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
243. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
244. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
245. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
246. ig____e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 234. applaud, 235. unstable, 236. narrator, 237. crossing, 238. slightly, 239. unexpected, 240. ballet, 241. mangrove, 242. normally, 243. pervasive, 244. analyze, 245. applaud, 246. ignore

247. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
248. political pe____um *n.* a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism
249. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
250. cr____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
251. co____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
252. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
253. en____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
254. be___n of hope *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
255. hide his pr__e *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
256. co_____te closely in various ways *v.* to work together with one or more people or organizations to achieve a goal
257. spo_____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

ANSWERS: 247. stretch, 248. pendulum, 249. advertise, 250. crucial, 251. combine, 252. investigation, 253. engineer, 254. beacon, 255. pride, 256. cooperate, 257. spontaneous

258. hard to re___n *v.* to think or believe something
259. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
260. a young l__d *n.* a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office
261. re_____ce good behavior *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger
262. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
263. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
264. exploration of co___s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
265. pu__e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
266. a bl__e of grass *n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
267. syn_____us communication *adj.* occurring or operating at the same time or pace; happening simultaneously; coordinated or synchronized
268. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

ANSWERS: 258. reckon, 259. experiment, 260. lord, 261. reinforce, 262. predator, 263. definitely, 264. cosmos, 265. pulse, 266. blade, 267. synchronous, 268. demonstrate

269. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
270. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
271. sc_____r about buying *v.* to run with quick, light steps, especially because one is excited or in a hurry
272. keep the flagpole er__t *v.* to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
273. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
274. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
275. uni_____ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
276. an em_____nt republic *adj.* starting to exist or view, or to become known
277. co__c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
278. da___e a pendant *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
279. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
280. a gl_____us victory *adj.* having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

ANSWERS: 269. mimic, 270. vulnerable, 271. scamper, 272. erect, 273. instance, 274. typical, 275. unintended, 276. emergent, 277. comic, 278. dangle, 279. immediately, 280. glorious

281. the ab__s of time *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
282. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
283. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
284. pu_____d by the question *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
285. 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
286. os_____te back and forth *v.* to swing or move back and forth like a pendulum or a wave; to fluctuate or alternate between two points or states; to hesitate or be indecisive
287. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
288. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
289. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
290. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
291. ad__t a bill *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

ANSWERS: 281. abyss, 282. amazing, 283. rub, 284. puzzled, 285. fishery, 286. oscillate, 287. tip, 288. excite, 289. desire, 290. advantage, 291. adopt

292. dog-loving m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
293. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
294. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
295. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
296. dis_____nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
297. a co__c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
298. st_____ng disclosure *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
299. sp__k the fish *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
300. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
301. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 292. mate, 293. prop, 294. hint, 295. singe, 296. disappoint, 297. comic, 298. stunning, 299. spook, 300. flock, 301. excite

302. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
303. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
304. the il_____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
305. the glow of a fi_____y *n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
306. irregular heart rh_____m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
307. ex_____d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
308. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
309. fr_____cy band *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
310. positive feedback l____p *n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself
311. o_d behavior *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
312. the story is bi_____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
313. o__s of business *n.* the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen

ANSWERS: 302. hop, 303. independence, 304. illusion, 305. firefly, 306. rhythm, 307. extend, 308. narrator, 309. frequency, 310. loop, 311. odd, 312. bizarre, 313. odds

314. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
315. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
316. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
317. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
318. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
319. a benefit co_____t *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
320. ra_____s laughter *adj.* harsh, loud, and disorderly; characterized by rowdy or chaotic behavior; producing an unpleasantly loud and harsh noise
321. a weak pu__e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
322. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
323. su___t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
324. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

ANSWERS: 314. brilliant, 315. navigate, 316. risky, 317. obvious, 318. unintended, 319. concert, 320. raucous, 321. pulse, 322. rhythm, 323. submit, 324. competition

325. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
326. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
327. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
328. a ba___t enthusiast *n.* a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing
329. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
330. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
331. new op_____l glasses *adj.* of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light
332. se_____ve documents *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
333. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
334. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

