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Session 1: Word List

nuclear

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

synonym : atomic

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

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

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

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

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

notion

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

synonym : idea, concept, belief

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

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

permanent

adj. lasting for a long time without essential change

synonym : lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

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.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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.

atomic

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

synonym: tiny, microscopic, nuclear

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

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

weaponry

n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

synonym: arms, munition, artillery

(1) **weaponry** development, (2) advanced **weaponry**

The army used various **weaponry** to defend the country from attack.

characterize

v. to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of

synonym: describe, depict, portray

(1) **characterize** the relationship, (2) **characterize** his work

Their love of discovery and exploration often **characterizes** the adventurous spirit of the explorer.

phase

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

synonym: degree, stage, step

(1) enter on the last **phase**, (2) two- **phase** structure

The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial **phase** of history.

statistics

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

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

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

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

synonym: honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward**

dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

atom

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

synonym: particle, element, fraction

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

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

atrocious

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocious**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocious**

The **atrocious** of the war left many children orphaned.

horror

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

synonym: fear, terror, dread

(1) **horror** movie, (2) **horror-struck** look

The stories of war crimes filled her with **horror**.

unending

adj. seeming to have no end

synonym: endless, eternal, lasting

(1) **unending** battle, (2) the **unending** bliss

Creating amazing shows requires constant **unending** effort.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

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.

killing

n. the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

synonym : slaughter, homicide, assassination

(1) **killing** spree, (2) profit- **killing**

The **killing** of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym : alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

unacceptably

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

synonym : improperly, unsatisfactorily, inadequately

(1) **unacceptably** high prices, (2) **unacceptably** poor

The restaurant's service was **unacceptably** slow.

extraordinary

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

synonym : exceptional, noteworthy, astonishing

(1) **extraordinary** ability, (2) **extraordinary** weather

He narrated the **extraordinary** story of his adventure.

buildup

n. the accumulation or increase of something over time

synonym : accumulation, increase, growth

(1) lactic acid **buildup**, (2) huge military **buildup**

The **buildup** of stress over time can lead to health problems.

arsenal

n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

synonym : storage, stockpile, armory

(1) **arsenal** of knowledge, (2) political **arsenal**

The police found a hidden **arsenal** of weapons in the suspect's house.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

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.

warhead

n. the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation

synonym : payload, explosive

(1) **warhead** missile, (2) nuclear **warhead**

The missile launch was successful, and the **warhead** hit its intended target.

mentality

n. the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions

synonym: mindset, intellect, brainpower

(1) criminal **mentality**, (2) self-improvement **mentality**

Her positive **mentality** helped her overcome challenges and achieve her goals.

aft

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

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

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

disarm

v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary

synonym: demilitarize, neutralize

(1) **disarm** opponents, (2) **disarm** a bomb

The police were able to **disarm** the suspect without any violence.

proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

synonym: multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym: excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

decommission

v. to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair

synonym: retire, dismantle, disable

(1) **decommission** the dam, (2) **decommission** ship

After years of protests from environmental activists, the government decided to **decommission** the nuclear power plant.

usable

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

synonym: functional, operational, practical

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

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

commission

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

synonym: task, duty, authority

(1) **commission** appointed by the government, (2) the **commission** of murder

She gets a **commission** on each contract.

complicated

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

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

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.

superpower

n. a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

synonym: great power, empire, hegemony

(1) **superpower** country, (2) **superpower** leader

The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a **superpower** in comic books and movies.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym: delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

standoff

n. a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring

synonym: impasse, deadlock, stalemate

(1) diplomatic **standoff**, (2) military **standoff**

The **standoff** between the opposing political parties lasted for several days.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym: edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

synonym: actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

apocalyptic

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

synonym: fateful, prophetic, ominous

(1) **apocalyptic** event, (2) have **apocalyptic** overtones

The **apocalyptic** landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

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.

calamity

n. a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss

synonym: disaster, tragedy, misfortune

(1) financial **calamity**, (2) a dire **calamity**

The earthquake was a major **calamity** that left many homeless.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

dependent

adj. relying on someone or something else for support or aid

synonym: reliant, subject, subordinate

(1) dose- **dependent** induction, (2) a **dependent** person

The small island nation is heavily **dependent** on tourism as its main source of income.

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

mad

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

synonym: crazy, insane, furious

(1) a **mad** person, (2) gets **mad** easily

He was **mad** with joy to see the results.

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.

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**.

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical

Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym: concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs

simultaneously

Two students answered the teacher's question

simultaneously.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack
The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

radar

n. a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

synonym : sonar, radiolocation

(1) **radar** air traffic control, (2) **radar** scanning
Radar systems cannot spot the submarine.

awareness

n. the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important

synonym : understanding, cognition, knowledge

(1) **awareness** of my ignorance, (2) raise public **awareness**
There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental **awareness**.

catastrophe

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

synonym : disaster, calamity, cataclysm

(1) **catastrophe** risk management, (2) avoid climate **catastrophe**

The lack of funds has resulted in a **catastrophe** for our university system.

indelible

adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot

synonym : enduring, lasting, unforgettable

(1) an **indelible** ink, (2) an **indelible** disgrace

She left an **indelible** mark on our country's literature.

implant

v. to insert or fix an artificial device in a person's body; to put an idea, attitude, etc., firmly in the mind

synonym : insert, fix, place

(1) **implant** genes in the animals, (2) **implant** into the uterus
The doctor will **implant** a pacemaker to regulate his heart rate.

