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Session 1: Word List

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

canary

n. a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine

(1) **canary** bird, (2) **canary** yellow

The **canary** in the coal mine was used as an early warning system for miners about dangerous gases.

singe

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

synonym : sear, char, burn

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

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

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym: ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

meadowlark

n. a type of bird found in North America, known for its distinctively beautiful and melodic song

(1) **meadowlark** conservation, (2) **meadowlark** nest

I heard the beautiful song of a **meadowlark** perched on a nearby branch.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

rub

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

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

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

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

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan
I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym : chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym : tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

defect

n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

synonym : fault, blemish, flaw

(1) visual **defects**, (2) **defects** of character

Defects in the design could cause much worse issues.

reproductive

adj. connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

synonym : procreative, generative

(1) **reproductive** ability, (2) during **reproductive** period

This documentary deals with the **reproductive** biology of the buffalo.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

intention

n. something you want to do and are going to do

synonym: purpose, connotation, will

(1) **intention** behind his decision, (2) clear **intention**

Our CEO's **intentions** are always transparent and straightforward.

imbue

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

synonym: infuse, permeate, instill

(1) **imbue** with confidence, (2) **imbue** with meaning

He tried to **imbue** his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym: ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

frame

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

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

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

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

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym: earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym: plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym: despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym: extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

coherent

adj. logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

synonym: logical, consistent, clear

(1) a **coherent** explanation, (2) create a **coherent** system

His writing was well-structured and **coherent**.

extemporaneous

adj. done or spoken without preparation; improvisational; spontaneous; performed or delivered in the moment

synonym: improvised, spontaneous, unplanned

(1) **extemporaneous** storytelling, (2) **extemporaneous** music

The musician's **extemporaneous** performance showcased his impressive improvisational skills on the piano.

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.

dominant

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

synonym: chief, predominant, prevailing

(1) achieve a **dominant** share, (2) **dominant** force

Her company soon won a **dominant** market share.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym: caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

dominate

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

synonym: govern, rule, prevail

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

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

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a

public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

implicit

adj. suggested but not directly expressed

synonym: implied, unstated, hinted

(1) **implicit** bias, (2) give **implicit** consent

The **implicit** meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.

reserve

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

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

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

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

duplicity

n. deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others

synonym: deceit, fraud, trickery

(1) **duplicity** in behavior, (2) **duplicity** in words

The politician's **duplicity** was revealed when he lied about his involvement in the scandal.

security

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

synonym: safety, protection, stock

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

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms,

and security guards.

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**.

commerce

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

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym: comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

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.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

efficient

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

synonym : productive, effective, competent

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

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

exchange

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

synonym : trade, swap, interchange

(1) **exchange** rate, (2) **exchange** a few friendly words

My sister and I frequently **exchange** books, as we love reading.

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym : largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym : contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

adopt

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

synonym : accept, assume, take on

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

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

strategy

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

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

tragedy

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

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

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

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

intent

n. a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

synonym: purpose, aim, goal

(1) the **intent** of a question, (2) **intent** gaze

The designer's **intent** was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.

facto

adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

synonym: actual, real

(1) ex post **facto** approval, (2) a de **facto** government

The new software has become the de **facto** tool for professionals in the field.

president

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

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

bush

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

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

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

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

federal

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

synonym: national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding

The **federal** government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym: go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

agency

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

synonym: organization, bureau, institution

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

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

mercury

n. a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun

synonym: quicksilver, hydrargyrum, Hg

(1) **mercury** poisoning, (2) **Mercury** Plan

The **mercury** in the thermometer had risen to the boiling

point.

toxify

v. to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances

synonym : poison, contaminate, pollute

(1) **toxify** seafood, (2) **toxify** environment

The chemicals from the waste plant have started to **toxify** the nearby river.

downwind

adv. in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry

synonym : downstream, windward, leeward

(1) sweep away **downwind**, (2) move **downwind**

The smoke from the fire was blowing **downwind** towards the nearby town.

coal

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

synonym : ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants

We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

scuttle

v. to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side

synonym : scamper, scurry, flee

(1) **scuttle** out of a room, (2) **scuttle** the treaty

The mice **scuttled** across the kitchen floor in search of food.

explicit

adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt

synonym :

clear, unambiguous, unequivocal

(1) **explicit** content, (2) **explicit** instructions

The movie had an **explicit** sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

brain

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

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

endgame

n. the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition

synonym: outcome, finale, conclusion

(1) **endgame** strategies, (2) chess **endgame**

The athlete's **endgame** was to win an Olympic gold medal before retiring from the sport

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

moving

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

synonym: emotional, poignant, touching

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

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

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.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

architect

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

synonym: creator, designer, planner

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

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

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

paragraph

n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

synonym: section, chapter, indentation

(1) an editorial **paragraph**, (2) first **paragraph**

Article VII, **Paragraph** 2 of the United States Constitution

stipulates a presidential veto.

fountainhead

n. a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well

synonym: source, origin, wellspring

(1) the **fountainhead** in the park, (2) artistic **fountainhead**

The company's founder is considered to be the **fountainhead** of its success.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

lug

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

synonym: carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room

He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym: boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

cradle

n. a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates

synonym: infancy, beginning, origin

(1) from the **cradle** to the grave, (2) **cradle** of civilization

The baby peacefully slept in her **cradle**, surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents
New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

soil *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
synonym: earth, ground, mud
(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**
Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

economical *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious
(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal
It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

equitably *adv.* in a just, fair, and impartial manner; without showing favoritism or bias towards any particular individual or group
synonym: fairly, justly, impartially
(1) **equitably** distributed, (2) **equitably** allocated
The company's HR department emphasized the importance of treating all employees **equitably**.

ecology *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island
Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

elegant *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
synonym: refined, sophisticated, graceful
(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences
She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym : variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

analyze

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

synonym : explore, examine, investigate

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

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

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym : cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

synonym : alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake

This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

Alzheimer

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

synonym : dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

justice

n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

synonym: fairness, equity, impartiality

(1) criminal **justice**, (2) **justice** of Heaven

The judge's ruling was based on the principles of **justice** and fairness.

blind

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

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

uniform

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

synonym: livery, outfit

(1) at a **uniform** temperature, (2) our school **uniform**

This country has a nationally **uniform** culture.

declare

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

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

nit

n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

(1) **nit** in the dog's fur, (2) she is a little **nit**
Careful brushing can remove **nit**.

zone

n. a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

synonym: area, region, territory

(1) time **zone**, (2) **zone** defense

He was reluctant to leave his comfort **zone** and try something new.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

solar

adj. of, from, or relating to the sun

(1) the **solar** system, (2) a **solar** eclipse

Solar panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.

hegemony

n. the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains

synonym: dominance, leadership, supremacy

(1) regional **hegemony**, (2) corporate **hegemony**

For decades, the US has been viewed as having economic and military **hegemony** worldwide.

fossil

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

synonym: relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

- 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
- plain** *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
synonym : basic, straight, bare
(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**
The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.
- sheikh** *n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East
synonym : emir, ruler, leader
(1) **sheikh** authority, (2) oil **sheikh**
The Arab **sheikh** welcomed the dignitaries to his palace for a grand feast.
- ethical** *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
synonym : honorable, moral, virtuous
(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility
The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.
- outperform** *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
synonym : beat, exceed, surpass
(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human brain
They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.
- terrifying** *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
synonym : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events
Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

prospect

n. the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals

synonym: hope, possibility, expectation

(1) **prospect** for gold, (2) job **prospects**

The **prospect** of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym: proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym: disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

phosphorus

n. a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

synonym: P, phosphoric, phosphorous

(1) **phosphorus** element, (2) yellow **phosphorus**

Phosphorus compounds are commonly used to manufacture

fertilizers to promote plant growth.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

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**.

copper

n. a chemical element that is a soft, malleable, and ductile metal with very high thermal and electrical conductivity

(1) **copper** alloy, (2) **copper** belt

He made the old **copper** coins shine.

mass

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

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

eyesight

n. the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

synonym : vision, sight, eyes

(1) impaired **eyesight**, (2) acute **eyesight**

His excellent **eyesight** allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.

steel

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

synonym : iron

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

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

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

bismuth

n. a chemical element with the symbol Bi on the periodic table, known for its crystalline structure and distinctive rainbow-like colors on its surface when oxidized, used in some medications and cosmetics

synonym: Bi, bismite, wismutite

(1) **bismuth** poisoning, (2) **bismuth** alloy

Bismuth oxychloride is commonly used in the manufacture of pearlescent pigments for paints and coatings.

antimony

n. a chemical element with the symbol Sb and atomic number 51, often used in alloys, flame retardants, and medicines

(1) **antimony** compound, (2) **antimony** ore

The laboratory used **antimony** chloride in the production of certain chemicals.

continuously

adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

synonym: constantly, frequently, always

(1) use one thing **continuously**, (2) **continuously** removed

The country's domestic coal consumption has been **continuously** declining for decades.

recyclability

n. the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm

synonym: reusability, sustainability, renewability

(1) **recyclability** rate, (2) low **recyclability** problem
The **recyclability** of electronic devices is a significant challenge due to the complexity of their components.

nylon

n. a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.