ANSWERS: 325. fin, 326. frame, 327. individual, 328. ballet, 329. individual, 330. organization, 331. optical, 332. sensitive, 333. stretch, 334. hawk

335. a preliminary inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
336. sp_____le lens *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
337. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
338. optical il_____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
339. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
340. have a co_____t again *n.* a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
341. mentally un_____le *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
342. 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
343. wi__y eloquence *adj.* characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance

ANSWERS: 335. investigation, 336. spectacle, 337. comfort, 338. illusion, 339. communicate, 340. concert, 341. unstable, 342. spirit, 343. windy

344. a be___e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
345. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
346. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
347. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
348. become p__y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
349. in_____te matter *adj.* not having life or spirit; not animate
350. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
351. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
352. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
353. ep_____sy seizure *n.* a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures or convulsions, which can manifest in a variety of ways and be caused by various factors
354. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

ANSWERS: 344. beetle, 345. automatically, 346. forth, 347. movement, 348. prey, 349. inanimate, 350. absolutely, 351. biology, 352. brain, 353. epilepsy, 354. convinced

355. re___n the company as a rival *v.* to think or believe something
356. pe_____um swings *n.* a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism
357. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
358. implanted pa_____er *n.* a small electronic device that is implanted in the chest to regulate the heartbeat of people with certain heart conditions; a person or thing that sets the pace or rhythm for others
359. wo___e chair *v.* to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
360. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
361. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
362. 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
363. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
364. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
365. curious te_____cy *n.* an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic

ANSWERS: 355. reckon, 356. pendulum, 357. attract, 358. pacemaker, 359. wobble, 360. slightly, 361. degree, 362. organ, 363. intelligent, 364. scatter, 365. tendency

366. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
367. 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
368. a wh_____al person *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
369. bo___r the neighbors *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
370. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
371. cho_____ph a stage performance *v.* to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music
372. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
373. inc_____nt speech *adj.* expressed or formulated without clarity or logic; lacking cohesion or connection; disjointed or rambling in speech or writing
374. bo___r with details *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

ANSWERS: 366. forth, 367. democracy, 368. whimsical, 369. bother, 370. suppose, 371. choreograph, 372. typical, 373. incoherent, 374. bother

375. pr_____te a rumor *v.* to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction
376. b__p the horn *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
377. meet req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
378. na_____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
379. sin_____al block *adj.* relating to or affecting both the sinuses and the atria of the heart, specifically referring to the sinoatrial node, the natural pacemaker of the heart
380. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
381. cho_____phy art *n.* the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance
382. co_____e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
383. a prodigious vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
384. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

ANSWERS: 375. propagate, 376. beep, 377. requirement, 378. navigate, 379. sinoatrial, 380. hawk, 381. choreography, 382. combine, 383. vision, 384. singe

385. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
386. school req_____nt *n.* something that is needed or wanted
387. an ab__s of hopelessness *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
388. short video c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
389. pat_____cal liar *adj.* relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy
390. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
391. a rh_____ic stroking *adj.* having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm
392. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
393. pu_____d expression *adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something
394. sa__r fencing *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
395. a spo_____us behavior *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

ANSWERS: 385. competition, 386. requirement, 387. abyss, 388. clip, 389. pathological, 390. tale, 391. rhythmic, 392. clip, 393. puzzled, 394. saber, 395. spontaneous

396. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
397. round of ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
398. sus_____on bridge *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
399. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
400. en____t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
401. pink ri____n campaign *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
402. a mec_____al style of writing *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
403. t__t nerves *adj.* tightly stretched or pulled; tense or firm; concise or succinct, without any unnecessary or excess elements
404. roller sk__e *n.* a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
405. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
406. mo____g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

ANSWERS: 396. biology, 397. applause, 398. suspension, 399. obvious, 400. enlist, 401. ribbon, 402. mechanical, 403. taut, 404. skate, 405. backward, 406. moving

407. a dr____ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
408. 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
409. the ba____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
410. sc____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
411. a digital pl____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
412. wh____al reasons *adj.* unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason
413. recover spo_____sly after five days *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
414. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
415. app____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
416. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 407. dramatic, 408. firm, 409. balance, 410. scatter, 411. platform, 412. whimsical, 413. spontaneously, 414. predator, 415. apparently, 416. magic