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people
synonym: composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership
Product development is a **collective** effort.

holocaust

n. the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction

synonym: genocide, mass murder, devastation

(1) nuclear **holocaust**, (2) the **holocaust** museum

Many **holocaust** survivors still suffer from the trauma they experienced during that time.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

glob

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

synonym: ball, lump, sphere

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

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

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym: destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

civilization

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

synonym : society, culture, community

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

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

odd

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

synonym : strange, bizarre, abnormal

(1) in an **odd** way, (2) **odd** behavior

His grandfather was an **odd** man.

obliterate

v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

synonym : destroy, eliminate, erase

(1) **obliterate** all traces, (2) **obliterate** data

The accident at that nuclear power plant **obliterated** the local ecosystem.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

premise

n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

synonym : assumption, postulate, supposition

(1) the major **premise**, (2) make a **premise**

The book's **premise** is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.

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.

skim

v. to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

synonym: glance, scan, skitter

(1) **skim** off the top, (2) **skim** the surface of the water

I like to **skim** the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.

jog

v. to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

synonym: run, sprint, trot

(1) **jog** in place, (2) **jog** my memory

She decided to **jog** around the park to clear her head.

entertainment

n. public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

synonym: amusement, recreation, enjoyment

(1) an elegant **entertainment**, (2) hour of **entertainment**

The hotel is famous for its **entertainment**, including the casino.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym: roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

attempt

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

synonym : endeavor, effort, try

(1) the **attempt** to rescue the hostages, (2) a reckless **attempt**

The third **attempt** was far more successful.

confrontation

n. the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement

synonym : face-off, conflict, competition

(1) violent **confrontation**, (2) verbal **confrontation**

The **confrontation** between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.

principle

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

synonym : rule, creed, code

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

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

conflagration

n. a large, destructive fire that spreads quickly and can cause extensive damage; a great and wide-ranging conflict or war

synonym : blaze, holocaust, firestorm

(1) **conflagration** aftermath, (2) urban **conflagration**

The **conflagration** in the forest destroyed many homes and caused much damage.

psychiatry

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

synonym : mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

medical

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

synonym : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment
The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

delusion

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

synonym : hallucination, illusion, fantasy

(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**

He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

basement

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

synonym : cellar, storage, vault

(1) four **basement** floor, (2) church **basement**

Underground rivers flow over a **basement** layer that is impervious to water.

fallout

n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion

(1) nuclear **fallout**, (2) the **fallout** from the incident

they had no protection from the radioactive **fallout**.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

synonym : seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**

This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

prefabricated

adj. constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

synonym : prebuilt, prefab, factory-made

(1) **prefabricated** building, (2) **prefabricated** home

The new office building was constructed with **prefabricated** materials, which helped save time and money.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

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.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym : imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

percentage

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

synonym : rate, ratio, portion

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

percentage

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

population

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

synonym: people, inhabitants, folk

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

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

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.

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.

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.

emergency

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty

(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**

The president declared a state of **emergency**.

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.

announcement

n. a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news

synonym : declaration, notification, statement

(1) public **announcement**, (2) **announcement** date

The company made an **announcement** about its new product at a press conference.

propose

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

synonym : suggest, offer, recommend

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

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

volume

n. the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

synonym : capacity, amount, intensity

(1) **volume** of work, (2) high **volume**

This container has a **volume** of 10 cubic meters.

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.

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym: emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

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.

evacuate

v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

synonym: empty, clear out, vacate

(1) **evacuate** the building, (2) **evacuate** civilians

The town was forced to **evacuate** due to the hurricane approaching.

countryside

n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

synonym: rural, rustic, pastoral

(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle

The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

absolute

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

synonym: complete, infrangible, indisputable

(1) **absolute** loyalty, (2) an **absolute** must

Gandhi had an **absolute** zeal for nonviolence.

ludicrous

adj. so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd

synonym: absurd, ridiculous, farcical

(1) **ludicrous** idea, (2) **ludicrous** behavior

It's **ludicrous** to blame the teachers for the education system's failures.

potentially

adv. in a possible state or condition; possibly

synonym: likely, possibly, probably

(1) **potentially** affected, (2) **potentially** lucrative

The organization assisted in the de-escalation of **potentially** violent situations.

apparently

adv. based on what you have heard or read

synonym: evidently, obviously, supposedly

(1) **apparently** simple, (2) **apparently** unrelated

The police **apparently** believed this explanation was plausible.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

all-out

adj. characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with great commitment or enthusiasm

synonym: full-scale, maximum, complete

(1) **all-out** war, (2) **all-out** commitment

He gave it his **all-out** effort in the race and won first place.

organization

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

synonym: association, institution, community

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

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

physician

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

synonym: doctor, practitioner, medic

(1) the advice of the **physician**, (2) consult with a **physician**

She visited the local **physician** to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

meaningful

adj. having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile

synonym: significant, consequential, essential

(1) a **meaningful** outcome, (2) make the accord

meaningful

She cast a **meaningful** glance at me.

