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Session 1: Word List

arguably

adv. used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true

synonym : probably, possibly

(1) she is **arguably** the best singer, (2) **arguably** the greatest discovery

He is **arguably** regarded as the finest actor of his generation.

reveal

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

synonym : disclose, unveil, expose

(1) **reveal** secrets, (2) **reveal** a plan

The detective carefully **revealed** the true identity of the murderer.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym : allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or

place

synonym : endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

blackboard

n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

synonym : chalkboard, slate

(1) chalk on a **blackboard**, (2) electronic **blackboard**

The teacher asked me to rub out the **blackboard**.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym : white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

crisis

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

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

hyena

n. a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

synonym : jackal, coyote, wild dog

(1) **hyena** den, (2) spotted **hyena**

The **hyena's** powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

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.

scavenge

v. to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources

synonym: search, scrounge, rummage

(1) **scavenge** for food, (2) **scavenge** for iron scraps

The raccoon **scavenged** through the garbage cans in search of food.

strip

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

synonym: deprive, undress, (noun) ribbon

(1) **strip** a tire off, (2) coast **strip**

The doctor advised him to **strip** down for a check.

carcass

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

synonym: corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

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.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting

synonym : alluring, intriguing, captivating

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

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

aspect

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

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

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

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

camel

n. a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

(1) **camel** hair, (2) ride a **camel**

A **camel** has a hump on its back.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

bellows

n. a device consisting of a bag or chamber with flexible sides that is expanded and contracted to draw in air through a valve and then force it out through a tube; a device used to blow air into a fire to make it burn more intensely

synonym : blower, puffer, blaster

(1) **bellows** pump, (2) blow a **bellows**

The blacksmith's apprentice operated the **bellows** to maintain the forge's heat.

rum

n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor

synonym: liquor, spirits, alcohol

(1) **rum** cocktail, (2) spiced **rum**

The **rum** in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.

expanse

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym: stretch, field, spread

(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**

She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.

sand

n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

synonym: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

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.

hood

n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

synonym: hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the

rain.

alarm

n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger

synonym : notice, warning, panic

(1) give the **alarm**, (2) an **alarm** clock

The **alarm** announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

nightmare

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

synonym : agony, misery, suffering

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

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

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

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

engine

n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

(1) a steam **engine**, (2) an air-cooled **engine**

The policies he announces can be the **engine** of economic growth in the country.

crest

n. a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot

synonym : summit, peak, pinnacle

(1) **crest** length, (2) a large textile **crest**

The surfer rode the **crest** of the wave to the shore.

doll

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

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

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

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

elevator

n. a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors

synonym : lift, hoist

(1) **elevator** ride, (2) modern **elevator**

The hotel's **elevator** was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.

whip

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

synonym : thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

slash

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

synonym : cut, gash

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

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

gallop

v. (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly

synonym : canter, race, bound

(1) **gallop** a horse, (2) **gallop** off at top speed

The horse **galloped** across the field at a fast pace.

uncomfortable

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

synonym : comfortless, discomforting, painful

(1) an **uncomfortable** silence, (2) with an **uncomfortable** face

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

lean

adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

synonym : skinny, slender, (verb) slant

(1) a **lean** horse, (2) **lean** athletic figure

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

chunk

n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something

synonym : block, lump, piece

(1) a **chunk** of money, (2) a tiny **chunk** of meat

The new start-up company carved out a large **chunk** of the market within a year.

destination

n. the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

synonym : location, endpoint, target

(1) travel **destination**, (2) romantic **destinations**

I am excited to reach my **destination** and explore the new city finally.

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?

clumsy

adj. lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
synonym : awkward, ungainly, inept

(1) **clumsy** at sports, (2) **clumsy** attempt

The **clumsy** waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

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.

develop

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

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

relation

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

synonym : association, linkage, connection

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

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

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.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym: welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

statistics

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

(1) **statistics** for cancer, (2) official **statistics**

The **statistics** demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

decide

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

synonym: choose, determine, settle

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

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

inspect

v. to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws

synonym: check, examine, review

(1) **inspect** a plant, (2) **inspect** the enemy's movements

The employee had to wait outside while police **inspected** the building.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym: below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
synonym: landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

crew

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

synonym: team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

pound

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

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

rut

n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action

synonym: groove, track, estrus

(1) falling into a **rut**, (2) boring routine **rut**

The company seems stuck in a **rut** and needs to try something new.

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.

behold

v. to look at and observe with attention

synonym: see, observe, watch

(1) **behold** the sunrise, (2) a joy to **behold**
His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to **behold**.

grade

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

synonym: score, rate, degree

(1) boys in the twelfth **grade**, (2) students at all **grade** levels
Departments may set requirements for a higher **grade** point average.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

adventure

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

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**.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

gum

n. a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth

synonym : mucilage, glue, alveolar arch

(1) bubble **gum**, (2) chewing **gum**

I always like having a pack of **gum** to freshen my breath.

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.

copious

adj. abundant in quantity or number; plentiful; yielding or containing a large amount or volume

synonym : abundant, plentiful, ample

(1) **copious** rainfall, (2) **copious** amounts of data

The author had **copious** notes used as references for the research paper.

saliva

n. the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion

synonym : spit, drool, slobber

(1) dog's **saliva**, (2) dry mouth with little **saliva**

The dentist asked him to spit out the excess **saliva** into the sink.

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.

stable

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

synonym: sturdy, unmoving, durable

(1) in **stable** condition, (2) have a **stable** job
Relations between the two countries have been relatively **stable** due to the summit meeting.

flare

v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

synonym: blaze, ignite, light up

(1) **flare** up into a major crisis, (2) the **flare** of a match
The Sun **flared** and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

seal

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

synonym: enclose, shut, close

(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**
He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**
He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

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.

zebra

n. a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes

synonym : striped horse, wild horse

(1) **zebra** pattern, (2) **zebra** crossing

The **zebra's** distinctive black and white stripes help it blend into its surroundings in the wild.

binocular

n. (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes

synonym : field glasses, opera glasses, spyglasses

(1) **binoculars** for birdwatching, (2) powerful **binoculars**

The stargazing enthusiasts used their high-powered **binoculars** to study the constellations in the night sky.