(1) **nylon** cloth, (2) **nylon** thread

We supply the military with durable vests made of **nylon**.

polyolefin

n. A type of polymer produced from a simple olefin (also known as an alkene with the general formula C_nH_{2n}) as a monomer

(1) a biodegradable **polyolefin** variant,

(2) **polyolefin-based** product

Manufacturers often choose **polyolefin** resins in automotive components because of their lightweight properties.

thermoplastic

adj. relating to a material that becomes pliable or moldable when heated and solidifies when cooled, thereby allowing it to be reshaped repeatedly

synonym: heat-sensitive, meltable, moldable

(1) **thermoplastic** polymer, (2) **thermoplastic** resin

Due to its flexibility and durability, the **thermoplastic** elastomer is widely used in making phone cases.

liability

n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

synonym: debt, obligation, responsibility

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

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

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

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

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

- gap** *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
synonym : opening, lacuna, spread
(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**
Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.
- ancient** *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete
(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories
They have been living near water since **ancient** times.
- meadow** *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
synonym : pasture, field, lawn
(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**
The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.
- asset** *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
synonym : aid, resource, equity
(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company
A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.
- nest** *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
synonym : roost, perch, burrow
(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves
The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.
- 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.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

nutrient

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

synonym: food, vitamin

(1) **nutrient** medicine, (2) a **nutrient** for hair

They used fast-acting **nutrients** on the flowers in the flower beds.

childhood

n. the state or time of being a child

synonym: youth, infancy, adolescence

(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development

He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the park with his friends.

lumberjack

n. a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees

synonym: forester, woodcutter, logger

(1) hardworking **lumberjack**, (2) skilled **lumberjack**

The experienced **lumberjack** skillfully chopped down the tree with his axe and then cut it into logs.

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

karma

n. a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances

synonym: destiny, fate, providence

(1) bad **karma**, (2) **karma** yoga

Some people believe that if you do good deeds, you will accumulate positive **karma** that will benefit you in the future.

graduate

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

synonym: alumna, alum, grad

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

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

studied

adj. deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

synonym: thoughtful, deliberate, calculated

(1) **studied** analysis, (2) well- **studied** decision

His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with **studied** confidence.

affectionate

adj. showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others

synonym: loving, tender, fond

(1) **affectionate** relationship, (2) **affectionate** kiss

The elderly couple always stayed **affectionate** towards each other throughout their marriage.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

tower

n. a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone

synonym: building, belfry, edifice

(1) a bell **tower**, (2) the **tower** on a cliff

She is a **tower** of strength for our team in trouble.

indoor

adj. located, happened, or used inside a building

(1) an **indoor** pool, (2) designed for **indoor** use

Table tennis is an **indoor** sport.

vertical

adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

synonym: perpendicular, upright, plumb

(1) **vertical** takeoff, (2) **vertical** axis

The ladder leaned against the **vertical** surface of the building.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

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.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something

synonym : purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**
Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

criticism

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

synonym : critique, commentary, review

(1) **criticism** from the public, (2) harsh **criticism**

Constructive **criticism** is always helpful to help improving one's work.

defend

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

synonym : protect, guard, support

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

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

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

proprietor

n. a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

synonym : owner, keeper, possessor

(1) **proprietor** of a business, (2) copyright **proprietor**

The **proprietor** of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.

sponsor

v. to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising

synonym : back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group
Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

tobacco

n. a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine

synonym: smoking, nicotine, cigar

(1) **tobacco** industry, (2) a mild **tobacco**

Tobacco product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

synonym: used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym: calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean

They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

gyre

n. a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents

synonym: spiral, vortex, whirl

(1) **gyre** movement, (2) subtropical **gyre**

The trash caught in the **gyre** in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

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

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

plankton

n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

(1) **plankton** blooms, (2) **plankton** community

Plankton is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

toilet

n. a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture

synonym: bathroom, lavatory, washroom

(1) **toilet** paper, (2) **toilet** seat

She walked to the **toilet** to freshen up before the meeting.

flush

v. to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow

synonym: redden, burn, suffuse

(1) the blood **flush** into my face, (2) **flush** the toilet

The girl **flushed** when a young man whistled as she walked by.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

polymer

n. a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules

(1) **polymer** fiber, (2) biological **polymer**

We are developing plant-derived **polymers** to reduce environmental impact.

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym: section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

poetics

n. the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature

synonym: poetry, verse, literature

(1) intertextual **poetics**, (2) **poetics** of cinema

The poet's use of **poetics** captured the essence of the human condition.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym: task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym: isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,
(2) **sequester** myself from the world
He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

nitrogen

n. a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins

(1) heavy **nitrogen**, (2) **nitrogen** absorption

Nitrogen gas is used to inflate car tires because it does not react with rubber.

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

synonym: extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

accrue

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

synonym: increase, accumulate, amass

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

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

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to

complete it on time.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

replicate

v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

synonym: duplicate, imitate, reproduce

(1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

The experiment was **replicated** several times to ensure accuracy.

criteria

n. (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided

synonym: bars, benchmarks, standards

(1) **criteria** for action, (2) consistency **criteria**

He didn't meet all the **criteria**, but he was hired anyway.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym: program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym: benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

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.

strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

synonym: preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

athlete

n. a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance

synonym: player, contestant, jock

(1) become a professional **athlete**, (2) high school **athletes**
His dream is to become an Olympic **athlete**.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely
You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**
The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

survival

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

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food
He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

context

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

synonym: background, setting, environment

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

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

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.

niche

n. a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it

synonym : role, position, habitat

(1) **niche** market, (2) every **niche** of society

The species occupies a unique **niche** in the ecosystem as a top predator.

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym : conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

lexicon

n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

synonym : glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases

This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

asphalt

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

synonym : tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
synonym: entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
synonym: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

(1) **blame** circumstances for the failure, (2) **blame** the lack of knowledge

We **blamed** our impeded progress on lack of money.

underlying

adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

synonym: fundamental, latent, basic

(1) an **underlying** motive, (2) an **underlying** cause of an accident

The **underlying** principle of every business was identical.

poet

n. a person who writes poetry

synonym: versifier, rhymers, writer

(1) a court **poet**, (2) a **poet** of sorts

She is a talented **poet** who has been recognized for her work.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

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

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

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.

biology

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

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

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

tricky

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

synonym: thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

disgorge

v. to forcefully expel or release something, especially in large amounts; to vomit; to empty or eject the contents of something

synonym: vomit, spew, regurgitate

(1) **disgorge** food, (2) **disgorge** information

The crowded bus **disgorged** passengers at every stop along the route.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

crick

n. sharp pain or stiffness in the neck or back that typically results from a sudden twisting or wrenching movement

synonym: cramp, kink, spasm

(1) stiff **crick**, (2) **crick** in the back

I woke up with a **crick** in my neck from sleeping in an awkward position.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

precondition

n. a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible

synonym: requisite, prerequisite, stipulation

(1) **precondition** agreement, (2) essential **precondition**

A peaceful environment is a **precondition** for meaningful negotiations.

sunlight

n. the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun

synonym: daylight, rays, sunshine

(1) a glare of **sunlight**, (2) in direct **sunlight**

Radiation from **sunlight** has a different wavelength.

artifice

n. a clever or cunning trick or strategy used to deceive or manipulate others; a clever or skillful device or technique, often with an artistic or creative aspect

synonym: trickery, deceit, cunning

(1) ornamental **artifice**, (2) deceptive **artifice**

Modern films often blend **artifice** with reality to create a captivating visual experience.

metabolism

n. the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining

(1) **metabolism** enzyme, (2) hemoglobin **metabolism**

Better sleep leads to increased **metabolism**.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

germ

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

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

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

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

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

magnitude

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

synonym: size, extent, level

(1) a star of the first **magnitude**, (2) the **magnitude** of the disaster

The **magnitude** of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

supple

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

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

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

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

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.

cotton

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

(1) **cotton** cloth, (2) culture of **cotton**

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

cork

n. a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

synonym: stopper, bung, plug

(1) **cork** a bottle, (2) **cork** flooring

She used a **cork** board to display her favorite photographs.

mutation

n. the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences

synonym: metamorphosis, transformation, alteration

(1) **mutation** of DNA, (2) hereditary **mutation**

Radiation often promotes genetic **mutations** in plants and animals.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

immune

adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

synonym : resistant, unsusceptible, unaffected

(1) **immune** from criminal prosecution, (2) the cell of the **immune** system

The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely **immune**.

biodegrade

v. to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi

(1) **biodegrade** by the microorganism, (2) bioplastic designed to **biodegrade**

The company's plastic products are easily **biodegraded** thanks to a unique manufacturing process.

persistent

adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time

synonym : tenacious, steadfast, unrelenting

(1) **persistent** cough, (2) **persistent** data

Despite the setbacks, he remained **persistent** in his pursuit of his dreams.

metal

n. a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes

synonym : alloy, metalloid

(1) **metal** fabrication, (2) precious **metal**

The construction worker used a **metal** saw to cut through the stubborn sheet metal.

textile

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
synonym: cloth, material, fabric

(1) **textile** production, (2) tissue **textiles**

China's **textile** industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

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.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

protocol

n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

synonym: procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

mess

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

synonym: disarray, confusion, predicament

(1) have a whole **mess**, (2) get into a **mess**

He made a frightful **mess** in his room.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

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.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

reuse

v. to use something again or more than once

synonym: reprocess, recycle, rehash

(1) **reuse** the materials, (2) **reuse** existing knowledge

The supermarket encourages shoppers to **reuse** plastic bags.

ford

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

synonym: crossing, traversing, passing

(1) **ford** a river, (2) across a **ford**

The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a **ford** downstream where the water was shallower.