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

resolve

v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty

synonym: decide, determine, fix

(1) **resolve** a dispute, (2) **resolve** the computer error

This company **resolves** its battery problem completely.

era

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

synonym: epoch, age, period

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

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

adversary

n. a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent

synonym: opponent, enemy, foe

(1) **adversary** team, (2) political **adversary**

The boxer's toughest **adversary** was his fear of losing.

emphasize

v. to give or show particular importance to something

synonym: highlight, accentuate, stress

(1) **emphasize** her words, (2) **emphasize** a direct relationship

Use italics or capitals to **emphasize** a word in a piece of writing.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

terrorism

n. the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act

(1) **terrorism** against civilians, (2) anti- **terrorism** bill

Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of **terrorism**.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

considerably

adv. to a significant extent or degree; noticeably; substantially

synonym: significantly, substantially, extensively

(1) **considerably** larger, (2) **considerably** improve

The new marketing campaign **considerably** increased sales for the company.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym: suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

terror

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

synonym: fear, alarm, horror

(1) **terror** attack, (2) **terror** group

The bomb blast spread **terror** among the people.

ingredient

n. one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

synonym : element, component

(1) secret **ingredients**, (2) compound the **ingredients**

Greed is the primary **ingredient** in the making of criminals.

stockpile

n. a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

synonym : reserve, hoard, cache

(1) **stockpile** weapons, (2) nuclear **stockpile**

The farmer had a huge **stockpile** of hay for the winter.

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.

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.

fission

n. the splitting of an atomic nucleus into two or smaller nuclei, releasing a large amount of energy; the process of breaking something into smaller parts or pieces

synonym : splitting, division, separation

(1) heavy-ion **fission**, (2) atomic **fission**

Nuclear **fission** is the process of splitting an atom into two smaller ones.

enrich

v. to make better or improve in quality by adding something else

synonym: enhance, improve, augment

(1) **enrich** a gas with a balloon, (2) **enrich** public services

Reading not only increases knowledge but also **enriches** life.

uranium

n. a chemical element with the symbol U, atomic number 92, that is a dense, silvery-white metal that is radioactive and is used as a fuel for nuclear power plants

synonym: U

(1) **uranium** mining, (2) radioactive **uranium** isotope

The mining and processing of **uranium** can lead to releasing radioactive materials into the environment.

plutonium

n. a radioactive chemical element with the symbol Pu and atomic number 94 used in nuclear reactors and weapons, which is produced from uranium in nuclear reactors and occurs naturally in trace amounts

synonym: Pu, radioactive metal

(1) **plutonium** reactor, (2) **plutonium** contamination

The disposal of **plutonium** waste is a major environmental challenge.

acquire

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

synonym: attain, earn, catch

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

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

theft

n. the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing

synonym: stealing, heist, robbery

(1) victim of identity **theft**, (2) **theft** of designs

Poverty is not a reproach; however, **theft** is.

metric

adj. using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic

synonym : metrical, measured

(1) **metric** units, (2) key performance **metrics**

In the **metric** system, measurements are made in meters and liters.

megaton

n. a unit of energy equivalent to one million tons of TNT

(1) **megaton** explosion, (2) **megaton** weapon

The power of a **megaton** bomb is equivalent to one million tons of TNT.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym : uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym : building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

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**.

placement

n. the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization

synonym : positioning, location, arrangement

(1) **placement** test, (2) **placement** agency

The **placement** of the advertisement on the billboard was

strategic in attracting a large audience.

coca

n. a plant native to South America whose leaves are used in the production of cocaine and other stimulants; a drink made from the leaves of this plant

(1) **coca** paste, (2) **coca** tea

The chewing of **coca** leaves has been a tradition in some Andean cultures for centuries

distress

n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
synonym: discomfort, despair, misery

(1) a signal of **distress**, (2) emotional **distress**

She has been in great **distress** since she was heartbroken.

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**.

know-how

n. practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training

synonym: expertise, skill, knowledge

(1) **know-how** transfer, (2) share **know-how**

Her culinary **know-how** helped her create an impressive menu for the party.

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym: disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
synonym : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage
He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

assemble

v. to collect in one place as a single group
synonym : gather, congregate, collect

(1) **assemble** your colleagues, (2) **assemble** a jigsaw puzzle
The president began to **assemble** an army.

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.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
synonym : element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars
The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

undergraduate

n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
synonym : college student, freshman

(1) engineering **undergraduate**, (2) **undergraduate** course
The class was composed of both **undergraduate** and graduate students.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

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

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym: component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

organ

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

synonym: function, structure

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

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

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

committed

adj. willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

synonym: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

stateless

adj. having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government

synonym : without citizenship, homeless

(1) become **stateless**, (2) **stateless** person

The **stateless** refugees were not allowed to enter the country.

retaliation

n. the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act

synonym : retribution, revenge, vengeance

(1) **retaliation** tactics, (2) **retaliation** against discrimination

The company faced heavy **retaliation** from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym : testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

retribution

n. punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing

synonym : punishment, revenge, recompense

(1) divine **retribution**, (2) seek **retribution**

He faced **retribution** for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or

relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym : harm, impair, injure

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

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

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym : obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

lieutenant

n. a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer

synonym : second-in-command, adjutant, deputy

(1) **lieutenant** general, (2) second **lieutenant**

After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to **lieutenant**.

bin

n. a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste

synonym : container, trunk, garbage can

(1) a waste **bin**, (2) mail **bin**

You can open the overhead **bin** after landing.

laden

adj. heavily loaded or burdened

synonym : loaded, weighed down, heavy

(1) a **laden** ship, (2) water- **laden** soil

The traffic- **laden** street was gridlocked during rush hour, with cars moving at a snail's pace.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

homegrown

adj. grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area

synonym : indigenous, local, native

(1) **homegrown** talent, (2) **homegrown** produce

The restaurant prides itself on its **homegrown** ingredients sourced from local farms.

accessible

adj. capable of being reached, easily got, or seen

synonym : affordable, available, unrestricted

(1) a town **accessible** by rail, (2) **accessible** to pity

He is an **accessible** and genial man.