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**.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym : name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation

This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

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.

eyelash

n. any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

synonym : lash, cilium

(1) **eyelash** brush, (2) not bat an **eyelash**

An **eyelash** curler is a girl's best friend.

secondary

adj. of a lower rank, status, or importance about something else; not primary or central; derived from or caused by another source

synonym : subordinate, ancillary, lesser

(1) **secondary** education, (2) **secondary** sources

The **secondary** camera on my phone takes high-quality photos.

unclear

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

synonym : ambiguous, fuzzy, obscure

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

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

hump

n. a rounded lump or bump, especially on an animal's back

synonym : bump, protuberance, knoll

(1) get the **hump**, (2) spinal **hump**

The camel's **hump** is where it stores fat to survive in the desert.

chemistry

n. the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

(1) professor of **chemistry**, (2) the **chemistry** of soil

He is familiar with **chemistry** and biology.

oxidant

n. a substance that causes oxidation, or the loss of electrons, in another substance; a reactive molecule or compound that can damage cells and tissues by causing oxidative stress

(1) **oxidant** stress, (2) natural **oxidant**

Breathing in large amounts of **oxidants**, like ozone, can harm the respiratory system.

usable

adj. able to be used; fit or ready for use or service

synonym: functional, operational, practical

(1) **usable** technology, (2) **usable** as office space

The device is only **usable** when it is connected to a power source.

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.

squish

v. to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted

synonym: crush, smash, squeeze

(1) **squish** the ellipse, (2) **squish** a tomato

He **squished** the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.

hoof

n. the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

synonym: foot, paw

(1) **hoof** mark, (2) clean **hoof**

The horse's **hoof** was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within

a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

nail

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

synonym : pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

laughter

n. the act or sound of laughing

synonym : laugh, chuckle, giggle

(1) **laughter** all around, (2) bring **laughter**

Some doctor says **laughter** is the best medicine.

fur

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

synonym : hair, coat, pelt

(1) an artificial **fur**, (2) **fur** coat

The **fur** of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

urine

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

synonym : excrement, dung, pee

(1) **urine** composition, (2) blood in the **urine**

They collected a **urine** specimen for urinalysis.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym : rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

attractive

adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

synonym : beautiful, fetching, alluring

(1) **attractive** men, (2) **attractive** opportunity

The growth of the "sharing economy" is **attractive** for tech companies.

hell

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

synonym : inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

defecate

v. to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces

synonym : excrete

(1) cause an impulse to **defecate**, (2) **defecate** out in the open

It is important to clean up after your pet when they **defecate** in public areas.

perimeter

n. the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something

synonym : circumference, boundary, edge

(1) **perimeter** fence, (2) **perimeter** fence

The guard patrolled the **perimeter** of the building.

sonic

adj. connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed

synonym : audio, auditory

(1) at **sonic** speed, (2) **sonic** wave

That company has introduced a new aircraft that can minimize the generation of a **sonic** boom.

rumble

v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound

synonym: roar, growl, grumble

(1) **rumble** an order, (2) **rumble** down the dirt track

The thunder **rumbled** in the distance.

vibrate

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

synonym: oscillate, convulse, jerk

(1) **vibrate** at a regular frequency, (2) **vibrate** with anger

During the flight, the wings of the plane **vibrate**.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

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

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

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

synonym: assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

destroy

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

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence
The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
synonym: buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat
Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

mulch

n. a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation
synonym: compost, ground cover, bedding

(1) **mulch** from the vegetation, (2) organic **mulch**
The landscaper recommended a layer of rubber **mulch** for the children's playground as it provides cushioning and minimizes injuries from falls.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**
After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

bud

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
synonym: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting
The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

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.

swinging

adj. characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle

synonym: lively, vibrant, tripping

(1) **swinging** pendulum, (2) **swinging** motion

The party had a **swinging** atmosphere with live music and dancing.

penis

n. the male sexual organ; a reproductive organ involved in sexual intercourse and urination in males

synonym: phallus, member, organ

(1) human **penis**, (2) **penis** enlargement

The doctor examined the patient's **penis** during the routine check-up.

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.

dip

v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again

synonym: dunk, dive, plunge

(1) **dip** a pen in ink, (2) **dip** a chip in the sauce

Please **dip** up a bucketful of water from the well.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

whack

v. to hit someone or something hard or noisily
synonym: hit, strike, bash

(1) **whack** him with a stick, (2) **whack** up the volume
He **whacked** the ball out of the park with his home run.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
synonym: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge
They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

jasmine

n. a tropical plant of the olive family, cultivated for its fragrant flowers; the flower of this plant, often white or yellow in color, with a sweet scent, often used in perfumes and teas

synonym: flower, bloom, scent

(1) fragrant **jasmine**, (2) **jasmine** tea
The sweet aroma of **jasmine** filled the air in the garden.

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.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym: event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands
She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

horn

n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows;

a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

synonym: cornet, funnel, alarm

(1) a handle of **horn**, (2) **horn** of a vehicle

He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their **horns** with beer.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym: dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

Arabic

n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

(1) **Arabic** cuisine, (2) **Arabic** language

I'm studying **Arabic** calligraphy as part of my art class.

committee

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often

within a larger organization

synonym : panel, board, council

(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member

The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.

lusty

adj. full of strength, vigor, or energy; characterized by robust health or high sexual drive

synonym : passionate, dynamic, vigorous

(1) **lusty** appetite, (2) **lusty** voice

She danced with a **lusty** energy all night long.