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

polyester

n. a synthetic fabric consisting of polymers typically derived from petroleum, characterized by its durability, wrinkle resistance, and easy-care properties

synonym: synthetic fabric, nylon, rayon

(1) **polyester** fabric, (2) **polyester** blend

The jacket's exterior was made of **polyester**, while the

interior was lined with warm and cozy fleece.

sole

adj. only one of its kind; being the only existing or available one; (noun) the undersurface of a person's foot

synonym: only, lone, solitary

(1) **sole** arbitrator, (2) the **sole** of his shoe

The **sole** purpose of this meeting is to discuss the new budget for the project.

purify

v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

synonym: refine, filter, clarify

(1) **purify** hydrogen gas, (2) **purify** the blood

The equipment is frequently used to **purify** and distribute drinking water.

revitalization

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

synonym: renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

(1) **revitalization** project, (2) **revitalization** of humanity

The **revitalization** of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

equivalent

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

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

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

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

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document;
(finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym : edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

template

n. a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch

synonym : pattern, model, blueprint

(1) **template** file, (2) **template** design

The **template** format provided a useful guide for creating the budget.

balance

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

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

brick

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

synonym : block, tile, paver

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

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

memorandum

n. a written message or communication that serves as a reminder or to convey information or instructions to someone, often used in a business or official context

synonym : memo, note, reminder

(1) **memorandum** of understanding, (2) internal **memorandum**

The boss sent us a **memorandum** outlining the new company policy on remote work.

madam

n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

synonym : lady, ma'am, madame

(1) **madam** speaker, (2) dear **madam**

Madam President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

mutual

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

synonym : shared, common, joint

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

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

assured

adj. confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

synonym : confident, secure, certain

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

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

molecule

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

synonym : particle, element, atom

(1) small **molecules**, (2) **molecule** behavior

The shape of the DNA **molecule** is a double helix.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

intercede

v. to intervene or mediate in a dispute, conflict, or situation on behalf of others; to act as an intermediary or go-between to help or reconcile conflicting parties

synonym : mediate, intervene, arbitrate

(1) **intercede** on behalf of my parent, (2) **intercede** with a plea

I had to **intercede** in the argument between my two friends to help them resolve it.

grid

n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region

synonym : gridiron, battery grid, power system

(1) a **grid** design, (2) a wire **grid**

Grid pattern roads often appear in urban areas.

proposal

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

synonym : offer, suggestion, proposition

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

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

hydrology

n. the scientific study of water, including its properties, distribution, and movement on and beneath the Earth's surface, and its interaction with the environment

synonym : limnology, hydrography, hydrogeology

(1) forest **hydrology**, (2) **hydrology** expert

The study of **hydrology** is important for understanding water resources and management.

biota

n. all living organisms, including plants, animals, and microorganisms, in a particular region or ecosystem

synonym : life, flora, fauna

(1) marine **biota**, (2) soil **biota**

The **biota** of the coral reef includes a diverse range of plant and animal species.

apartment

n. a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

synonym : flat, dwelling, unit

(1) rented **apartment**, (2) furnished **apartment**

I am seeking a spacious **apartment** with a balcony and a parking spot.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

integrate

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

synonym : mix, merge, combine

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

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

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym : shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

mobility

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

synonym: flexibility, maneuverability

(1) lack in **mobility**, (2) improve social **mobility**

I have limited **mobility** in my arms.

feces

n. waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

synonym: poop, stool, excrement

(1) **feces** sample, (2) human **feces**

Proper disposal of **feces** is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

treatment

n. the way in which someone deals with or behaves towards someone or something; medical care provided to a patient for an injury or illness.

synonym: remedy, antidote, medicine

(1) first-aid **treatment**, (2) **treatment** by diet

The primary purpose of the **treatment** is pain relief.

fertilizer

n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

synonym: manure

(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**

Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of **fertilizers**.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

wetland

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

synonym : bog, marsh, swamp

(1) **wetland** conservation, (2) **wetland** ecosystem

The **wetland** area was home to many different species of birds.

habitat

n. the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs

synonym : dwelling, environment, home ground

(1) a marine **habitat**, (2) threatened **habitat**

The **habitat** of this bird is freshwater areas and saltwater marshes.

restoration

n. the act or process of restoring or returning something to its original or former state; a renewal or revitalization of something that has been damaged or lost

synonym : renewal, revitalization, refurbishment

(1) teeth **restoration**, (2) ecological **restoration**

The **restoration** of the historic building took years, but the result was worth it.

compost

n. a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

synonym : fertilizer, humus, manure

(1) organic **compost**, (2) **compost** pile

You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your **compost** to improve the pH balance.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol
The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

restore

v. to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position

synonym: fix, mend, reestablish

(1) **restore** order, (2) **restore** the emperor to the throne
The military regime has promised to **restore** democracy as soon as possible.

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**.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

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

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

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach
I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

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. a biodegradable pol_____in variant | <i>n.</i> A type of polymer produced from a simple olefin (also known as an alkene with the general formula C_nH_{2n}) as a monomer |
| 3. a hand-loomed fa___c | <i>n.</i> cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc. |
| 4. rented ap_____nt | <i>n.</i> a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping |
| 5. nonsynthetic fer_____er | <i>n.</i> a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully |
| 6. acute ey_____ht | <i>n.</i> the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness |
| 7. mo_____r the data carefully | <i>v.</i> to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time |
| 8. st_____d analysis | <i>adj.</i> deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned |
| 9. the first round of the com_____on | <i>n.</i> a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another |

ANSWERS: 1. fuel, 2. polyolefin, 3. fabric, 4. apartment, 5. fertilizer, 6. eyesight, 7. monitor, 8. studied, 9. competition

10. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
11. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
12. the blood fl__h into my face *v.* to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow
13. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
14. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
15. te_____e production *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
16. write el_____t sentences *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
17. bl__e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
18. the ma_____de of the disaster *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
19. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

ANSWERS: 10. distribute, 11. obvious, 12. flush, 13. doll, 14. mass, 15. textile, 16. elegant, 17. blame, 18. magnitude, 19. inherent

20. the _____tic polymer *adj.* relating to a material that becomes pliable or moldable when heated and solidifies when cooled, thereby allowing it to be reshaped repeatedly
21. ma ___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
22. an _____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
23. an instrument of to _____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
24. vice-pr _____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
25. pre _____ion agreement *n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
26. path of des _____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
27. yellow pho _____us *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
28. dedicated env _____ist *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

ANSWERS: 20. thermoplastic, 21. margin, 22. analyze, 23. torture, 24. president, 25. precondition, 26. destruction, 27. phosphorus, 28. environmentalist

29. the modern ol_____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
30. rev_____ion of humanity *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
31. co____r belt *n.* a chemical element that is a soft, malleable, and ductile metal with very high thermal and electrical conductivity
32. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
33. a n__t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
34. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
35. real estate ag____y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
36. in_____de with a plea *v.* to intervene or mediate in a dispute, conflict, or situation on behalf of others; to act as an intermediary or go-between to help or reconcile conflicting parties
37. re_____te the cell *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

ANSWERS: 29. olympiad, 30. revitalization, 31. copper, 32. brain, 33. nest, 34. disappear, 35. agency, 36. intercede, 37. replicate

38. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
39. consistency cr____ia *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
40. bio____de by the microorganism *v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
41. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
42. re____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
43. as____n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
44. the cell of the im____e system *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
45. hardworking lum____ck *n.* a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees
46. dis____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
47. ind____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
48. di____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

ANSWERS: 38. coal, 39. criteria, 40. biodegrade, 41. toxic, 42. reserve, 43. assign, 44. immune, 45. lumberjack, 46. distribute, 47. industrial, 48. diverse

49. an und_____ng motive *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
50. re_____te data *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
51. ex___e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
52. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
53. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
54. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
55. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
56. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
57. get into a m___s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
58. an a___e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
59. Al_____er's risk factors *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

ANSWERS: 49. underlying, 50. replicate, 51. expose, 52. concept, 53. primarily, 54. planet, 55. technique, 56. equivalent, 57. mess, 58. acre, 59. Alzheimer

60. boundless am____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
61. the aftermath of this tr____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
62. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
63. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
64. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
65. first pa____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line
66. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
67. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
68. sh____h authority *n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East