plentiful

adj. existing or available in a large quantity or abundance; ample or abundant in supply or availability

synonym : abundant, ample, copious

(1) **plentiful** resources, (2) **plentiful** harvest

The supermarket offers a **plentiful** selection of fresh fruits and vegetables.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

inadequate

adj. not sufficient or enough

synonym : insufficient, lacking, lacking enough

(1) an **inadequate** income, (2) **inadequate** funding

The small budget was **inadequate** to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.

indicator

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

synonym : barometer, signal, index

(1) **indicator** lamp, (2) performance **indicators**

Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor **indicator** of whether a business can be successfully run.

cargo

n. the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
synonym: shipment, freight, burden

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

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

container

n. a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land

synonym: receptacle, holder, vessel

(1) plastic **container**, (2) **container** ship

The restaurant uses large **containers** to store its food ingredients.

inspect

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

synonym: check, examine, review

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

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

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

yield

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

synonym: proceeds, harvest, output

(1) corn **yield**, (2) the **yield** on the bond
The company's stock gives a high **yield**.

accountability

n. the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance

synonym: responsibility, answerability, liability

(1) government **accountability**, (2) individual **accountability**

Activists questioned the company's **accountability** for the environmental impact of its operations.

arrangement

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

synonym: placement, configuration, account

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

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

portable

adj. easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another

synonym: movable, transportable, convenient

(1) **portable** charger, (2) **portable** gas stove

The **portable** generator was essential during the camping trip.

convenient

adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do

synonym: timely, fortunate, suitable

(1) **convenient** way, (2) **convenient** location

The airport offers five **convenient** access routes.

trunk

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

synonym: body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body
Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

detonate

v. to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events

synonym: explode, blow up, ignite

(1) **detonate** a missile, (2) **detonate** a plan

The bomb squad had to **detonate** the suspicious package found at the train station.

weigh

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

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

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

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

buck

n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

synonym: dollar, money, currency

(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**

I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

probabilistic

adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

synonym: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

synonym : decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

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.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

inevitable

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

synonym : inescapable, unavoidable, sure

(1) **inevitable** changes of the seasons, (2) **inevitable** result

In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is **inevitable**.

defuse

v. to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

synonym : calm, reduce, deactivate

(1) **defuse** a crisis, (2) **defuse** a bomb

The negotiator skillfully **defused** the tense situation with calm words and gestures.

interdict

n. an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority

synonym : prohibition, ban, embargo

(1) **interdict** on trade, (2) judicial **interdict**

The government imposed an **interdict** on the sale of certain goods to protect public health.

prevention

n. the action, process, or strategy of stopping something undesirable or harmful from happening; the act of preventing, interfering, or hindering unwanted events or outcomes

synonym : precaution, hindrance, obstruction

(1) **prevention** of crime, (2) **prevention** strategy

The company will need to invest in fire **prevention** equipment to ensure the safety of its employees.

screening

n. the process of evaluating or testing individuals or objects to determine their suitability or potential problems; a showing of a film or movie for a select group of viewers before its general release

synonym : evaluation, assessment, appraisal

(1) **screening** tool, (2) health **screening**

His company requires employees to undergo a **screening** process.

forth

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

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

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

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

detonation

n. a sudden and violent explosion, often caused by the ignition of an explosive substance; the act of causing something to explode

synonym : explosion, blast, burst

(1) accidental **detonation**, (2) **detonation** velocity
The **detonation** of the explosive was heard throughout the entire city.

flash

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

synonym: sparkle, gleam, glimmer

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

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

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym: originally, primarily, firstly

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

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

locally

adv. in or to a specific or limited area or region; focused or restricted to a particular locality or community

synonym: topically, nearby, regionally

(1) buy **locally**, (2) support **locally**

The restaurant sources its ingredients **locally**, ensuring freshness and supporting local farmers.

unsettle

v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

synonym: aggravate, annoy, disturb

(1) **unsettle** the nervous system, (2) **unsettle** his conviction

This nationwide strike may **unsettle** the country's economy.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

conclude

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

synonym : complete, finish, decide

(1) **conclude** a meeting, (2) **conclude** that he is healthy

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

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.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

synonym : terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

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

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

radial

adj. of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point

synonym : concentric, central, spoke-like

(1) **radial** symmetry, (2) in a **radial** direction

The **radial** design of the wheel allows for maximum strength and stability.

vapor

n. a mass of tiny liquid drops in the air

synonym : condensation, dew, fog

(1) alcohol **vapor**, (2) water **vapor** in the atmosphere

Clouds form when water **vapor** rises to the upper atmosphere.

assume

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

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

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

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

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

acute

adj. extremely sharp or severe

synonym : sharp, perceptive, keen

(1) **acute** pain, (2) **acute** triangle

The patient died from **acute** alcohol intoxication.

radiation

n. the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health

synonym : dissemination, emission, irradiation

(1) exposure to **radiation**, (2) electromagnetic **radiation**

He tried every possible treatment, including chemotherapy

and **radiation** therapy.

blast

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

synonym: blow, burst, explosion

(1) a **blast** of wind, (2) an icy **blast**

The **blast** shattered the laboratory equipment.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym: cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

moot

v. to bring up or introduce a matter for discussion, debate, or consideration, especially when the issue may be hypothetical, irrelevant, or not yet determined; to suggest a point of view or argument without necessarily taking a position on it; (adjective) subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty and therefore, having little practical significance or relevance

synonym: debate, discuss, dispute

(1) **moot** point, (2) **moot** a topic

Recent developments have **mooted** the argument over the issue.

initial

adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name

synonym: basic, primary, beginning

(1) **initial** velocity, (2) an **initial** letter

They took the **initial** step toward reconciliation.