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.

sincere

adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful

synonym : earnest, fervent, candid

(1) a **sincere** man, (2) express **sincere** regret

Please accept my **sincere** condolences on your friend's death.

shield

n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves

synonym : guard, protection, safeguard

(1) a heat **shield**, (2) a **shield** for protecting against a bullet

Lead is an effective **shield** against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.

wipe

v. to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

synonym : clean, brush, swab

(1) **Wipe** off dirt, (2) **wipe** with water
Please **wipe** your sweat with this towel.

distinguished

adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

synonym: famous, outstanding, eminent

(1) a **distinguished** ancestry, (2) **distinguished** war services

The new CEO has a **distinguished** career

nostril

n. either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed

synonym: nose hole, nasal passage, naris

(1) bleeding **nostril**, (2) clogged **nostril**

She had a tissue ready to wipe her **nostril** after a sneeze.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

groove

n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm

synonym: rut, channel, furrow

(1) **groove** on the dance floor, (2) get into the **groove**

The band played a smooth **groove** that got everyone dancing.

moisture

n. small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance

synonym: dampness, humidity, wetness

(1) **moisture** level, (2) lot of **moisture**

My hair looks greasy because there is too much **moisture** in the air.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym : almost, nearly, virtually

(1) **practically** constant, (2) **practically** impossible to find a parking spot

The store is **practically** empty.

callous

adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

synonym : cold, heartless, unfeeling

(1) **callous** person, (2) **callous** remark

The supervisor's **callous** behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.

kneel

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

synonym : genuflect, crouch, bend

(1) **kneel** down and worship, (2) **kneel** in protest

The players are **kneeling** during the national anthem.

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.

leather

n. a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

synonym : hide, skin, suede

(1) enameled **leather**, (2) **leather** boots

The **leather** jacket was worn in but still comfortable.

dromedary

n. a type of camel typically found in the Arabian Peninsula, Sahara Desert, and other arid regions, characterized by a single hump on its back

synonym : camel, one-humped camel, Arabian camel

(1) domesticated **dromedary**, (2) wild **dromedary**

I rode on the back of a **dromedary** camel during my desert safari.

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.

oasis

n. a fertile land in a desert or semi-desert environment where there is water and therefore plants and trees and sometimes a village or town

(1) tropical **oasis**, (2) **oasis** farming

The **oasis** supplied water for early farms until the modern age.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym : perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

fry

v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

synonym : cook, roast, bake

(1) **fry** an egg, (2) **fry** over low heat

She devoted herself to **frying** the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

gallon

n. a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

(1) 5- **gallon** square can, (2) ten- **gallon** hat

The imperial **gallon** was standardized legally by the British Empire.

cargo

n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles

synonym : shipment, freight, burden

(1) plenty of **cargo** space, (2) unload the **cargo**

During the war, many **cargo** ships were converted into battleships.

outrun

v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

synonym : outpace, outrank, outdistance

(1) **outrun** competitors, (2) **outrun** the cops

I'll need to **outrun** the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.

rid

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

jet

n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances

synonym : plane, aircraft, flier

(1) private **jet**, (2) commercial **jet**

The **jet** flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.

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.

claim

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

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

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

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

provider

n. a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted

synonym: supplier

(1) an information **provider**, (2) the **provider** of the family

People select Internet **providers** not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

dung

n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

synonym: excrement, droppings, manure

(1) ball of **dung**, (2) **dung** the land

You can see the horse **dung** on the country road.

fuel

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

synonym: energy, power, gas

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

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

angel

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

synonym: messenger, spirit, celestial being

(1) **angel** investors, (2) fallen **angel**

As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy **angel** standing at the foot of her bed.

humming

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

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

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

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

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

repeatedly

adv. again and again; many times

synonym: frequently, over and over, constantly

(1) use cell phone **repeatedly**, (2) **repeatedly** nod

He claims that his legitimate requests were **repeatedly** ignored.

confer

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

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

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

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

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.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

terrific

adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent

synonym: fantastic, great, excellent

(1) absolutely **terrific**, (2) at a **terrific** speed

The view from the top of the mountain was **terrific**, with sweeping vistas of the valley below.

Session 2: Spelling

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|---|---|
| 1. biomass f__l | <i>n.</i> a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy |
| 2. the c__w of a fishing boat | <i>n.</i> a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane |
| 3. run like h__l | <i>n.</i> the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place |
| 4. apex pr____or | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 5. de___e centigrade | <i>n.</i> a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment |
| 6. mo____re level | <i>n.</i> small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance |
| 7. as__ts of social, political, and economic life | <i>n.</i> one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc. |
| 8. fallen an__l | <i>n.</i> a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo |
| 9. fleshly de___e | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something |
| 10. la____y accepted | <i>adv.</i> virtually entirely; to a large degree |

ANSWERS: 1. fuel, 2. crew, 3. hell, 4. predator, 5. degree, 6. moisture, 7. aspect, 8. angel, 9. desire, 10. largely

11. ca____s remark *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
12. cr__t length *n.* a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot
13. ride a ca__l *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
14. ca____s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
15. an artificial f_r *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
16. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
17. a handle of h__n *n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
18. chalk on a bla____rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
19. ca____s person *adj.* insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation

ANSWERS: 11. callous, 12. crest, 13. camel, 14. carcass, 15. fur, 16. obvious, 17. horn, 18. blackboard, 19. callous

20. ex____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
21. in____t a plant *v.* to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws
22. W__e off dirt *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
23. dog's sa____a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
24. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
25. na____te the Pacific *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
26. notable in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
27. wh__k up the volume *v.* to hit someone or something hard or noisily
28. an un____r match *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
29. hy__a den *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

ANSWERS: 20. extreme, 21. inspect, 22. wipe, 23. saliva, 24. develop, 25. navigate, 26. instance, 27. whack, 28. unclear, 29. hyena

30. d_p a pen in ink *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
31. ze__a pattern *n.* a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes
32. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
33. clogged no____l *n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
34. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
35. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
36. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
37. an air-cooled en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
38. an agg____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
39. h__f mark *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
40. de____te out in the open *v.* to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces

ANSWERS: 30. dip, 31. zebra, 32. rid, 33. nostril, 34. backward, 35. sweat, 36. lean, 37. engine, 38. aggressive, 39. hoof, 40. defecate

41. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
42. spiced r_m *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
43. organic mu__h *n.* a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation
44. telescopic vi___n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
45. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
46. se_____ry sources *adj.* of a lower rank, status, or importance about something else; not primary or central; derived from or caused by another source
47. large ex_____es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
48. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
49. a large textile cr__t *n.* a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot

ANSWERS: 41. decide, 42. rum, 43. mulch, 44. vision, 45. bud, 46. secondary, 47. expanse, 48. statistics, 49. crest

50. f_y over low heat *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
51. ou___n the cops *v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit
52. give the al__m *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
53. co_____ee member *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
54. absolutely te____ic *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
55. el____or ride *n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
56. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
57. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
58. 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

ANSWERS: 50. fry, 51. outrun, 52. alarm, 53. committee, 54. terrific, 55. elevator, 56. flood, 57. relation, 58. mate

59. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
60. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
61. kn__l in protest *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
62. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
63. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
64. a sh__d for protecting against a bullet *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
65. bleeding no_____l *n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
66. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
67. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
68. ja_____e tea *n.* a tropical plant of the olive family, cultivated for its fragrant flowers; the flower of this plant, often white or yellow in color, with a sweet scent, often used in perfumes and teas
69. kn__l down and worship *v.* to rest on someone's knee or knees
70. a ch__k of money *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something

ANSWERS: 59. remarkable, 60. environment, 61. kneel, 62. humming, 63. aggressive, 64. shield, 65. nostril, 66. greet, 67. unfortunately, 68. jasmine, 69. kneel, 70. chunk

71. private j_t *n.* a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
72. 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
73. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
74. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
75. ou___n competitors *v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit
76. ey_____h brush *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
77. an al__m clock *n.* a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
78. f_r coat *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
79. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
80. lu__y voice *adj.* full of strength, vigor, or energy; characterized by robust health or high sexual drive

ANSWERS: 71. jet, 72. vision, 73. roll, 74. incredible, 75. outrun, 76. eyelash, 77. alarm, 78. fur, 79. decide, 80. lusty

81. a glad oc____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
82. examine a ca____s *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
83. get the h__p *n.* a rounded lump or bump, especially on an animal's back
84. me____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
85. fragrant ja____e *n.* a tropical plant of the olive family, cultivated for its fragrant flowers; the flower of this plant, often white or yellow in color, with a sweet scent, often used in perfumes and teas
86. ca__l hair *n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions
87. tower of iv__y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
88. bi____ars for birdwatching *n.* (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes

ANSWERS: 81. occasion, 82. carcass, 83. hump, 84. mention, 85. jasmine, 86. camel, 87. ivory, 88. binocular

89. plenty of ca__o space *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
90. h__d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
91. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
92. f_y an egg *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
93. with an unc_____ble face *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
94. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
95. w__e with water *v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid
96. ru___e an order *v.* to make a low, heavy continuous sound
97. in no un_____r terms *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
98. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
99. cl___y at sports *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
100. dis_____hed war services *adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

ANSWERS: 89. cargo, 90. hood, 91. tradition, 92. fry, 93. uncomfortable, 94. destroy, 95. wipe, 96. rumble, 97. unclear, 98. eventually, 99. clumsy, 100. distinguished

101. pi_____nt signs of manipulation *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
102. sw_____ng pendulum *adj.* characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle
103. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
104. domesticated dr_____ry *n.* a type of camel typically found in the Arabian Peninsula, Sahara Desert, and other arid regions, characterized by a single hump on its back
105. w__p egg whites *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
106. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
107. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
108. le_____r boots *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items
109. ur__e composition *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

ANSWERS: 101. pinpoint, 102. swinging, 103. environment, 104. dromedary, 105. whip, 106. roll, 107. nail, 108. leather, 109. urine

110. professor of ch_____ry *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
111. w__p into shape *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
112. la_____er all around *n.* the act or sound of laughing
113. completely fas_____ng to me *adj.* extremely interesting
114. pi_____nt the problem *v.* to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
115. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
116. wh__k him with a stick *v.* to hit someone or something hard or noisily
117. the scope of an inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth
118. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
119. chewing g_m *n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth
120. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

ANSWERS: 110. chemistry, 111. whip, 112. laughter, 113. fascinating, 114. pinpoint, 115. vital, 116. whack, 117. investigation, 118. pound, 119. gum, 120. backward

121. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
122. an unc_____ble silence *adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain
123. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
124. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
125. ar_____ly the greatest discovery *adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
126. as oc_____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
127. a joy to be___d *v.* to look at and observe with attention
128. ox_____t stress *n.* a substance that causes oxidation, or the loss of electrons, in another substance; a reactive molecule or compound that can damage cells and tissues by causing oxidative stress
129. natural ox_____t *n.* a substance that causes oxidation, or the loss of electrons, in another substance; a reactive molecule or compound that can damage cells and tissues by causing oxidative stress
130. cause an impulse to de_____te *v.* to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces

ANSWERS: 121. vital, 122. uncomfortable, 123. consciously, 124. pound, 125. arguably, 126. occasion, 127. behold, 128. oxidant, 129. oxidant, 130. defecate

131. sc__y dream	<i>adj.</i> causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
132. have a ni_____re	<i>n.</i> a very frightening or unpleasant dream
133. ni_____re situation	<i>n.</i> a very frightening or unpleasant dream
134. the fas_____on with classical music	<i>n.</i> the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
135. we__h a cargo	<i>v.</i> to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
136. h__l broke loose	<i>n.</i> the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
137. co_____t level	<i>n.</i> a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
138. vi_____e with anger	<i>v.</i> to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
139. falling into a r_t	<i>n.</i> a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
140. re_____on of inclusion	<i>n.</i> the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
141. ga___p a horse	<i>v.</i> (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly

ANSWERS: 131. scary, 132. nightmare, 133. nightmare, 134. fascination, 135. weigh, 136. hell, 137. comfort, 138. vibrate, 139. rut, 140. relation, 141. gallop

142. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
143. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
144. vast ex_____e *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
145. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
146. un_____le weather *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
147. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
148. ten-ga____n hat *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
149. human pe__s *n.* the male sexual organ; a reproductive organ involved in sexual intercourse and urination in males
150. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
151. mu__h from the vegetation *n.* a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation

ANSWERS: 142. practically, 143. inhabitant, 144. expanse, 145. kingdom, 146. unstable, 147. mention, 148. gallon, 149. penis, 150. weigh, 151. mulch

152. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
153. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
154. d__g the land *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
155. be___d the sunrise *v.* to look at and observe with attention
156. att_____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
157. lot of mo_____re *n.* small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
158. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
159. in_____t the enemy's movements *v.* to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws
160. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
161. enameled le_____r *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items
162. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

ANSWERS: 152. excite, 153. instance, 154. dung, 155. behold, 156. attractive, 157. moisture, 158. greet, 159. inspect, 160. amazing, 161. leather, 162. bud

163. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
164. co___r honor
v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
165. r_m cocktail
n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
166. economic ge_____hy
n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
167. h__n of a vehicle
n. a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it
168. oasis in the de___t
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
169. get into the gr___e
n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
170. a dis_____hed ancestry
adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
171. a steam en___e
n. a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 163. remarkable, 164. confer, 165. rum, 166. geography, 167. horn, 168. desert, 169. groove, 170. distinguished, 171. engine

172. dry mouth with little sa___a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
173. electronic bla_____rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
174. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
175. fl___e up into a major crisis *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
176. the film c___w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
177. Ar___c language *n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
178. ad___t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
179. us___e as office space *adj.* able to be used; fit or ready for use or service
180. a preliminary inv_____ion *n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

ANSWERS: 172. saliva, 173. blackboard, 174. nation, 175. flare, 176. crew, 177. Arabic, 178. adapt, 179. usable, 180. investigation

181. ex____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
182. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
183. re___l secrets *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
184. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
185. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
186. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
187. na_____te through a document *v.* to plan and direct the way that a ship, plane, etc. will travel, often by using a map
188. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
189. a tiny ch__k of meat *n.* a thick and solid mass or piece of something
190. have a st___e job *adj.* firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
191. the fl__e of a match *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

ANSWERS: 181. extreme, 182. flood, 183. reveal, 184. humming, 185. competition, 186. suppose, 187. navigate, 188. essentially, 189. chunk, 190. stable, 191. flare

192. bubble g_m *n.* a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth
193. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
194. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
195. spotted hy__a *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
196. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
197. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
198. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
199. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
200. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
201. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
202. co_____s rainfall *adj.* abundant in quantity or number; plentiful; yielding or containing a large amount or volume

ANSWERS: 192. gum, 193. spin, 194. incredible, 195. hyena, 196. probable, 197. sand, 198. unfortunately, 199. chalk, 200. destroy, 201. probable, 202. copious

203. powerful bi_____ars *n.* (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes
204. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
205. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
206. sq___h a tomato *v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
207. sq___h the ellipse *v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
208. 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
209. not bat an ey_____h *n.* any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
210. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
211. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

ANSWERS: 203. binocular, 204. scary, 205. tradition, 206. squish, 207. squish, 208. mate, 209. eyelash, 210. excite, 211. chalk

219. und_____th the surface of the water
adv. under or below something else
220. att_____ve opportunity
adj. immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
221. c__w a stick of gum
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
222. ad__t fully to the environment
v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
223. pra_____ly constant
adv. almost or nearly
224. the ch_____ry of soil
n. the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
225. so__c wave
adj. connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed
226. Ar___c cuisine
n. the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language
227. ru___e down the dirt track
v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound
228. oa__s farming
n. a fertile land in a desert or semi-desert environment where there is water and therefore plants and trees and sometimes a village or town
229. the ul_____te goal in life
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

ANSWERS: 219. underneath, 220. attractive, 221. chew, 222. adapt, 223. practically, 224. chemistry, 225. sonic, 226. Arabic, 227. rumble, 228. oasis, 229. ultimate

230. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
231. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
232. vi_____e at a regular frequency *v.* to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side
233. lu__y appetite *adj.* full of strength, vigor, or energy; characterized by robust health or high sexual drive
234. rusty n__l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
235. price sl__h *v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
236. re____l a plan *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
237. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
238. 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
239. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

ANSWERS: 230. obvious, 231. underneath, 232. vibrate, 233. lusty, 234. nail, 235. slash, 236. reveal, 237. pile, 238. windy, 239. hint

240. words of co____t *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
241. at a te____ic speed *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
242. s__l a hole *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
243. boys in the twelfth gr__e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
244. na____e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
245. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
246. travel des____on *n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
247. co____s amounts of data *adj.* abundant in quantity or number; plentiful; yielding or containing a large amount or volume
248. gastronomic ad____res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
249. 5-ga____n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

ANSWERS: 240. comfort, 241. terrific, 242. seal, 243. grade, 244. native, 245. doll, 246. destination, 247. copious, 248. adventure, 249. gallon

250. blood in the ur__e *n.* a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate
251. cl___y attempt *adj.* lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome
252. at so__c speed *adj.* connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed
253. endangered bi__n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
254. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
255. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
256. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
257. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
258. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
259. sc_____ge for iron scraps *v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources
260. wild dr_____ry *n.* a type of camel typically found in the Arabian Peninsula, Sahara Desert, and other arid regions, characterized by a single hump on its back

ANSWERS: 250. urine, 251. clumsy, 252. sonic, 253. bison, 254. stream, 255. essentially, 256. territory, 257. creature, 258. statistics, 259. scavenge, 260. dromedary