417. si_____te a future scenario *v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
418. my_____al intuition *adj.* relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
419. electronic me_____me *n.* a device used by musicians to mark time by means of regularly recurring ticks or sounds at an adjustable tempo
420. st_____ng bird *n.* a bird with dark and iridescent feathers, often found in large flocks
421. ve_____le in the brain *n.* a chamber or cavity within an organ or structure, particularly the lower chamber of the heart that pumps blood to the lungs and other parts of the body
422. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
423. baby with se_____ve skin *adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
424. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
425. re_____ce the military *v.* to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

ANSWERS: 417. simulate, 418. mystical, 419. metronome, 420. starling, 421. ventricle, 422. sect, 423. sensitive, 424. difficulty, 425. reinforce

426. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
427. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
428. ex_____t a bad attitude *v.* to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
429. 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
430. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
431. the big att_____on of the event *n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity
432. mo___g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
433. the influence of mec_____al action *adj.* operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools
434. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
435. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
436. pulse la__r *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

ANSWERS: 426. drift, 427. extend, 428. exhibit, 429. firm, 430. scary, 431. attraction, 432. moving, 433. mechanical, 434. synchronize, 435. millennium, 436. laser

437. os_____te between joy and anger *v.* to swing or move back and forth like a pendulum or a wave; to fluctuate or alternate between two points or states; to hesitate or be indecisive
438. degree in ele_____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
439. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
440. ra_____s crowd *adj.* harsh, loud, and disorderly; characterized by rowdy or chaotic behavior; producing an unpleasantly loud and harsh noise
441. cr_____ng bridge *n.* the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
442. an elevator op_____or *n.* a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations
443. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
444. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
445. go_____us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
446. a go_____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
447. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity

ANSWERS: 437. oscillate, 438. electrical, 439. mangrove, 440. raucous, 441. crossing, 442. operator, 443. adopt, 444. split, 445. gorgeous, 446. gorgeous, 447. electrical

448. origin of the co___s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
449. smoking m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
450. fo___r two kids *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
451. driving di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
452. sc____or studio *n.* an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
453. 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
454. coo____ve savings *adj.* involving doing something jointly or working with others to achieve a common goal
455. fo___r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
456. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy

ANSWERS: 448. cosmos, 449. mate, 450. foster, 451. distance, 452. sculptor, 453. cheat, 454. cooperative, 455. foster, 456. mess

457. pr____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
458. cr____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
459. con_____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
460. b__p out a warning *v.* to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
461. si____te climate change *v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
462. pr__e of a company *n.* a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements

ANSWERS: 457. precise, 458. creature, 459. convincing, 460. beep, 461. simulate, 462. pride

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He deals _____ with his employees.

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

2. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

3. The hospital will _____ the patient as soon as their condition stabilizes.

v. to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy

4. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.

adj. relating to electricity

5. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

6. There was no _____ of a problem.

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

7. 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

8. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

ANSWERS: 1. fairly, 2. narrator, 3. discharge, 4. electrical, 5. beetle, 6. hint, 7. mechanisms, 8. scary

9. The electrical cord _____ combusted.

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

10. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

11. The news of her promotion _____ her.

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

12. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

n. a condition or state that causes problems

13. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

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

14. The earring on her earlobe would _____ as she moved her head.

v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

15. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

16. The _____ party next door kept us awake all night.

adj. harsh, loud, and disorderly; characterized by rowdy or chaotic behavior; producing an unpleasantly loud and harsh noise

ANSWERS: 9. spontaneously, 10. rubbed, 11. excited, 12. difficulty, 13. hopped, 14. dangle, 15. spot, 16. raucous

17. Please don't _____ me while I'm trying to concentrate.

v. to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

18. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

19. He moved his body _____ to the left.

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

20. The older woman's _____ was slow and unsteady.

n. a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion

21. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

22. The court ordered a long-term _____ of business.

n. the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles

23. 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

24. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

ANSWERS: 17. bother, 18. apparently, 19. slightly, 20. gait, 21. unbelievable, 22. suspension, 23. reform, 24. rhythm