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.

temporarily

adv. for a limited time only or not permanently

synonym : for a time

(1) a hut made **temporarily**, (2) **temporarily** suspend the production

Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size **temporarily**.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym : discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

vicinity

n. the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region

synonym : proximity, nearness, locality

(1) immediate **vicinity**, (2) city and its **vicinity**

The area in the **vicinity** of the mall is known for its heavy traffic congestion.

lethal

adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

synonym : destructive, fatal, brutal

(1) **lethal** injection, (2) **lethal** weapon

Malignant hypertension is the most **lethal** form of hypertension.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym : fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

plume

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

synonym : feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

prevailing

adj. most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

synonym : dominant, prevalent, current

(1) **prevailing** wind, (2) **prevailing** trend

The **prevailing** opinion was that the project would be a success.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

perpendicular

adj. forming, situated at, or being at a right angle to a given line or plane; upright or vertical; at right angles to the horizon

synonym : vertical, upright, standing

(1) **perpendicular** angles, (2) **perpendicular** walls

The two lines were perfectly **perpendicular** to each other.

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.

exposed

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

synonym : endangered, revealed, disclosed

(1) **exposed** to radiation, (2) an **exposed** rock

Tech companies often employ **exposed** ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

explosion

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

synonym : burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**

A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

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

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

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.

sheltered

adj. protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life

synonym : protected, secure, guarded

(1) **sheltered** life, (2) **sheltered** housing

The birds found **sheltered** spots in the trees to avoid the rain.

fatal

adj. causing or resulting in death; lethal

synonym : deadly, lethal, mortal

(1) **fatal** accident, (2) make a **fatal** mistake

The car crash was **fatal**, and the driver died on impact.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym : conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

psychology

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

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

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

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

futile

adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

synonym: useless, worthless, ineffective

(1) **futile** talk, (2) make a **futile** protest

It was **futile** to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.

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.

commonsense

adj. exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share

synonym: balanced, pragmatic, judicious

(1) **commonsense** scholarship, (2) **commonsense** reforms

Innovative companies often question **commonsense** practices and break them.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym: diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

distance

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

synonym : space, gap, span

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

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

separate

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

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

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

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

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

hop

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

synonym : jump, bounce, skip

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

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

dirt

n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

synonym : filth, grime, muck

(1) **dirt** road, (2) **dirt** track

The garden was filled with **dirt** and needed to be tilled before planting.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

stare

v. to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

synonym : gaze, look, gawk

(1) **stare** blankly, (2) give a menacing **stare**

He couldn't help but **stare** at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

resist

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

synonym : fight, defy, revolt

(1) **resist** temptation, (2) **resist** being kissed

I chose to **resist** cancer by trying every possible treatment.

theoretical

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

synonym : conceptual, conjectural, ideal

(1) **theoretical** models, (2) **theoretical** physicist

Absolute zero is the lowest **theoretical** temperature.

eardrum

n. a membrane in the middle ear that vibrates in response to sound waves and transmits the vibrations to the inner ear

synonym: tympanum, auricular membrane, myringa

(1) burst **eardrum**, (2) protect **eardrum**

The loud noise ruptured my **eardrum**, and I had to go to the hospital.

injury

n. harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack

synonym: wound, damage, hurt

(1) without **injury**, (2) a fatal **injury**

My accidental **injury** got better right away.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym: dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

crosswise

adv. in a direction or manner perpendicular or transverse to something else; across or diagonally; (adjective) positioned across something or being in a direction that crosses something else

synonym: diagonally, transversely, across

(1) placed **crosswise**, (2) fold **crosswise**

She cut the fabric **crosswise** to create a unique pattern for the dress.

impede

v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress

synonym: hinder, obstruct, block

(1) **impede** a close relationship, (2) **impede** development

The traffic jam **impeded** our progress to reach the destination on time.

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.

decontaminate

v. to remove or neutralize harmful substances, such as toxic chemicals, radioactive materials, or infectious agents, from a person, object, or environment

synonym : cleanse, purify, sanitize

(1) **decontaminate** soil, (2) **decontaminate** equipment

The hazardous waste must be **decontaminated** to prevent further harm to the environment.

shower

n. a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

synonym : rain, sprinkle, downpour

(1) take a quick **shower**, (2) bridal **shower**

The weather forecast predicted a **shower** in the afternoon.

radioactive

adj. emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up

synonym : dangerous, contaminated, emanating

(1) **radioactive** decay, (2) **radioactive** isotope

The **radioactive** material was carefully stored in a lead-lined container.

wind-up

n. a mechanism or device, often in the form of a toy or clockwork mechanism, that is powered by winding a spring or turning a key; completion or conclusion of something, especially in a final or definitive manner

synonym : finale, conclusion, end

(1) **wind-up** speech, (2) **wind-up** clock

He used a **wind-up** key to start the vintage music box.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym :

electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

jack

n. a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

synonym: lever, crank, wrench

(1) a **jack** of all trades, (2) a line-in **jack**

He used a **jack** to lift the car to change the tire.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

abolition

n. the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful

synonym: termination, discontinuation, end

(1) complete **abolition**, (2) total **abolition** of a law

The **abolition** of slavery was a major milestone in the history of the United States.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

inhumane

adj. lacking compassion or mercy towards humans or animals; causing or involving extreme physical or mental pain

synonym : cruel, brutal, barbaric

(1) **inhumane** forms of punishment, (2) **inhumane** living conditions

The conditions at the factory were deemed **inhumane** and caused outrage among the public.