261. us___e technology	<i>adj.</i> able to be used; fit or ready for use or service
262. h__t of trouble	<i>n.</i> an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
263. students at all gr__e levels	<i>n.</i> a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
264. in st___e condition	<i>adj.</i> firm and steady; not easily moved, disturbed, or changed
265. an__l investors	<i>n.</i> a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo
266. commercial j_t	<i>n.</i> a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
267. sexual pr____ors	<i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
268. su____e beforehand	<i>v.</i> to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
269. act con_____ly	<i>adv.</i> with awareness; in a deliberate manner
270. a fur s__l	<i>v.</i> to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
271. romantic des_____ons	<i>n.</i> the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action
272. artificial cr____re	<i>n.</i> a living being, especially an animal

ANSWERS: 261. usable, 262. hint, 263. grade, 264. stable, 265. angel, 266. jet, 267. predator, 268. suppose, 269. consciously, 270. seal, 271. destination, 272. creature

273. a si____e man *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
274. tropical oa__s *n.* a fertile land in a desert or semi-desert environment where there is water and therefore plants and trees and sometimes a village or town
275. co_____ee meeting *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
276. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
277. an information pr____er *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
278. unload the ca__o *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
279. American bi__n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
280. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
281. rep_____ly nod *adv.* again and again; many times
282. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
283. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 273. sincere, 274. oasis, 275. committee, 276. desire, 277. provider, 278. cargo, 279. bison, 280. desert, 281. repeatedly, 282. kingdom, 283. spin

284. 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
285. bring la____er *n.* the act or sound of laughing
286. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
287. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
288. st__p a tire off *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
289. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
290. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
291. gr___e on the dance floor *n.* a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
292. the pr____er of the family *n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
293. a silk h__d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

ANSWERS: 284. windy, 285. laughter, 286. rid, 287. fuel, 288. strip, 289. stream, 290. chew, 291. groove, 292. provider, 293. hood

304. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
305. spinal h__p *n.* a rounded lump or bump, especially on an animal's back
306. sl__h a person with a knife *v.* to cut with a sharp object using a quick and robust movement
307. coast st__p *v.* to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.
308. clean h__f *n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle
309. iv__y carving *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
310. use cell phone rep_____ly *adv.* again and again; many times
311. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
312. ball of d__g *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

ANSWERS: 304. crisis, 305. hump, 306. slash, 307. strip, 308. hoof, 309. ivory, 310. repeatedly, 311. sand, 312. dung

313. a heat sh___d *n.* a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
314. ga___p off at top speed *v.* (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly
315. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
316. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
317. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
318. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
319. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
320. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
321. express si_____e regret *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
322. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
323. sc_____ge for food *v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources

ANSWERS: 313. shield, 314. gallop, 315. geography, 316. eventually, 317. degree, 318. ultimate, 319. native, 320. inhabitant, 321. sincere, 322. confer, 323. scavenge

324. ad_____re film *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
325. blow a be_____s *n.* a device consisting of a bag or chamber with flexible sides that is expanded and contracted to draw in air through a valve and then force it out through a tube; a device used to blow air into a fire to make it burn more intensely
326. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
327. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
328. pe__s enlargement *n.* the male sexual organ; a reproductive organ involved in sexual intercourse and urination in males
329. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
330. be_____s pump *n.* a device consisting of a bag or chamber with flexible sides that is expanded and contracted to draw in air through a valve and then force it out through a tube; a device used to blow air into a fire to make it burn more intensely
331. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
332. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 324. adventure, 325. bellows, 326. largely, 327. fascination, 328. penis, 329. competition, 330. bellows, 331. sweat, 332. lean

333. d_p a chip in the sauce *v.* to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
334. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
335. sw_____ng motion *adj.* characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle
336. fas_____ng story *adj.* extremely interesting
337. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 333. dip, 334. nation, 335. swinging, 336. fascinating, 337. develop

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The new CEO has a _____ career
adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
2. This region is predominantly _____.
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
3. Lead is an effective _____ against X-rays, gamma rays, and other harmful radiation.
n. a protective covering or structure, especially in the past, that soldiers held in front of their bodies to protect themselves
4. The author had _____ notes used as references for the research paper.
adj. abundant in quantity or number; plentiful; yielding or containing a large amount or volume
5. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.
n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
6. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
7. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.
n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

ANSWERS: 1. distinguished, 2. desert, 3. shield, 4. copious, 5. nail, 6. chew, 7. sand

8. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.
- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
9. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
10. It is important not to undertake tasks with _____ objectives to improve productivity.
- adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
11. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
12. The ____ in the pina colada gave the drink its signature kick.
- n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane or molasses, often aged and typically with a sweet, rich, or spicy flavor
13. My hair looks greasy because there is too much _____ in the air.
- n.* small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
14. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
15. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
- n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

ANSWERS: 8. streams, 9. ultimate, 10. unclear, 11. confer, 12. rum, 13. moisture, 14. filter, 15. floods

16. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

17. The raccoon _____ through the garbage cans in search of food.

v. to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources

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

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

19. He is _____ regarded as the finest actor of his generation.

adv. used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true

20. They collected a _____ specimen for urinalysis.

n. a liquid by-product of metabolism in humans and in many other animals that are released from the body when you urinate

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

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

22. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his _____.

n. a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

23. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

24. As she lay on her deathbed, a bright light appeared, and she saw a holy _____ standing at the foot of her bed.

n. a spiritual being believed to be a messenger of God often depicted as having wings and a halo

ANSWERS: 16. underneath, 17. scavenged, 18. slash, 19. arguably, 20. urine, 21. pounds, 22. adventures, 23. vital, 24. angel