ANSWERS: 60. ambition, 61. tragedy, 62. affair, 63. bush, 64. rub, 65. paragraph, 66. blind, 67. afford, 68. sheikh

69. fe____l funding *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
70. the so__r system *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
71. chess en____e *n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
72. artistic fou____ead *n.* a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well
73. our school un____m *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
74. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
75. in____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
76. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
77. bioplastic designed to bio____de *v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi

ANSWERS: 69. federal, 70. solar, 71. endgame, 72. fountainhead, 73. uniform, 74. ancient, 75. infinite, 76. cycle, 77. biodegrade

78. ac___e to the general treasury *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
79. aff_____ate kiss *adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
80. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
81. give im_____it consent *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
82. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
83. ca___n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
84. de___t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
85. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
86. di_____l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
87. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
88. da_____se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

ANSWERS: 78. accrue, 79. affectionate, 80. climate, 81. implicit, 82. destroy, 83. carbon, 84. depart, 85. zone, 86. distill, 87. intelligence, 88. database

89. as____t pavement *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
90. st____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
91. she is a little n_t *n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person
92. at a un____m temperature *adj.* always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification
93. a breach of pr____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
94. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
95. skilled lum____ck *n.* a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees

ANSWERS: 89. asphalt, 90. steward, 91. nit, 92. uniform, 93. privilege, 94. germ, 95. lumberjack

96. pri_____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
97. intertextual po_____s *n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
98. co_____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
99. re_____e order *v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
100. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
101. an_____ny ore *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Sb and atomic number 51, often used in alloys, flame retardants, and medicines
102. f__d a river *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
103. a bell to__r *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
104. re_____e the emperor to the throne *v.* to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
105. an editorial pa_____ph *n.* a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

ANSWERS: 96. primordial, 97. poetics, 98. compete, 99. restore, 100. construct, 101. antimony, 102. ford, 103. tower, 104. restore, 105. paragraph

115. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
116. an___e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
117. the ch____ry of soil *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
118. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
119. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
120. nu_____nt medicine *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
121. as_____t driveway *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
122. pu___y the blood *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
123. 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

ANSWERS: 115. modern, 116. analyze, 117. chemistry, 118. gulf, 119. environment, 120. nutrient, 121. asphalt, 122. purify, 123. develop

124. a mo__r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
125. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
126. el____t design *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
127. de____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
128. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
129. details of his pr____al *n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
130. historical co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
131. sp____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
132. use one thing con____sly *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
133. stiff cr__k *n.* sharp pain or stiffness in the neck or back that typically results from a sudden twisting or wrenching movement
134. ju____e of Heaven *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due

ANSWERS: 124. motor, 125. delight, 126. elegant, 127. declare, 128. context, 129. proposal, 130. context, 131. sponsor, 132. continuously, 133. crick, 134. justice

135. fl__h the toilet *v.* to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow
136. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
137. ca___y bird *n.* a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine
138. Greek-English le____n *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
139. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
140. biological po____r *n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules
141. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
142. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
143. low rec_____ity problem *n.* the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm

ANSWERS: 135. flush, 136. doe, 137. canary, 138. lexicon, 139. define, 140. polymer, 141. assignment, 142. germ, 143. recyclability

144. di____ge food *v.* to forcefully expel or release something, especially in large amounts; to vomit; to empty or eject the contents of something
145. 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
146. in____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
147. since ch____od *n.* the state or time of being a child
148. in____te both businesses *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
149. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
150. deceptive ar____ce *n.* a clever or cunning trick or strategy used to deceive or manipulate others; a clever or skillful device or technique, often with an artistic or creative aspect
151. te____te file *n.* a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
152. mu___l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
153. l_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

ANSWERS: 144. disgorge, 145. native, 146. infinite, 147. childhood, 148. integrate, 149. singe, 150. artifice, 151. template, 152. mutual, 153. lug

154. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
155. ext_____ous storytelling *adj.* done or spoken without preparation; improvisational; spontaneous; performed or delivered in the moment
156. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
157. du_____ty in words *n.* deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others
158. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
159. pr_____ct for gold *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
160. a so__r eclipse *adj.* of, from, or relating to the sun
161. fe__s sample *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
162. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
163. a tr___y recipe to follow *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

ANSWERS: 154. fundamental, 155. extemporaneous, 156. inhabit, 157. duplicity, 158. dominate, 159. prospect, 160. solar, 161. feces, 162. discovery, 163. tricky

164. job pr____cts *n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
165. to____y environment *v.* to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances
166. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
167. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
168. share of a mu____l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
169. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
170. se____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
171. po____er fabric *n.* a synthetic fabric consisting of polymers typically derived from petroleum, characterized by its durability, wrinkle resistance, and easy-care properties
172. li____ty for military service *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
173. an as____d position *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

ANSWERS: 164. prospect, 165. toxify, 166. label, 167. modern, 168. mutual, 169. obvious, 170. sequester, 171. polyester, 172. liability, 173. assured

174. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
175. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
176. bad ka__a *n.* a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances
177. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
178. g__e movement *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
179. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
180. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
181. an und_____ng cause of an accident *adj.* significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly
182. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 174. commerce, 175. primarily, 176. karma, 177. abundance, 178. gyre, 179. security, 180. cycle, 181. underlying, 182. president

183. a star of the first ma_____de *n.* the extent, level, importance, or amount of something
184. nu_____on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
185. human fe__s *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
186. nuclear ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
187. in_____de on behalf of my parent *v.* to intervene or mediate in a dispute, conflict, or situation on behalf of others; to act as an intermediary or go-between to help or reconcile conflicting parties
188. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
189. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
190. eq_____ly distributed *adv.* in a just, fair, and impartial manner; without showing favoritism or bias towards any particular individual or group
191. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
192. improve social mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

ANSWERS: 183. magnitude, 184. nutrition, 185. feces, 186. physics, 187. intercede, 188. release, 189. asset, 190. equitably, 191. disrupt, 192. mobility

193. landscape ar_____ct
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
194. cr_____ve writing
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
195. ext_____ous music
adj. done or spoken without preparation; improvisational; spontaneous; performed or delivered in the moment
196. Me_____y Plan
n. a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
197. mo_____g ceremony
adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
198. ag_____a setting
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
199. sec_____nd car
adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else
200. I__t a ban on alcohol
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
201. pho_____us element
n. a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

ANSWERS: 193. architect, 194. creative, 195. extemporaneous, 196. mercury, 197. moving, 198. agenda, 199. secondhand, 200. lift, 201. phosphorus

202. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
203. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
204. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
205. n_t in the dog's fur *n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person
206. professor of ch_____ry *n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
207. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
208. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
209. cr__k in the back *n.* sharp pain or stiffness in the neck or back that typically results from a sudden twisting or wrenching movement
210. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
211. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 202. biology, 203. crisis, 204. sew, 205. nit, 206. chemistry, 207. sequester, 208. construct, 209. crick, 210. pursue, 211. warn

212. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
213. pu___y hydrogen gas *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
214. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
215. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
216. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
217. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
218. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
219. per_____nt data *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
220. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
221. ca___r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

ANSWERS: 212. corporate, 213. purify, 214. intellect, 215. operate, 216. infrastructure, 217. normally, 218. photograph, 219. persistent, 220. technique, 221. cancer

222. draft a pr____ol
223. an innovative pr____al
224. re____e a prisoner
225. du____ty in behavior
226. cr____e of civilization
227. the lower ch____r
228. clogged fi____r
229. teeth res____on
230. tr____y problem
- n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
- n.* a formal suggestion or offer, sometimes a written one
- v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
- n.* deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others
- n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
- n.* the act or process of restoring or returning something to its original or former state; a renewal or revitalization of something that has been damaged or lost
- adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

ANSWERS: 222. protocol, 223. proposal, 224. release, 225. duplicity, 226. cradle, 227. chamber, 228. filter, 229. restoration, 230. tricky

231. po____r fiber *n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules
232. regional he____ny *n.* the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains
233. forest hy____gy *n.* the scientific study of water, including its properties, distribution, and movement on and beneath the Earth's surface, and its interaction with the environment
234. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
235. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
236. do____nt force *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
237. a peaceful la____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
238. lack of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
239. culture of co____n *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

ANSWERS: 231. polymer, 232. hegemony, 233. hydrology, 234. relative, 235. doe, 236. dominant, 237. landscape, 238. humility, 239. cotton

240. rec_____ity rate *n.* the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm
241. oil sh___h *n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East
242. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
243. per_____nt cough *adj.* continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
244. personal li_____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
245. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
246. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
247. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
248. organic co_____t *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

ANSWERS: 240. recyclability, 241. sheikh, 242. declare, 243. persistent, 244. liberty, 245. destruction, 246. industrious, 247. sew, 248. compost

249. well-st____d decision *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
250. mo____g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
251. mea____rk conservation *n.* a type of bird found in North America, known for its distinctively beautiful and melodic song
252. de____e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
253. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
254. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
255. ef____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
256. a glare of su____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
257. c__k a bottle *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