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

delicate

adj. very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed

synonym : dainty, exquisite, fragile

(1) **delicate** attention, (2) a **delicate** flavor

The fresh green trees cast a **delicate** web of shadows over the lawn.

aficionado

n. a person who is knowledgeable or passionate about a particular subject or activity; an enthusiast or connoisseur who has a deep appreciation for a specific field or interest, often with a high degree of expertise or experience in that area

synonym : enthusiast, fan, devotee

(1) technology **aficionado**, (2) sports **aficionado**

He is a true classical music **aficionado**, attending concerts regularly and collecting vinyl records.

procedure

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

synonym : action, approach, course

(1) undergo a surgical **procedure**, (2) standard **procedure**

The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out **procedure**.

hell

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

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cat_____he risk management *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
2. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
3. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
4. ho_____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
5. the un_____ng bliss *adj.* seeming to have no end
6. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
7. accidental det_____on *n.* a sudden and violent explosion, often caused by the ignition of an explosive substance; the act of causing something to explode
8. first l___e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
9. em_____ze a direct relationship *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
10. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
11. make the accord mea_____ul *adj.* having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile

ANSWERS: 1. catastrophe, 2. concept, 3. scenario, 4. horrific, 5. unending, 6. relative, 7. detonation, 8. lane, 9. emphasize, 10. manufacture, 11. meaningful

12. acc_____le to pity *adj.* capable of being reached, easily got, or seen
13. individual acc_____ity *n.* the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance
14. det_____on velocity *n.* a sudden and violent explosion, often caused by the ignition of an explosive substance; the act of causing something to explode
15. placed cr_____se *adv.* in a direction or manner perpendicular or transverse to something else; across or diagonally; (adjective) positioned across something or being in a direction that crosses something else
16. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
17. rad_____ve decay *adj.* emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up
18. as_____d confidence *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
19. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
20. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 12. accessible, 13. accountability, 14. detonation, 15. crosswise, 16. involve, 17. radioactive, 18. assured, 19. proof, 20. incredible

21. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
22. share kn_____ow *n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
23. victim of identity th__t *n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
24. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
25. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
26. four ba_____nt floor *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
27. fa__l accident *adj.* causing or resulting in death; lethal
28. con_____nt location *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
29. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
30. ra___l symmetry *adj.* of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point
31. a m_d person *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry
32. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

ANSWERS: 21. threat, 22. know-how, 23. theft, 24. slide, 25. absolute, 26. basement, 27. fatal, 28. convenient, 29. destroy, 30. radial, 31. mad, 32. avert

33. ad_____ry team *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
34. j_g my memory *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
35. sc_____ng tool *n.* the process of evaluating or testing individuals or objects to determine their suitability or potential problems; a showing of a film or movie for a select group of viewers before its general release
36. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
37. pro_____te weeds *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
38. the major pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
39. move do_____nd *adv.* in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry
40. vague no_____n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
41. environmental th_____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 33. adversary, 34. jog, 35. screening, 36. survive, 37. proliferate, 38. premise, 39. downwind, 40. notion, 41. threat

42. pe_____nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
43. pr_____e the amendment *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
44. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
45. g__b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
46. an ex_____d rock *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
47. 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
48. water-la__n soil *adj.* heavily loaded or burdened
49. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
50. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
51. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
52. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
53. pl_____um reactor *n.* a radioactive chemical element with the symbol Pu and atomic number 94 used in nuclear reactors and weapons, which is produced from uranium in nuclear reactors and occurs naturally in trace amounts

ANSWERS: 42. permanent, 43. propose, 44. enormous, 45. glob, 46. exposed, 47. federal, 48. laden, 49. defend, 50. percentage, 51. population, 52. forth, 53. plutonium

54. po____le gas stove *adj.* easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another
55. re____te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
56. di____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
57. und____ate course *n.* a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution
58. dose-de____nt induction *adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid
59. nuclear ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
60. sup____er country *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
61. di____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
62. school di____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
63. the____al physicist *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

ANSWERS: 54. portable, 55. relocate, 56. disaster, 57. undergraduate, 58. dependent, 59. physics, 60. superpower, 61. diminish, 62. district, 63. theoretical

64. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
65. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
66. protect ea____m *n.* a membrane in the middle ear that vibrates in response to sound waves and transmits the vibrations to the inner ear
67. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
68. le___l injection *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
69. str_____ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
70. global di____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
71. in____ne forms of punishment *adj.* lacking compassion or mercy towards humans or animals; causing or involving extreme physical or mental pain
72. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 64. union, 65. hell, 66. eardrum, 67. union, 68. lethal, 69. straightforward, 70. disaster, 71. inhumane, 72. warn

73. ho_____wn produce *adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
74. b__k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
75. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
76. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
77. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
78. aw_____ss of my ignorance *n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
79. con_____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
80. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
81. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
82. te___r attack *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
83. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 73. homegrown, 74. buck, 75. engage, 76. urge, 77. chapter, 78. awareness, 79. controversy, 80. settle, 81. principle, 82. terror, 83. damage

84. politically fr_____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
85. vo____e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
86. re_____e the computer error *v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
87. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
88. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
89. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
90. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
91. ur_____m mining *n.* a chemical element with the symbol U, atomic number 92, that is a dense, silvery-white metal that is radioactive and is used as a fuel for nuclear power plants
92. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
93. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
94. make a fa__l mistake *adj.* causing or resulting in death; lethal