25. An abnormality in the _____ node can lead to irregular heart rhythms.
adj. relating to or affecting both the sinuses and the atria of the heart, specifically referring to the sinoatrial node, the natural pacemaker of the heart
26. The military commander drew his _____ and shouted orders to the troops.
n. a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
27. She has been practicing an ice _____ routine for months
n. a type of footwear that has a blade attached to its sole for skating on ice or other hard surfaces; an activity or sport that involves gliding on skates on ice or other hard surfaces
28. What are the _____ that he will survive?
n. the degree or probability that a particular thing will or will not happen
29. These economic activities had disastrous environmental _____.
n. the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual
30. The weather is too _____ for us to go on a boat ride.
adj. characterized by or affected by strong winds; of or relating to the wind; describing a person who talks a lot, often in an exaggerated way or without saying much substance
31. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
32. The _____ burst from the audience.
n. a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together

ANSWERS: 25. sinoatrial, 26. saber, 27. skate, 28. odds, 29. consequences, 30. windy, 31. confused, 32. applause

33. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
34. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
35. The squirrel would _____ up the tree to escape the approaching cat.
v. to run with quick, light steps, especially because one is excited or in a hurry
36. The timer _____ reminding me that the cake was ready to come out of the oven.
v. to make a short, high-pitched sound, typically as a signal or warning
37. 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
38. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
39. The outermost electron shell of an _____ determines its chemical characteristics.
n. the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
40. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.
n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip

ANSWERS: 33. flash, 34. movement, 35. scamper, 36. beeped, 37. split, 38. kingdom, 39. atom, 40. clip

41. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

42. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

43. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

44. 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

45. They saluted in _____ to the captain.

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

46. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

adj. having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

47. He had _____ the dance in this play himself.

v. to compose a sequence of dance steps, often to music

48. The company implemented new security measures to _____ the threat of cyber attacks.

v. to oppose or balance something with equal force or weight; to counteract or compensate for something

ANSWERS: 41. brilliant, 42. typical, 43. intriguing, 44. organ, 45. unison, 46. Intelligent, 47. choreographed, 48. countervail

49. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
n. detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
50. While meditating, he had a _____ experience and felt a sense of unity with the universe.
adj. relating to or characterized by spiritual powers; beyond ordinary understanding
51. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
52. Carbon has an _____ mass of 12.
adj. of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
53. The table _____ a little when I put my drink on it.
v. to move or shake unsteadily from side to side or up and down
54. This artist always packs the _____ halls.
n. a musical performance given in public by one or more players or singers
55. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
56. She took great _____ in her work, always striving for perfection.
n. a feeling of deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements
57. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.
adj. extremely vital or necessary

ANSWERS: 49. instruction, 50. mystical, 51. universe, 52. atomic, 53. wobbled, 54. concert, 55. sect, 56. pride, 57. crucial

58. She felt an instant _____ toward him.

- n.* a sense of like someone, particularly sexually; something that causes individuals to desire to go to a specific area or do a specific activity

59. He has a flair for _____.

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

60. Many people in this city use the _____ railway for transportation.

- n.* a shape like a curve or a circle made by something long and thin, such as a piece of string, that bends round and crosses itself

61. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the _____.

- n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

62. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

- n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

63. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

- v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area

64. She was _____ by the strange behavior of her cat.

- adj.* confused or uncertain because you do not understand something

65. He _____ misleads others.

- adv.* done in an intentional or slow and careful manner

ANSWERS: 58. attraction, 59. mathematics, 60. loop, 61. cosmos, 62. breath, 63. extend, 64. puzzled, 65. deliberately

66. The deep sea is an _____ of mystery and discovery.

n. a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

67. She could not help watching the sad _____.

n. something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

68. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly _____.

v. to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

69. Many employers hire _____ trainees to train as managers.

n. a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree

70. He decided to _____ in the military after graduating from high school.

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

71. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor _____.