ANSWERS: 249. studied, 250. moving, 251. meadowlark, 252. debate, 253. lift, 254. plain, 255. efficient, 256. sunlight, 257. cork

258. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
259. ex_____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
260. a wire g__d *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
261. co___n cloth *n.* a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
262. impaired ey_____ht *n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
263. pri_____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
264. clear in_____on *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
265. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
266. a nu_____nt for hair *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

ANSWERS: 258. unfortunate, 259. exchange, 260. grid, 261. cotton, 262. eyesight, 263. primordial, 264. intention, 265. margin, 266. nutrient

267. cr_____ia for action *n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
268. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
269. in_____on behind his decision *n.* something you want to do and are going to do
270. sp_____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
271. cr_____sm from the public *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
272. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
273. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
274. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
275. a mild to_____o *n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine
276. mea_____rk nest *n.* a type of bird found in North America, known for its distinctively beautiful and melodic song
277. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 267. criteria, 268. diverse, 269. intention, 270. sponsor, 271. criticism, 272. dimension, 273. chemical, 274. architect, 275. tobacco, 276. meadowlark, 277. government

278. c__k flooring *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
279. tissue te_____es *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
280. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
281. met_____sm enzyme *n.* the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining
282. in direct su_____ht *n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
283. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
284. lowland me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
285. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
286. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
287. di_____ge information *v.* to forcefully expel or release something, especially in large amounts; to vomit; to empty or eject the contents of something
288. visual de___ts *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone

ANSWERS: 278. cork, 279. textile, 280. silent, 281. metabolism, 282. sunlight, 283. government, 284. meadow, 285. contaminate, 286. balance, 287. disgorge, 288. defect

289. ch____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
290. soil bi__a *n.* all living organisms, including plants, animals, and microorganisms, in a particular region or ecosystem
291. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
292. man____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
293. me____y poisoning *n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun
294. an ab____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
295. ny__n thread *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
296. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
297. te____te design *n.* a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch
298. furnished ap____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

ANSWERS: 289. chapter, 290. biota, 291. drag, 292. manufacture, 293. mercury, 294. abundance, 295. nylon, 296. define, 297. template, 298. apartment

299. pl_____on blooms
n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
300. pho_____ph memories
n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
301. beginning of the ind_____al revolution
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
302. the form of a di_____ue
n. a conversation in a book, play, or film
303. ve_____al axis
adj. upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line
304. l_g a hose
v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
305. ess_____ly correct
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
306. intraspecific com_____on
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
307. con_____sly removed
adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
308. hu_____g bird
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
309. fun_____al education
adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

ANSWERS: 299. plankton, 300. photograph, 301. industrial, 302. dialogue, 303. vertical, 304. lug, 305. essentially, 306. competition, 307. continuously, 308. humming, 309. fundamental

310. br__k wall *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
311. a p__t of sorts *n.* a person who writes poetry
312. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
313. the_____tic resin *adj.* relating to a material that becomes pliable or moldable when heated and solidifies when cooled, thereby allowing it to be reshaped repeatedly
314. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
315. pro_____or of a business *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
316. achieve a do_____nt share *adj.* more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type
317. the fou_____ead in the park *n.* a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well
318. complete no_____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
319. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

ANSWERS: 310. brick, 311. poet, 312. exciting, 313. thermoplastic, 314. frame, 315. proprietor, 316. dominant, 317. fountainhead, 318. normally, 319. pacific

320. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
321. move do_____nd *adv.* in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry
322. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
323. out_____rm the human brain *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
324. mem_____um of understanding *n.* a written message or communication that serves as a reminder or to convey information or instructions to someone, often used in a business or official context
325. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
326. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
327. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
328. to_____o industry *n.* a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine

ANSWERS: 320. debate, 321. downwind, 322. discuss, 323. outperform, 324. memorandum, 325. coal, 326. inherent, 327. architecture, 328. tobacco

329. hy_____gy expert *n.* the scientific study of water, including its properties, distribution, and movement on and beneath the Earth's surface, and its interaction with the environment
330. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
331. ornamental ar_____ce *n.* a clever or cunning trick or strategy used to deceive or manipulate others; a clever or skillful device or technique, often with an artistic or creative aspect
332. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
333. summer ol_____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
334. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
335. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
336. high school at_____es *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
337. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

ANSWERS: 329. hydrology, 330. carbon, 331. artifice, 332. infrastructure, 333. olympiad, 334. defend, 335. fabric, 336. athlete, 337. monitor

338. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
339. ch_____od development *n.* the state or time of being a child
340. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
341. ex_____it instructions *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
342. bio_____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
343. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
344. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
345. gr_____te degree program *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
346. we_____d conservation *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
347. bi_____h alloy *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Bi on the periodic table, known for its crystalline structure and distinctive rainbow-like colors on its surface when oxidized, used in some medications and cosmetics

ANSWERS: 338. gulf, 339. childhood, 340. destroy, 341. explicit, 342. biodiversity, 343. intelligence, 344. transport, 345. graduate, 346. wetland, 347. bismuth

348. honor gr____te *n.* a person who has a first degree from university or college; (verb) to complete the first course of university or college and get a degree
349. li____y as a right *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
350. current af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
351. the hydrogen binds the ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
352. re____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
353. to____y seafood *v.* to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances
354. criminal ju____e *n.* the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
355. bl____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
356. internal mem____um *n.* a written message or communication that serves as a reminder or to convey information or instructions to someone, often used in a business or official context

ANSWERS: 348. graduate, 349. liberty, 350. affair, 351. oxygen, 352. recover, 353. toxify, 354. justice, 355. blanket, 356. memorandum

357. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
358. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
359. every ni__e of society *n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it
360. me__l fabrication *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes
361. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
362. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
363. ni_____en absorption *n.* a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins
364. aff_____ate relationship *adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
365. a fo__l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

ANSWERS: 357. secondhand, 358. toxic, 359. niche, 360. metal, 361. dialogue, 362. equivalent, 363. nitrogen, 364. affectionate, 365. fossil

366. copyright pro_____or *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
367. dressed br__k *n.* a rectangular block of baked clay used as a building material
368. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
369. Al_____er's brain *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
370. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
371. the to__r on a cliff *n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
372. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
373. co_____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
374. fe_____l regulations *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
375. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 366. proprietor, 367. brick, 368. torture, 369. Alzheimer, 370. singe, 371. tower, 372. giant, 373. compete, 374. federal, 375. blind

376. burning of fo___l fuels *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
377. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
378. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
379. heavy ni_____en *n.* a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins
380. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
381. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
382. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
383. national se_____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
384. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
385. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

ANSWERS: 376. fossil, 377. label, 378. disappear, 379. nitrogen, 380. relation, 381. relative, 382. drag, 383. security, 384. manufacture, 385. diversity

386. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
387. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
388. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
389. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
390. ni__e market *n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it
391. toxic ch_____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
392. sc_____e the treaty *v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side
393. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
394. co_____t pile *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

ANSWERS: 386. discovery, 387. intent, 388. eliminate, 389. operate, 390. niche, 391. chemical, 392. scuttle, 393. perspective, 394. compost

395. im___e from criminal prosecution *adj.* protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells
396. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
397. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
398. out_____rm other countries *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
399. a marine ha_____t *n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
400. lack in mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
401. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
402. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
403. hemoglobin met_____sm *n.* the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining
404. the ec_____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
405. ka__a yoga *n.* a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances

ANSWERS: 395. immune, 396. dominate, 397. corporate, 398. outperform, 399. habitat, 400. mobility, 401. privilege, 402. recover, 403. metabolism, 404. ecology, 405. karma

406. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way;
(Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
407. threatened ha_____t *n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
408. as_____d confidence *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
409. develop an attitude of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
410. in_____te into the existing system *v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
411. 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
412. mo_____le behavior *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
413. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
414. an unf_____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
415. bi_____h poisoning *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Bi on the periodic table, known for its crystalline structure and distinctive rainbow-like colors on its surface when oxidized, used in some medications and cosmetics

ANSWERS: 406. plain, 407. habitat, 408. assured, 409. humility, 410. integrate, 411. native, 412. molecule, 413. warn, 414. unfortunate, 415. bismuth

416. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
417. employee da_____se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
418. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
419. ca____r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
420. rev_____ion project *n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
421. brutal ty_____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
422. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
423. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
424. an et_____l doctrine *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
425. di_____l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements

ANSWERS: 416. dimension, 417. database, 418. strategy, 419. cancer, 420. revitalization, 421. tyranny, 422. critic, 423. pound, 424. ethical, 425. distill

426. im__e with meaning *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
427. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
428. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
429. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
430. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
431. create a co_____nt system *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
432. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
433. small mo_____les *n.* a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds
434. af____d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
435. have a whole m__s *n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
436. pr_____ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

ANSWERS: 426. imbue, 427. terrifying, 428. economical, 429. biology, 430. asset, 431. coherent, 432. mass, 433. molecule, 434. afford, 435. mess, 436. protocol

437. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
438. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
439. pl_____on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
440. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
441. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
442. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
443. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
444. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
445. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
446. re__e existing knowledge *v.* to use something again or more than once
447. ny__n cloth *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.