ANSWERS: 84. fragile, 85. volume, 86. resolve, 87. communal, 88. pound, 89. eliminate, 90. mushroom, 91. uranium, 92. era, 93. hop, 94. fatal

95. 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
96. wa____d missile *n.* the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation
97. consult with a ph____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
98. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
99. a dry ba____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
100. lactic acid bu____p *n.* the accumulation or increase of something over time
101. a waste b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
102. hour of ent____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
103. on the br__k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
104. ina____te funding *adj.* not sufficient or enough
105. br__k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

ANSWERS: 95. planet, 96. warhead, 97. physician, 98. hero, 99. battery, 100. buildup, 101. bin, 102. entertainment, 103. brink, 104. inadequate, 105. brink

106. ann_____ent date *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
107. ki_____g spree *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
108. me_____n weapon *n.* a unit of energy equivalent to one million tons of TNT
109. di_____m a bomb *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
110. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
111. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
112. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
113. co_____de that he is healthy *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
114. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 106. announcement, 107. killing, 108. megaton, 109. disarm, 110. separate, 111. intelligence, 112. acquire, 113. conclude, 114. amazing

115. strong and co_____ed sales staff *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
116. exposure to ra_____on *n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
117. damage to internal or__ns *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
118. ext_____ary ability *adj.* exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual
119. a bl__t of wind *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
120. em_____ze her words *v.* to give or show particular importance to something
121. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
122. key performance me____cs *adj.* using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic
123. us____e as office space *adj.* able to be used; fit or ready for use or service
124. th__t of designs *n.* the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
125. st_____le weapons *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

ANSWERS: 115. committed, 116. radiation, 117. organ, 118. extraordinary, 119. blast, 120. emphasize, 121. medical, 122. metric, 123. usable, 124. theft, 125.

stockpile

126. neutral hydrogen a__ms *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
127. the_____al models *adj.* relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience
128. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
129. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
130. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
131. avoid climate cat_____he *n.* a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
132. ar_____l of knowledge *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
133. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
134. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
135. in_____or lamp *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
136. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

ANSWERS: 126. atom, 127. theoretical, 128. simultaneously, 129. emergency, 130. paralyze, 131. catastrophe, 132. arsenal, 133. destruction, 134. instantly, 135. indicator, 136. forth

137. en___h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
138. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
139. cha_____ize the relationship *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
140. literature of pe_____nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
141. psy_____gy of crowd *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
142. 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
143. criminal me_____ty *n.* the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions
144. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
145. ev_____te civilians *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

ANSWERS: 137. enrich, 138. diminish, 139. characterize, 140. permanent, 141. psychology, 142. uniform, 143. mentality, 144. distance, 145. evacuate

146. an in_____l letter *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
147. mu_____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
148. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
149. fu___e talk *adj.* incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
150. de_____te a missile *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
151. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
152. con_____ion aftermath *n.* a large, destructive fire that spreads quickly and can cause extensive damage; a great and wide-ranging conflict or war
153. take a quick sh____r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
154. po_____le charger *adj.* easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another
155. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 146. initial, 147. mushroom, 148. tremendous, 149. futile, 150. detonate, 151. complicated, 152. conflagration, 153. shower, 154. portable, 155. aft

156. d__t road *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
157. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
158. con_____bly improve *adv.* to a significant extent or degree; noticeably; substantially
159. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
160. in an o_d way *adj.* strange or unexpected; not divisible by two
161. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
162. pre_____ng trend *adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend
163. 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
164. co_____er ship *n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land

ANSWERS: 156. dirt, 157. destroy, 158. considerably, 159. equivalent, 160. odd, 161. weigh, 162. prevailing, 163. agency, 164. container

165. pl_____nt test *n.* the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization
166. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
167. total ab_____on of a law *n.* the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful
168. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
169. j_g in place *v.* to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose
170. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
171. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
172. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
173. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 165. placement, 166. atmosphere, 167. abolition, 168. hell, 169. jog, 170. oversea, 171. organ, 172. concrete, 173. aft

174. a me_____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
175. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
176. in a co_____ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
177. nuclear st_____le *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
178. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
179. app_____ly unrelated *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
180. the yi__d on the bond *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
181. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
182. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 174. medical, 175. urban, 176. committed, 177. stockpile, 178. collective, 179. apparently, 180. yield, 181. absolute, 182. damage

183. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
184. st__e blankly *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
185. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
186. 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
187. immediate vi_____ty *n.* the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region
188. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
189. pl_____nt agency *n.* the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization
190. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
191. bridal sh____r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

ANSWERS: 183. organization, 184. stare, 185. incredible, 186. develop, 187. vicinity, 188. attempt, 189. placement, 190. district, 191. shower

192. violent con_____ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
193. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
194. sports afi_____do *n.* a person who is knowledgeable or passionate about a particular subject or activity; an enthusiast or connoisseur who has a deep appreciation for a specific field or interest, often with a high degree of expertise or experience in that area
195. ra__r air traffic control *n.* a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen
196. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
197. arr_____nt committee *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
198. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
199. the advice of the ph_____an *n.* a medical doctor who practices medicine
200. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
201. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 192. confrontation, 193. equivalent, 194. aficionado, 195. radar, 196. nation, 197. arrangement, 198. possibility, 199. physician, 200. flash, 201. principle

202. nonmetallic el____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
203. an international co____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
204. financial ca____ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
205. an icy bl__t *n.* explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise
206. in____l velocity *adj.* of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
207. res____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
208. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
209. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
210. biological psy____ry *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
211. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
212. peace co____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