25. The party had a _____ atmosphere with live music and dancing.
adj. characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle
26. The surfer rode the _____ of the wave to the shore.
n. a peak or ridge, especially on a mountain or wave; a decorative tuft or topknot
27. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
28. The device is only _____ when it is connected to a power source.
adj. able to be used; fit or ready for use or service
29. It is important to clean up after your pet when they _____ in public areas.
v. to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces
30. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
31. The company seems stuck in a _____ and needs to try something new.
n. a long track or groove worn into the ground, typically by the repeated passage of wheels or other heavy objects; a fixed, boring or monotonous routine or course of action
32. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
33. The blacksmith's apprentice operated the _____ to maintain the forge's heat.
n. a device consisting of a bag or chamber with flexible sides that is expanded and contracted to draw in air through a valve and then force it out through a tube; a device used to blow air into a fire to make it burn more intensely

ANSWERS: 25. swinging, 26. crest, 27. remarkable, 28. usable, 29. defecate, 30. desire, 31. rut, 32. adapt, 33. bellows

34. She looked over the immense _____ of the sea.

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

36. His abusive words made me _____.

adj. providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

37. 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

38. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

39. She devoted herself to _____ the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

40. I'll need to _____ the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.

v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

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

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

ANSWERS: 34. expanse, 35. obvious, 36. uncomfortable, 37. unstable, 38. amazing, 39. frying, 40. outrun, 41. relations

42. She did well on her _____ exam.

- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

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

- adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

44. He enjoyed hearing the tootles of their _____ with beer.

- n.* a hard, pointed, often curved part that grows on the top of the heads of some animals, such as sheep and cows; a noisemaker or musical instrument that makes a loud noise when you blow through it

45. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

46. The _____ powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

- n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

47. The imperial _____ was standardized legally by the British Empire.

- n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters

48. The news of her promotion _____ her.

- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

49. We have never before conducted a legitimate _____.

- n.* the act or process of thoroughly examining a crime, problem, statement, etc., to uncover the truth

ANSWERS: 42. geography, 43. scary, 44. horns, 45. rolled, 46. hyena's, 47. gallon, 48. excited, 49. investigation

50. Departments may set requirements for a higher _____ point average.
n. a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
51. The detective carefully _____ the true identity of the murderer.
v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
52. I rode on the back of a _____ camel during my desert safari.
n. a type of camel typically found in the Arabian Peninsula, Sahara Desert, and other arid regions, characterized by a single hump on its back
53. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
54. The _____ camera on my phone takes high-quality photos.
adj. of a lower rank, status, or importance about something else; not primary or central; derived from or caused by another source
55. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
56. He claims that his legitimate requests were _____ ignored.
adv. again and again; many times
57. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 50. grade, 51. revealed, 52. dromedary, 53. predator's, 54. secondary, 55. competition, 56. repeatedly, 57. spinning

58. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.
n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
59. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
60. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
61. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
62. That company has introduced a new aircraft that can minimize the generation of a _____ boom.
adj. connected with the nature of sound, sound waves, or the speed
63. 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
64. An _____ curler is a girl's best friend.
n. any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
65. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 58. comfort, 59. kingdom, 60. hell, 61. claim, 62. sonic, 63. mate, 64. eyelash, 65. Lean

66. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
67. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
68. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
69. The camel's _____ is where it stores fat to survive in the desert.
n. a rounded lump or bump, especially on an animal's back
70. The dentist asked him to spit out the excess _____ into the sink.
n. the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
71. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
72. The ad hoc _____ met to discuss the proposal.
n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
73. The ship's _____ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.
n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
74. Some doctor says _____ is the best medicine.
n. the act or sound of laughing

ANSWERS: 66. instances, 67. greeted, 68. backward, 69. hump, 70. saliva, 71. mentioned, 72. committee, 73. crew, 74. laughter

75. The Sun _____ and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.
- v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
76. The teacher asked me to rub out the _____.
- n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
77. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
- n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
78. People select Internet _____ not only in terms of price but also in terms of transmission speed.
- n.* a person or an organization that supplies somebody with something needed or wanted
79. The hotel's _____ was out of order, so we had to take the stairs to our room on the fifth floor.
- n.* a mechanical device used for vertical transportation, typically in multi-story buildings, consisting of a compartmentalized platform that moves between floors
80. The doctor examined the patient's _____ during the routine check-up.
- n.* the male sexual organ; a reproductive organ involved in sexual intercourse and urination in males
81. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

ANSWERS: 75. flared, 76. blackboard, 77. territory, 78. providers, 79. elevator, 80. penis, 81. destroyed

82. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
83. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.
- adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
84. His family is the oldest _____ of the island.
- n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
85. 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
86. The sweet aroma of _____ filled the air in the garden.
- n.* a tropical plant of the olive family, cultivated for its fragrant flowers; the flower of this plant, often white or yellow in color, with a sweet scent, often used in perfumes and teas
87. Breathing in large amounts of _____ like ozone, can harm the respiratory system.
- n.* a substance that causes oxidation, or the loss of electrons, in another substance; a reactive molecule or compound that can damage cells and tissues by causing oxidative stress
88. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 82. crisis, 83. attractive, 84. inhabitant, 85. vision, 86. jasmine, 87. oxidants, 88. incredible

89. The view from the top of the mountain was _____ with sweeping vistas of the valley below.
adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
90. He _____ the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.
v. to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
91. The employee had to wait outside while police _____ the building.
v. to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws
92. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
93. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
94. Please ____ up a bucketful of water from the well.
v. to put something into a liquid for a short time and take it out again
95. The stargazing enthusiasts used their high-powered _____ to study the constellations in the night sky.
n. (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes

ANSWERS: 89. terrific, 90. squished, 91. inspected, 92. aspects, 93. tradition, 94. dip, 95. binoculars

96. 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

97. His angry expression was not a pleasant sight to _____.

v. to look at and observe with attention

98. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

99. 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

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

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

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

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

102. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

103. Life as a waiter was a big _____ for him.

n. a very frightening or unpleasant dream

ANSWERS: 96. degree, 97. behold, 98. Essentially, 99. windy, 100. suppose, 101. develop, 102. native, 103. nightmare

104. The thunder _____ in the distance.

v. to make a low, heavy continuous sound

105. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

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

n. a living being, especially an animal

107. He _____ the ball out of the park with his home run.

v. to hit someone or something hard or noisily

108. During the flight, the wings of the plane _____.

v. to move or cause anything to move fast and in small increments from side to side

109. The doctor advised him to _____ down for a check.

v. to remove the surface from something; (noun) a sizeable narrow piece of something such as paper, metal, cloth, etc., or area of land, sea, etc.