n. the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

72. This ad campaign is aimed _____ at young women.

adv. only associated with or meant for one thing

73. The _____ clock was a familiar sight in the old house.

n. a weight hung from a fixed point used to regulate the movement of a clock or other mechanism

ANSWERS: 66. abyss, 67. spectacle, 68. synchronized, 69. graduate, 70. enlist, 71. vision, 72. specifically, 73. pendulum

74. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
- v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
75. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
76. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group
77. Other technology industries _____ similarly explosive growth.
- v. to show something in public for people to enjoy or to provide them with information
78. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.
- v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
79. 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
80. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
81. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
- n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 74. stretch, 75. predator's, 76. combine, 77. exhibit, 78. emits, 79. cheated, 80. engineer, 81. desire

82. The heart's _____ are responsible for pumping blood out to the body.
n. a chamber or cavity within an organ or structure, particularly the lower chamber of the heart that pumps blood to the lungs and other parts of the body
83. The tower proved to be _____ in the high wind.
adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
84. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.
n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
85. 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
86. The workers were able to _____ the tent in just a few minutes.
v. to construct or build something; to cause to rise; (adjective) upright or vertical
87. Our skeleton outline of the _____ met with much opposition.
n. a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
88. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
89. 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

ANSWERS: 82. ventricles, 83. unstable, 84. platform, 85. spirit, 86. erect, 87. proposal, 88. defend, 89. brain

90. The _____ flock created a mesmerizing display in the sky.

n. a bird with dark and iridescent feathers, often found in large flocks

91. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

92. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

94. 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

95. He had a brushy and _____ mustache.

adj. bending or hanging down, especially from exhaustion or weakness

96. Our knowledge helps _____ our clients successfully.

v. to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map

97. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

98. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

ANSWERS: 90. starling, 91. convinced, 92. frequency, 93. probable, 94. cooperate, 95. droopy, 96. navigate, 97. creature, 98. definitely

99. The fan in the room _____ making the airflow more evenly.
- v. to swing or move back and forth like a pendulum or a wave; to fluctuate or alternate between two points or states; to hesitate or be indecisive
100. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
101. 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
102. I strongly _____ the new proposed law that would harm our environment.
- v. to be against or in conflict with something or someone; to resist or to try to prevent something from happening
103. In that country, there is a culture of eating live _____ squid.
- n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
104. Some people with _____ may need to avoid certain activities or sources of electromagnetic interference.
- n. a small electronic device that is implanted in the chest to regulate the heartbeat of people with certain heart conditions; a person or thing that sets the pace or rhythm for others
105. The bankruptcy of that company _____ markets.
- v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

ANSWERS: 99. oscillates, 100. advantages, 101. fins, 102. oppose, 103. firefly, 104. pacemakers, 105. spooked

106. She wore a _____ dress to the party, which everyone admired.
adj. wonderful and attractive
107. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
108. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
109. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
110. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
111. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.
n. the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
112. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
113. The busy road was closed for a few hours for a railway _____.
n. the act of going from one side to the other; a place where roads, railway tracks, or rivers intersect
114. The participation of oil-producing countries in the war caused _____ in the financial markets.
n. a sudden strong feeling of fear that cannot be controlled and prevents reasonable thought and action

ANSWERS: 106. gorgeous, 107. independence, 108. flock, 109. instances, 110. tales, 111. investigation, 112. comfort, 113. crossing, 114. panic

115. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
- n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
116. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
117. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.
- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
118. The speaker's _____ rambling made it difficult for the audience to understand the message.
- adj.* expressed or formulated without clarity or logic; lacking cohesion or connection; disjointed or rambling in speech or writing
119. This system uses submarine _____ to exchange information between continents.
- n.* a set of wires covered by plastic or rubber that carries electricity, phone signals, etc.; a solid thick rope made of twisted hemp or steel wire
120. There is a growing _____ among young people to prioritize experiences over material possessions.
- n.* an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic
121. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.
- adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

ANSWERS: 115. mangrove, 116. degree, 117. pulse, 118. incoherent, 119. cables, 120. tendency, 121. stunning

122. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.