ANSWERS: 437. supple, 438. critic, 439. plankton, 440. contaminate, 441. efficient, 442. survival, 443. transport, 444. inhabit, 445. complexity, 446. reuse, 447. nylon

448. a de fa__o government *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
449. sc_____e out of a room *v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side
450. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
451. 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
452. s__e arbitrator *adj.* only one of its kind; being the only existing or available one; (noun) the undersurface of a person's foot
453. an in___r pool *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
454. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
455. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
456. re__e the materials *v.* to use something again or more than once

ANSWERS: 448. facto, 449. scuttle, 450. chain, 451. doll, 452. sole, 453. indoor, 454. economical, 455. intent, 456. reuse

457. eq_____ly allocated *adv.* in a just, fair, and impartial manner; without showing favoritism or bias towards any particular individual or group
458. ty_____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
459. science of ec_____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
460. the s__e of his shoe *adj.* only one of its kind; being the only existing or available one; (noun) the undersurface of a person's foot
461. le_____n of business phrases *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
462. st___e for excellence *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
463. harsh cr_____sm *n.* the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure
464. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
465. co___r alloy *n.* a chemical element that is a soft, malleable, and ductile metal with very high thermal and electrical conductivity

ANSWERS: 457. equitably, 458. tyranny, 459. ecology, 460. sole, 461. lexicon, 462. strive, 463. criticism, 464. giant, 465. copper

466. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
467. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
468. loss of bio_____ity *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
469. subtropical g__e *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
470. si__t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
471. precious me__l *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes
472. ex___e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
473. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
474. a chemical fer_____er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
475. gas fi__r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

ANSWERS: 466. motor, 467. strategy, 468. biodiversity, 469. gyre, 470. silent, 471. metal, 472. expose, 473. relation, 474. fertilizer, 475. filter

476. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
477. intelligence ag___y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
478. as___n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
479. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
480. ca___y yellow *n.* a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine
481. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
482. a court p__t *n.* a person who writes poetry
483. st_____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 476. gap, 477. agency, 478. assign, 479. environment, 480. canary, 481. bush, 482. poet, 483. steward

484. tr_____nt by diet *n.* the way in which someone deals with or behaves towards someone or something; medical care provided to a patient for an injury or illness.
485. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
486. st___e hard to get *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
487. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
488. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
489. an env_____ist political party *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
490. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
491. designed for in___r use *adj.* located, happened, or used inside a building
492. graze in the me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
493. bl__e the lack of knowledge *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
494. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 484. treatment, 485. industrious, 486. strive, 487. chain, 488. coop, 489. environmentalist, 490. zone, 491. indoor, 492. meadow, 493. blame, 494. frame

495. a co_____nt explanation	<i>adj.</i> logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
496. ex_____ng news	<i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement
497. become ess_____ly same	<i>adv.</i> relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
498. ex post fa__o approval	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
499. corporate he_____ny	<i>n.</i> the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains
500. effects of cl_____e change	<i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
501. pol_____in-based product	<i>n.</i> A type of polymer produced from a simple olefin (also known as an alkene with the general formula C_nH_{2n}) as a monomer
502. su_____al food	<i>n.</i> the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
503. su___e muscles	<i>adj.</i> flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
504. di_____s solutions	<i>v.</i> to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
505. com_____ty theory	<i>n.</i> the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 495. coherent, 496. exciting, 497. essentially, 498. facto, 499. hegemony, 500. climate, 501. polyolefin, 502. survival, 503. supple, 504. discuss, 505. complexity

506. mu_____on of DNA *n.* the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences
507. hereditary mu_____on *n.* the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences
508. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
509. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
510. many tr_____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
511. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
512. to____t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
513. pu____e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
514. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
515. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 506. mutation, 507. mutation, 508. fuel, 509. perspective, 510. trillion, 511. soil, 512. toilet, 513. pursue, 514. identify, 515. planet

516. become a professional at_____e *n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
517. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
518. essential pre_____ion *n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
519. en_____e strategies *n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
520. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
521. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
522. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
523. an_____ny compound *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Sb and atomic number 51, often used in alloys, flame retardants, and medicines
524. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 516. athlete, 517. pound, 518. precondition, 519. endgame, 520. commerce, 521. tragedy, 522. steel, 523. antimony, 524. balance

525. di____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
526. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
527. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
528. benefits ac____e to the community *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
529. 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
530. li____ty insurance *n.* a legal or financial responsibility or obligation
531. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
532. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
533. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
534. po____er blend *n.* a synthetic fabric consisting of polymers typically derived from petroleum, characterized by its durability, wrinkle resistance, and easy-care properties

ANSWERS: 525. disrupt, 526. gap, 527. soil, 528. accrue, 529. develop, 530. liability, 531. humming, 532. concept, 533. delight, 534. polyester

545. ma__m speaker *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
546. lack of ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
547. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
548. from the cr___e to the grave *n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
549. de___ts of character *n.* an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
550. to___t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
551. im_____it bias *adj.* suggested but not directly expressed
552. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
553. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
554. im___e with confidence *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
555. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 545. madam, 546. oxygen, 547. defend, 548. cradle, 549. defect, 550. toilet, 551. implicit, 552. ambition, 553. eliminate, 554. imbue, 555. identify

556. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
557. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
558. ecological res_____on *n.* the act or process of restoring or returning something to its original or former state; a renewal or revitalization of something that has been damaged or lost
559. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
560. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
561. ex_____it content *adj.* stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
562. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
563. across a f__d *n.* a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across
564. an introductory ch_____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
565. during rep_____ive period *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

ANSWERS: 556. crisis, 557. assignment, 558. restoration, 559. depart, 560. steel, 561. explicit, 562. diversity, 563. ford, 564. chapter, 565. reproductive

566. sweep away do_____nd *adv.* in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry
567. classic arc_____ure *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
568. shoulder et_____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
569. a g__d design *n.* a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
570. half-a__e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
571. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
572. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
573. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
574. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
575. wa___r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

ANSWERS: 566. downwind, 567. architecture, 568. ethical, 569. grid, 570. acre, 571. brain, 572. blanket, 573. rub, 574. intellect, 575. wander

576. po____s of cinema *n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
577. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
578. we_____d ecosystem *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
579. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
580. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

ANSWERS: 576. poetics, 577. landscape, 578. wetland, 579. terrifying, 580. trillion

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
2. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
3. The _____ lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.
n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
4. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
5. The country's domestic coal consumption has been _____ declining for decades.
adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
6. The _____ meaning behind his words was clear, even though he did not explicitly say it.
adj. suggested but not directly expressed
7. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

ANSWERS: 1. acres, 2. declared, 3. environmentalist, 4. recovering, 5. continuously, 6. implicit, 7. contaminate

8. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
9. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
v. to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
10. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
11. She used a _____ board to display her favorite photographs.
n. a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
12. The politician's _____ was revealed when he lied about his involvement in the scandal.
n. deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others
13. 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
14. 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

ANSWERS: 8. economical, 9. exchange, 10. Gulf, 11. cork, 12. duplicity, 13. doll, 14. humming

15. The judge's ruling was based on the principles of _____ and fairness.
n. the quality of being fair and reasonable and treating people equally according to their due
16. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
17. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
18. _____ pattern roads often appear in urban areas.
n. a pattern of regularly spaced horizontal and vertical lines; a system of high tension cables by which electrical power is distributed throughout a region
19. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
20. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
21. Despite the setbacks, he remained _____ in his pursuit of his dreams.
adj. continuing firmly or obstinately in the course of action despite difficulty or opposition; lasting or enduring without fading or being lost over time
22. The primary purpose of the _____ is pain relief.
n. the way in which someone deals with or behaves towards someone or something; medical care provided to a patient for an injury or illness.