110. The guard patrolled the _____ of the building.

n. the outer boundary of an area or the length of this boundary; the distance around the edge of something

111. The _____ waiter accidentally spilled a tray of drinks on a customer.

adj. lacking in grace or skill; awkward; cumbersome

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 104. rumbled, 105. extreme, 106. creature, 107. whacked, 108. vibrate, 109. strip, 110. perimeter, 111. clumsy, 112. probable

113. I'm studying _____ calligraphy as part of my art class.

- n.* the Semitic language of the Arab people, widely spoken throughout the Middle East and North Africa; of or relating to Arab peoples, culture, or language

114. The horse's _____ was injured and needed to be treated by a veterinarian.

- n.* the horny part of the foot of some mammals, such as horses, deer, and cattle

115. The jockey _____ the horse hard to take first place.

- v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

116. During the war, many _____ ships were converted into battleships.

- n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles

117. A _____ has a hump on its back.

- n.* a cud-chewing mammal used as a draft or saddle animal in desert regions

118. The animal's _____ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

- n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

119. The intricate carvings on the _____ tusk were a work of art.

- n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

120. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

- v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 113. Arabic, 114. hoof, 115. whipped, 116. cargo, 117. camel, 118. carcass, 119. ivory, 120. weighs

121. The new start-up company carved out a large _____ of the market within a year.
n. a thick and solid mass or piece of something
122. The supervisor's _____ behavior towards his employees resulted in high turnover rates.
adj. insensitive and cruel to the suffering of others; having an emotionally hardened or unfeeling attitude; hardened or thickened, especially referring to skin or other tissue that has been subjected to repeated friction or irritation
123. He pulled his waterproof _____ up to protect himself from the rain.
n. a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
124. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.
adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
125. I always like having a pack of _____ to freshen my breath.
n. a soft, sticky substance that is chewed to freshen the breath or to clean the teeth; the flesh that surrounds the teeth in the mouth
126. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
127. The kids used colored _____ to create a mural on the pavement.
n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
128. The horse _____ across the field at a fast pace.
v. (of a horse) to run very quickly so that all four feet come off the ground together; to proceed very quickly

ANSWERS: 121. chunk, 122. callous, 123. hood, 124. aggressive, 125. gum, 126. environment, 127. chalk, 128. galloped

129. I looked at the painting in _____.

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

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

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

131. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

132. The _____ of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

133. You can see the horse _____ on the country road.

n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

134. He _____ the letter with hot wax.

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

135. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

136. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 129. fascination, 130. humming, 131. sweat, 132. fur, 133. dung, 134. sealed, 135. eventually, 136. statistics

137. This radar quickly _____ the position of the enemy.

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

138. The players are _____ during the national anthem.

v. to rest on someone's knee or knees

139. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

140. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

141. He is familiar with _____ and biology.

n. the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions

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

adj. extremely interesting

143. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

144. 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

ANSWERS: 137. pinpoints, 138. kneeling, 139. piles, 140. bison, 141. chemistry, 142. fascinating, 143. unfortunately, 144. navigate

145. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.

v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

146. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

147. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

148. The flower was starting to show its ____ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

n. a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

149. The _____ jacket was worn in but still comfortable.

n. a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

150. There was no _____ of a problem.

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

151. The ____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

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

152. The store is _____ empty.

adv. almost or nearly

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

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

ANSWERS: 145. rid, 146. largely, 147. consciously, 148. bud, 149. leather, 150. hint, 151. fuel, 152. practically, 153. stable

154. The ____ flew over the ocean at high speed, reaching its destination in hours.
n. a type of aircraft that is powered by one or more jet engines and can fly at high speeds, typically over long distances
155. The band played a smooth _____ that got everyone dancing.
n. a long, narrow cut or depression in a hard material or surface; a particular style of popular music characterized by a strong and repetitive rhythm
156. She wore her best dress for the special _____.
n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
157. The _____ announcing an enemy attack went off this morning.
n. a loud noise or an automatic signal that warns people of danger; a device that signals the occurrence of some undesirable event or particular danger
158. The _____ supplied water for early farms until the modern age.
n. a fertile land in a desert or semi-desert environment where there is water and therefore plants and trees and sometimes a village or town
159. She had a tissue ready to wipe her _____ after a sneeze.
n. either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
160. Please accept my _____ condolences on your friend's death.
adj. (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
161. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 154. jet, 155. groove, 156. occasion, 157. alarm, 158. oasis, 159. nostril, 160. sincere, 161. doll

162. The landscaper recommended a layer of rubber _____ for the children's playground as it provides cushioning and minimizes injuries from falls.

- n.* a protective covering, often made of organic materials such as wood chips, straw, or leaves, applied to the soil around plants to suppress weed growth, retain moisture, and provide insulation

163. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

164. I am excited to reach my _____ and explore the new city finally.

- n.* the place to which someone or something is going or being sent; the ultimate purpose or goal of a journey or action

165. She danced with a _____ energy all night long.

- adj.* full of strength, vigor, or energy; characterized by robust health or high sexual drive

166. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

167. The _____ distinctive black and white stripes help it blend into its surroundings in the wild.

- n.* a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes

168. Please _____ your sweat with this towel.

- v.* to clean or dry something by rubbing with a piece of cloth or paper or one's hand and removing dirt, food, or liquid

ANSWERS: 162. mulch, 163. decide, 164. destination, 165. lusty, 166. nation, 167. zebra's, 168. wipe

169. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.

- n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose

ANSWERS: 169. engine