adv. without needing a direct human control

123. The majority of snakes swallow their _____ whole.

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

124. Bright light can cause me to squint and strain my eyes, resulting in twitchy _____.

n. a thin fold of skin that covers and protects the human eye, which helps to keep the eye moist by spreading tears over the surface and prevents foreign objects from entering the eye

125. We should _____ the troops at the front line.

v. to strengthen or support something, especially by adding another material to it; to make emotion, idea, etc. stronger

126. The _____ object was not capable of movement or feeling.

adj. not having life or spirit; not animate

127. The _____ of the machine must follow strict safety protocols.

n. a person who uses and controls machinery or equipment; a mathematical symbol used to perform calculations

128. Extensive areas of _____ plants are usually called marsh.

adj. starting to exist or view, or to become known

129. We appreciate your _____ efforts.

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

ANSWERS: 122. automatically, 123. prey, 124. eyelids, 125. reinforce, 126. inanimate, 127. operator, 128. emergent, 129. cooperative

130. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

131. The content is _____ and informative for me.

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

132. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

133. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

134. I caught a glimpse of a _____ falcon soaring high above the cliffs.

n. a type of falcon known for its swift flight and ability to cover great distances during its migratory journeys

135. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

136. She _____ quietly in response to the question.

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

137. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 130. singed, 131. precise, 132. normally, 133. architect, 134. peregrine, 135. immediately, 136. nodded, 137. distance

138. She couldn't stop her leg from _____ nervously.

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

139. The statement had a _____ impact on house prices.

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

140. 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

141. She tied the _____ around the gift box to make it look pretty.

n. a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

142. I need to find a _____ for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

143. The company holds patents on core components of _____ jet printers.

n. a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

144. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.

adj. not planned or meant

ANSWERS: 138. twitching, 139. dramatic, 140. firm, 141. ribbon, 142. mate, 143. laser, 144. unintended

145. Much of his painting has a _____ quality.

adj. unusual and not severe in a way that might be funny or annoying; determined by chance or impulse or whim rather than by necessity or reason

146. I choose a _____ death rather than a shameful life.

adj. having or deserving great admiration, praise, and honor; having great beauty and splendor

147. He made a frightful _____ in his room.

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

148. The feudal _____ had ruled the land for many years.

n. a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

149. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

150. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

151. The famous _____ used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

n. an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

152. The _____ architecture in the old city was a sight to behold.

adj. relating to or characteristic of the Normans, a people who originally came from Normandy, France, and who had a significant impact on the history and culture of Britain and other European countries; the term can also refer to a style of architecture or art that developed during the Norman period

ANSWERS: 145. whimsical, 146. glorious, 147. mess, 148. lord, 149. tips, 150. unexpected, 151. sculptor, 152. Norman

153. What is the entry _____ for this course?

n. something that is needed or wanted

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

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

155. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

156. The novel is _____ and tragic.

adj. funny and making you laugh

157. The group of performers perfectly executed the _____ dance routine.

adj. occurring or operating at the same time or pace; happening simultaneously; coordinated or synchronized

158. The lighthouse served as a _____ to guide ships safely into port.

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

159. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

160. He studied the _____ of radiation.

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

161. She glanced _____ at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

adv. towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

ANSWERS: 153. requirement, 154. forth, 155. convincing, 156. comic, 157. synchronous, 158. beacon, 159. amazing, 160. physics, 161. sideways

162. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

163. The composer marked the score with _____ indications to guide the musicians.

n. a device used by musicians to mark time by means of regularly recurring ticks or sounds at an adjustable tempo

164. We have finally lost our last _____.

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

165. 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

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

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

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

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

168. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.

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

169. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 162. Constant, 163. metronome, 164. prop, 165. communicate, 166. shocking, 167. organization, 168. mimic, 169. obvious

170. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

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

171. We gained various _____ by analyzing the vast amount of data owned by the company.

n. the ability to gain an accurate and deep understanding of people or situations; an accurate and deep understanding of what something is like

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

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

173. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

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

174. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

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

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

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

176. The dance performance featured intricate _____.

n. the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

177. A _____ engineer is still in demand in many companies.

adj. operated by a machine, relating to or concerned with machinery or tools

ANSWERS: 170. backward, 171. insights, 172. suppose, 173. analyze, 174. magic, 175. pump, 176. choreography, 177. mechanical

178. The pastor contributed to _____ the sense of a community embracing all classes.

- v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

179. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

180. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.

- adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

181. His grandfather was an ____ man.

- adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

182. The government is eager to _____ international investment.

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

183. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

- adv.* at the beginning; at first

184. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.

- n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

185. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.

- n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

ANSWERS: 178. fostering, 179. vulnerable, 180. pervasive, 181. odd, 182. attract, 183. initially, 184. steel, 185. hawk

186. 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

187. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

188. The doctor was concerned that the patient's _____ fear of germs impacted their daily life.

adj. relating to or caused by a physical or mental disease or disorder; extreme or abnormal in a way that is harmful or unhealthy

189. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

190. The flashing lights at the concert triggered her _____ and caused a seizure.

n. a neurological disorder characterized by recurrent seizures or convulsions, which can manifest in a variety of ways and be caused by various factors

191. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

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

192. 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

193. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

ANSWERS: 186. individual, 187. swarm, 188. pathological, 189. demonstrate, 190. epilepsy, 191. competition, 192. fishery, 193. illusion

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

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

195. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

196. Since the second law of thermodynamics is applicable to the universe, the _____ of the universe continues to increase.

n. a scientific concept that is most commonly associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty

197. She is a leading female classical _____ dancer

n. a type of performance dance that tells a dramatic story or expresses an idea with music but no talking or singing

198. The _____ sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

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

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

200. The truth was more _____ than expected.

adj. very strange or unusual

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

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

ANSWERS: 194. random, 195. risky, 196. entropy, 197. ballet, 198. rhythmic, 199. moving, 200. bizarre, 201. theme

202. His _____ showed highly positive results.

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

203. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

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

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

205. She worked very hard not to _____ her boss's expectations.

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

206. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.

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

207. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

208. We want to _____ our company through your media.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 202. experiments, 203. capture, 204. absolutely, 205. disappoint, 206. applaud, 207. spontaneous, 208. advertise, 209. clapped

210. The national assembly has _____ the budget.

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

211. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

212. The teacher is very _____ to children's feelings.

- adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

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

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

214. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.

- n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

215. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.

- v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions

216. 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

217. He _____ that corruption was rampant in the regime.

- v.* to think or believe something

218. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

ANSWERS: 210. adopted, 211. frame, 212. sensitive, 213. balance, 214. witnessing, 215. scattered, 216. biology, 217. reckons, 218. ignored

219. The company is working hard to _____ their brand message to as many people as possible
- v.* to spread or promote something widely, particularly beliefs, ideas, or plants and animals through reproduction
220. Connecting batteries in series increase the _____ of the circuit.
- n.* the difference in the force of an electric current between two points
221. The _____ of the katana itself is still in excellent condition.
- n.* the flat part of a knife, weapon, or machine with a very thin edge used for cutting
222. His _____ ambition caused him to step on others to climb the corporate ladder.
- adj.* concerned primarily with one's profit or pleasure without regard for others; forming or arising from a person's self or interest
223. Please _____ the assignment to me.
- v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
224. The _____ of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.
- n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
225. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
- v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
226. He had painted the wood to _____ stone.
- v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes

ANSWERS: 219. propagate, 220. voltage, 221. blade, 222. selfish, 223. submit, 224. ministry, 225. drifted, 226. simulate

227. _____ 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

228. The _____ illusion made it appear like the building was floating in midair.

adj. of or relating to or light or the ability to see; (noun) the science of light and vision, and to instruments and techniques used in the study and application of light

229. The school requires students to _____ to a strict dress code.

v. to act in accordance with a set of rules, standards, or expectations; to comply with the norms or customs of a particular group

230. Our world is in the third _____.

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

231. The tightrope walker balanced on the _____ wire with grace.

adj. tightly stretched or pulled; tense or firm; concise or succinct, without any unnecessary or excess elements

ANSWERS: 227. Democracy, 228. optical, 229. conform, 230. millennium, 231. taut