ANSWERS: 15. justice, 16. agenda, 17. assignment, 18. Grid, 19. operate, 20. perspective, 21. persistent, 22. treatment

23. The mice _____ across the kitchen floor in search of food.
- v. to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side
24. The movie had an _____ sex scene that some viewers might find offensive.
- adj. stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt
25. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v. to cease to exist or be visible
26. Each country's officials can access the central _____.
- n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
27. Our CEO's _____ are always transparent and straightforward.
- n. something you want to do and are going to do
28. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.
- v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
29. My mother taught me how to _____.
- v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
30. I had to _____ in the argument between my two friends to help them resolve it.
- v. to intervene or mediate in a dispute, conflict, or situation on behalf of others; to act as an intermediary or go-between to help or reconcile conflicting parties

ANSWERS: 23. scuttled, 24. explicit, 25. disappear, 26. database, 27. intentions, 28. wander, 29. sew, 30. intercede

31. The company's plastic products are easily _____ thanks to a unique manufacturing process.
- v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
32. The boss sent us a _____ outlining the new company policy on remote work.
- n.* a written message or communication that serves as a reminder or to convey information or instructions to someone, often used in a business or official context
33. He cannot _____ a holiday.
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
34. We are developing plant-derived _____ to reduce environmental impact.
- n.* a substance composed of macromolecules (= large groups of atoms) made from many smaller and simpler molecules
35. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
36. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
- n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
37. He studied the _____ of radiation.
- n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
38. _____ gas is used to inflate car tires because it does not react with rubber.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol N and atomic number 7, which is a highly reactive element that forms part of many compounds, including amino acids and proteins

ANSWERS: 31. biodegraded, 32. memorandum, 33. afford, 34. polymers, 35. mass, 36. ambition, 37. physics, 38. Nitrogen

39. They consistently _____ other teams in the league.
v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
40. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
41. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
42. The musician's _____ performance showcased his impressive improvisational skills on the piano.
adj. done or spoken without preparation; improvisational; spontaneous; performed or delivered in the moment
43. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
44. Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of _____.
n. a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
45. The company's founder is considered to be the _____ of its success.
n. a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well
46. The _____ of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.
n. a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

ANSWERS: 39. outperformed, 40. intelligence, 41. complexity, 42. extemporaneous, 43. adopted, 44. fertilizers, 45. fountainhead, 46. proprietor

47. She was _____ of a bright future after graduation.

adj. confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

48. The _____ format provided a useful guide for creating the budget.

n. a pre-designed file or document used as a starting point for a particular application so that the format does not have to be created from scratch

49. The _____ area was home to many different species of birds.

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

50. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

51. 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

52. Her research team made an important _____.

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

53. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

ANSWERS: 47. assured, 48. template, 49. wetland, 50. constructs, 51. develop, 52. discovery, 53. federal

54. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.
v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
55. _____ in the design could cause much worse issues.
n. an imperfection, shortcoming, or lack of something or someone
56. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
57. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
58. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.
n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
59. The athlete's _____ was to win an Olympic gold medal before retiring from the sport
n. the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
60. The company has a strict _____ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.
n. a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

ANSWERS: 54. exposed, 55. Defects, 56. creative, 57. ancient, 58. humility, 59. endgame, 60. protocol

61. A peaceful environment is a _____ for meaningful negotiations.
- n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
62. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
- n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
63. Radiation from _____ has a different wavelength.
- n.* the light emitted by the sun; the rays of the sun
64. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
65. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
66. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
67. He found that it is difficult to _____ socially.
- v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups
68. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 61. precondition, 62. architect, 63. sunlight, 64. manufactured, 65. gap, 66. president, 67. integrate, 68. tragedy

69. The food chain causes a material _____.

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

70. The _____ purpose of this meeting is to discuss the new budget for the project.

adj. only one of its kind; being the only existing or available one; (noun) the undersurface of a person's foot

71. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

72. Table tennis is an _____ sport.

adj. located, happened, or used inside a building

73. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

74. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

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

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

76. The wall was made of hard _____ that had been used for centuries.

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

ANSWERS: 69. cycle, 70. sole, 71. planet, 72. indoor, 73. margin, 74. diversity, 75. asset, 76. bricks

77. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.
- n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
78. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
79. Two-percent interest will _____ on your savings account.
- v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
80. He made a frightful _____ in his room.
- n.* a state of confusion, dirtiness, or untidiness; (verb) to fail to do something or to make something dirty or untidy
81. The baby peacefully slept in her _____ surrounded by stuffed animals and blankets.
- n.* a small bed for an infant, often designed to rock back and forth; a place or region where something begins or originates
82. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.
- v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
83. 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

ANSWERS: 77. steward, 78. disrupt, 79. accrue, 80. mess, 81. cradle, 82. assign, 83. pounds

84. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
- n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
85. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.
- v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
86. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.
- adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
87. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
- v.* to pull or haul with force
88. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.
- n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
89. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
- n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
90. He is familiar with _____ and biology.
- n.* the branch of the natural sciences dealing with the composition of substances and their properties and reactions
91. The _____ in the thermometer had risen to the boiling point.
- n.* a heavy, silvery-white metal that is liquid at room temperature and is used in thermometers, electrical equipment, and other devices; (Mercury) the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun

ANSWERS: 84. fabrics, 85. monitor, 86. primordial, 87. dragged, 88. commerce, 89. biology, 90. chemistry, 91. mercury

92. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
93. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
94. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
95. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.
adv. usually; under normal conditions
96. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
97. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
98. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
99. The _____ principle of every business was identical.
adj. significant as a cause or basis of something but not immediately apparent or stated clearly

ANSWERS: 92. chain, 93. Industrial, 94. Climate, 95. normally, 96. security, 97. relatives, 98. ecology, 99. underlying

100. For decades, the US has been viewed as having economic and military _____ worldwide.
- n.* the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains
101. He made the old _____ coins shine.
- n.* a chemical element that is a soft, malleable, and ductile metal with very high thermal and electrical conductivity
102. The _____ of the historic building took years, but the result was worth it.
- n.* the act or process of restoring or returning something to its original or former state; a renewal or revitalization of something that has been damaged or lost
103. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.
- n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
104. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
- adj.* very frightening or intimidating
105. The experiment was _____ several times to ensure accuracy.
- v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
106. They _____ to make their dream come true.
- v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
107. 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

ANSWERS: 100. hegemony, 101. copper, 102. restoration, 103. delight, 104. terrifying, 105. replicated, 106. strived, 107. environment

108. Her company soon won a _____ market share.

adj. more important, influential, or easy to notice than anything else of the same type

109. The new software has become the de _____ tool for professionals in the field.

adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

110. The price of raw _____ continued to rise.

n. a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing

111. His writing was well-structured and _____.

adj. logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

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

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

113. The equipment is frequently used to _____ and distribute drinking water.

v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

114. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

115. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

adj. without any or little sound

ANSWERS: 108. dominant, 109. facto, 110. cotton, 111. coherent, 112. context, 113. purify, 114. liberty, 115. silent

116. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

117. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

118. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

119. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.

adv. mainly

120. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

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

121. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

122. The _____ of the earthquake was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.

n. the extent, level, importance, or amount of something

123. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.

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

124. _____ product is a leading cause of preventable deaths worldwide.

n. a plant grown for its leaves, which are dried and processed for smoking or chewing or extraction of nicotine

ANSWERS: 116. trillion, 117. discuss, 118. giant, 119. primarily, 120. germ, 121. chapter, 122. magnitude, 123. frame, 124. Tobacco

125. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.
- n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
126. Due to its flexibility and durability, the _____ elastomer is widely used in making phone cases.
- adj.* relating to a material that becomes pliable or moldable when heated and solidifies when cooled, thereby allowing it to be reshaped repeatedly
127. _____ compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
128. Modern films often blend _____ with reality to create a captivating visual experience.
- n.* a clever or cunning trick or strategy used to deceive or manipulate others; a clever or skillful device or technique, often with an artistic or creative aspect
129. The company's HR department emphasized the importance of treating all employees _____.
- adv.* in a just, fair, and impartial manner; without showing favoritism or bias towards any particular individual or group
130. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.
- n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
131. _____ is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.
- n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

ANSWERS: 125. tyranny, 126. thermoplastic, 127. Phosphorus, 128. artifice, 129. equitably, 130. dialogue, 131. Plankton

132. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

133. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

134. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.

n. the state or time of being a child

135. We _____ our impeded progress on lack of money.

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

136. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

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

137. 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

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

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

139. Proper disposal of _____ is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

n. waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

ANSWERS: 132. sequester, 133. strategy, 134. childhood, 135. blamed, 136. reserve, 137. native, 138. rubbed, 139. feces

140. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
- n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
141. The Arab _____ welcomed the dignitaries to his palace for a grand feast.
- n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East
142. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.
- v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
143. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
144. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
- n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
145. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
146. The study of _____ is important for understanding water resources and management.
- n.* the scientific study of water, including its properties, distribution, and movement on and beneath the Earth's surface, and its interaction with the environment

ANSWERS: 140. infrastructure, 141. sheikh, 142. sponsors, 143. photograph, 144. motors, 145. intent, 146. hydrology

147. The river was too deep to cross, so we had to find a _____ downstream where the water was shallower.

n. a shallow place in a river or stream where it is possible to walk or drive across

148. The construction worker used a _____ saw to cut through the stubborn sheet metal.

n. a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes

149. The company is facing a potential _____ of millions of dollars due to the lawsuit.

n. a legal or financial responsibility or obligation

150. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

151. The crowded bus _____ passengers at every stop along the route.

v. to forcefully expel or release something, especially in large amounts; to vomit; to empty or eject the contents of something

152. The jacket's exterior was made of _____ while the interior was lined with warm and cozy fleece.

n. a synthetic fabric consisting of polymers typically derived from petroleum, characterized by its durability, wrinkle resistance, and easy-care properties

153. The female birds build a _____ and lay their eggs in May.

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

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

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

ANSWERS: 147. ford, 148. metal, 149. liability, 150. compete, 151. disgorged, 152. polyester, 153. nest, 154. graduate

155. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

156. I woke up with a _____ in my neck from sleeping in an awkward position.

n. sharp pain or stiffness in the neck or back that typically results from a sudden twisting or wrenching movement

157. Some people believe that if you do good deeds, you will accumulate positive _____ that will benefit you in the future.

n. a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances

158. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

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

159. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

160. Article VII, _____ 2 of the United States Constitution stipulates a presidential veto.

n. a distinct section of a piece of writing intended to separate ideas, usually consisting of at least one sentence and beginning on a new line

161. Hunters use a whistle that makes the ____ sound to lure stags.

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

162. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

ANSWERS: 155. plain, 156. crick, 157. karma, 158. competition, 159. exciting, 160. Paragraph, 161. doe, 162. dimensions

163. _____ oxychloride is commonly used in the manufacture of pearlescent pigments for paints and coatings.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Bi on the periodic table, known for its crystalline structure and distinctive rainbow-like colors on its surface when oxidized, used in some medications and cosmetics
164. He didn't meet all the _____ but he was hired anyway.
- n.* (plural of criterion) standards or conditions by which something may be judged or decided
165. The chemicals from the waste plant have started to _____ the nearby river.
- v.* to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances
166. I am going to trim this _____ off.
- n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
167. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
- v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
168. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.
- n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
169. 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
170. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.
- n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

ANSWERS: 163. Bismuth, 164. criteria, 165. toxify, 166. bush, 167. define, 168. toilet, 169. relations, 170. biodiversity

171. We supply the military with durable vests made of _____.

n. a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.

172. It was the _____ of a dinosaur tooth.

n. any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

173. Radiation often promotes genetic _____ in plants and animals.

n. the way in which genes of a person, plant, animal, or other organism change and produce permanent differences

174. This country has a nationally _____ culture.

adj. always the same; showing a single form or character in all occurrences; (noun) the special set of clothes worn by members of a particular group as a means of identification

175. Constructive _____ is always helpful to help improving one's work.

n. the act of analyzing, evaluating, or judging something, especially literary or artistic work, to find fault with it or to offer suggestions for improvement; the expression of disapproval or censure

176. His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with _____ confidence.

adj. deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

177. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

178. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

n. a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat

ANSWERS: 171. nylon, 172. fossil, 173. mutations, 174. uniform, 175. criticism, 176. studied, 177. Soil, 178. coal

179. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

180. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

181. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

182. The trash caught in the _____ in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.

n. a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents

183. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

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

184. My grandmother has _____ disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

185. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

186. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

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

ANSWERS: 179. blind, 180. pursue, 181. lifted, 182. gyre, 183. brain, 184. Alzheimer's, 185. modern, 186. agency

187. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

188. The vaccination does not necessarily make you completely _____.

adj. protected against a particular disease or toxin due to the presence of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells

189. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

adj. of or relating to a large company

190. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

191. 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

192. The laboratory used _____ chloride in the production of certain chemicals.

n. a chemical element with the symbol Sb and atomic number 51, often used in alloys, flame retardants, and medicines

193. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

194. The _____ of electronic devices is a significant challenge due to the complexity of their components.

n. the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm

ANSWERS: 187. fundamental, 188. immune, 189. corporate, 190. architecture, 191. filter, 192. antimony, 193. coop, 194. recyclability

195. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
196. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
197. I heard the beautiful song of a _____ perched on a nearby branch.
n. a type of bird found in North America, known for its distinctively beautiful and melodic song
198. You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your _____ to improve the pH balance.
n. a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
199. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
200. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
201. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.
n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

ANSWERS: 195. toxic, 196. privilege, 197. meadowlark, 198. compost, 199. cancer, 200. steel, 201. oxygen

202. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.
v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
203. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
204. _____ panels have greatly improved not only in performance but also in durability.
adj. of, from, or relating to the sun
205. The supermarket encourages shoppers to _____ plastic bags.
v. to use something again or more than once
206. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
207. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
208. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.
v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
209. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
210. This documentary deals with the _____ biology of the buffalo.
adj. connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

ANSWERS: 202. distill, 203. supple, 204. Solar, 205. reuse, 206. concept, 207. unfortunate, 208. departed, 209. dominates, 210. reproductive

211. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

212. Better sleep leads to increased _____.

- n.* the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining

213. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

214. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.

- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

215. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

- adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

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

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

217. The species occupies a unique _____ in the ecosystem as a top predator.

- n.* a specialized role or position that a species occupies within an ecosystem; a job or position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it

218. The ladder leaned against the _____ surface of the building.

- adj.* upright or perpendicular to a horizontal surface or line

ANSWERS: 211. transportation, 212. metabolism, 213. identify, 214. warn, 215. pacific, 216. destroyed, 217. niche, 218. vertical

219. The military regime has promised to _____ democracy as soon as possible.
v. to repair or return something or someone to a previous good state or position
220. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
221. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
222. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.
n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
223. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
224. 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
225. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.
adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
226. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
n. the act of causing so much damage to something
227. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
v. to live in a specific location; to reside

ANSWERS: 219. restore, 220. intellect, 221. obvious, 222. nutrients, 223. fuel, 224. crisis, 225. infinite, 226. destruction, 227. inhabit

228. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.

- n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

229. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

- v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

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

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

231. The smoke from the fire was blowing _____ towards the nearby town.

- adv.* in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry

232. His estate was _____ to his sons.

- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

233. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

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

234. The president must have the highest _____ standards.

- adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

235. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.

- n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

ANSWERS: 228. blanket, 229. eliminate, 230. singed, 231. downwind, 232. distributed, 233. debate, 234. ethical, 235. carbon

236. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.

- n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

237. The elderly couple always stayed _____ towards each other throughout their marriage.

- adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others

238. He tried to _____ his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

- v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

239. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

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

240. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

- n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

241. The _____ in the coal mine was used as an early warning system for miners about dangerous gases.

- n.* a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine

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

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 236. affair, 237. affectionate, 238. imbue, 239. equivalent, 240. zone, 241. canary, 242. moving, 243. defend

244. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

245. He had to ____ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

246. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

247. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

248. She won a gold medal in the physics _____ and was praised by her teachers and peers.

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

249. Careful brushing can remove ____.

n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

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

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

251. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

ANSWERS: 244. diverse, 245. lug, 246. torture, 247. technique, 248. olympiad, 249. nit, 250. proposal, 251. chemical

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

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

253. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

254. China's _____ industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

255. The shape of the DNA _____ is a double helix.

n. a group of two or more atoms held together by attractive forces known as chemical bonds

256. This bilingual _____ was essential for his language improvement.

n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

257. The _____ of the coral reef includes a diverse range of plant and animal species.

n. all living organisms, including plants, animals, and microorganisms, in a particular region or ecosystem

258. I have limited _____ in my arms.

n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another

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

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

ANSWERS: 252. efficient, 253. abundance, 254. textile, 255. molecule, 256. lexicon, 257. biota, 258. mobility, 259. balance

260. The road crew was laying fresh _____ on the highway.
n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
261. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
262. The _____ of this bird is freshwater areas and saltwater marshes.
n. the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
263. We have discussed the entirety of this _____ problem.
adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
264. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
265. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
266. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
267. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.
adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

ANSWERS: 260. asphalt, 261. Essentially, 262. habitat, 263. tricky, 264. survival, 265. release, 266. landscape, 267. elegant

268. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
269. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.
adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
270. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
271. The experienced _____ skillfully chopped down the tree with his axe and then cut it into logs.
n. a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees
272. _____ President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?
n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
273. His excellent _____ allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.
n. the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness
274. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
275. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
276. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.
adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

ANSWERS: 268. government, 269. inherent, 270. industrious, 271. lumberjack, 272. Madam, 273. eyesight, 274. analyze, 275. meadow, 276. mutual

277. Manufacturers often choose _____ resins in automotive components because of their lightweight properties.
- n.* A type of polymer produced from a simple olefin (also known as an alkene with the general formula C_nH_{2n}) as a monomer
278. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
- n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
279. I am seeking a spacious _____ with a balcony and a parking spot.
- n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
280. She is a _____ of strength for our team in trouble.
- n.* a structure that is exceptionally high in proportion to its width and either forms part of a building or stands alone
281. He was excited to find a vintage suit at the _____ shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.
- adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
282. His dream is to become an Olympic _____.
- n.* a person who competes in one or more sports that involve physical strength, speed, or endurance
283. She is a talented _____ who has been recognized for her work.
- n.* a person who writes poetry
284. The girl _____ when a young man whistled as she walked by.
- v.* to become red on your face, especially because you are embarrassed, angry, or hot; to rinse, clean, or empty something, especially a toilet, by causing large quantities of water to flow

ANSWERS: 277. polyolefin, 278. chambers, 279. apartment, 280. tower, 281. secondhand, 282. athlete, 283. poet, 284. flushed

285. The _____ of starting a new business can be both exciting and daunting.
- n.* the possibility or likelihood of something happening or being successful; a person or thing that is likely to succeed or become popular; a potential customer or client; (verb) to explore for useful or valuable things or substances, such as minerals
286. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
287. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
- n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
288. The _____ of the downtown area brought new life to the community.
- n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
289. The poet's use of _____ captured the essence of the human condition.
- n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
290. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.
- n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

ANSWERS: 285. prospect, 286. critics, 287. label, 288. revitalization, 289. poetics, 290. nutrition