ANSWERS: 202. element, 203. congress, 204. calamity, 205. blast, 206. initial, 207. responsible, 208. blind, 209. flash, 210. psychiatry, 211. slide, 212. congress

213. d__t track *n.* soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock
214. commit at____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
215. performance in____ors *n.* something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing
216. a signal of di____ss *n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
217. in____ct on trade *n.* an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority
218. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
219. site of the ex____on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
220. cast fri____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
221. pa____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
222. trespass on a person's pr____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
223. an elegant ent____ent *n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people

ANSWERS: 213. dirt, 214. atrocity, 215. indicator, 216. distress, 217. interdict, 218. crisis, 219. explosion, 220. frightening, 221. paralyze, 222. privacy, 223. entertainment

224. the at____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
225. de____d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
226. 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
227. 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
228. the imp____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
229. mail b_n *n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
230. health sc____ng *n.* the process of evaluating or testing individuals or objects to determine their suitability or potential problems; a showing of a film or movie for a select group of viewers before its general release
231. ev____te the building *v.* to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

ANSWERS: 224. attempt, 225. defend, 226. doll, 227. security, 228. implication, 229. bin, 230. screening, 231. evacuate

232. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
233. high vo___e *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
234. in_____t a plant *v.* to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws
235. public ann_____ent *n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
236. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
237. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
238. lie_____nt general *n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
239. share of a mu___l fund *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
240. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
241. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
242. gets m_d easily *adj.* insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

ANSWERS: 232. circumstance, 233. volume, 234. inspect, 235. announcement, 236. horrible, 237. frightening, 238. lieutenant, 239. mutual, 240. nation, 241. dismiss, 242. mad

243. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
244. pot_____ly affected *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
245. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
246. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
247. un_____ng battle *adj.* seeming to have no end
248. pre_____ng wind *adj.* most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend
249. have apo_____ic overtones *adj.* describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
250. un_____le his conviction *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
251. in_____ne living conditions *adj.* lacking compassion or mercy towards humans or animals; causing or involving extreme physical or mental pain
252. mo_____g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
253. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 243. eliminate, 244. potentially, 245. achieve, 246. element, 247. unending, 248. prevailing, 249. apocalyptic, 250. unsettle, 251. inhumane, 252. moving, 253. dedicate

254. civ_____ion decline *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
255. ho_____wn talent *adj.* grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area
256. im___e a close relationship *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
257. a j__k of all trades *n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects
258. self-improvement me_____ty *n.* the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions
259. una_____bly poor *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
260. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
261. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
262. im___e development *v.* to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
263. dec_____ate equipment *v.* to remove or neutralize harmful substances, such as toxic chemicals, radioactive materials, or infectious agents, from a person, object, or environment

ANSWERS: 254. civilization, 255. homegrown, 256. impede, 257. jack, 258. mentality, 259. unacceptably, 260. ultimate, 261. secondly, 262. impede, 263. decontaminate

264. the Pa____c Ocean *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
265. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
266. dec_____ate soil *v.* to remove or neutralize harmful substances, such as toxic chemicals, radioactive materials, or infectious agents, from a person, object, or environment
267. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
268. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
269. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
270. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
271. electromagnetic ra_____on *n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health

ANSWERS: 264. pacific, 265. decide, 266. decontaminate, 267. hurricane, 268. distance, 269. involve, 270. zone, 271. radiation

272. an ina_____te income *adj.* not sufficient or enough
273. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
274. pl_____um contamination *n.* a radioactive chemical element with the symbol Pu and atomic number 94 used in nuclear reactors and weapons, which is produced from uranium in nuclear reactors and occurs naturally in trace amounts
275. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
276. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
277. sup_____er leader *n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities
278. unload the ca__o *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
279. as_____le your colleagues *v.* to collect in one place as a single group
280. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
281. arouse con_____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

ANSWERS: 272. inadequate, 273. initially, 274. plutonium, 275. relative, 276. possibility, 277. superpower, 278. cargo, 279. assemble, 280. concrete, 281. controversy

282. m__t point
- v. to bring up or introduce a matter for discussion, debate, or consideration, especially when the issue may be hypothetical, irrelevant, or not yet determined; to suggest a point of view or argument without necessarily taking a position on it; (adjective) subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty and therefore, having little practical significance or relevance
283. Se___e hearing
- n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
284. nuclear ho_____st
- n. the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction
285. make a pr_____e
- n. a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
286. make a fu___e protest
- adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
287. ac__e triangle
- adj. extremely sharp or severe
288. re_____e a dispute
- v. to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
289. ur__n property owners
- adj. relating to or located in a town or city
290. pro_____tic model
- adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

ANSWERS: 282. moot, 283. Senate, 284. holocaust, 285. premise, 286. futile, 287. acute, 288. resolve, 289. urban, 290. probabilistic

291. urban con_____ion *n.* a large, destructive fire that spreads quickly and can cause extensive damage; a great and wide-ranging conflict or war
292. te_____sm against civilians *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
293. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
294. use an ac_____m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
295. plenty of ca__o space *n.* the goods carried by ship, aircraft, or other vehicles
296. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
297. heir ap_____nt *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
298. de_____te attention *adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
299. per_____lar angles *adj.* forming, situated at, or being at a right angle to a given line or plane; upright or vertical; at right angles to the horizon
300. standard pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

ANSWERS: 291. conflagration, 292. terrorism, 293. percentage, 294. acronym, 295. cargo, 296. crisis, 297. apparent, 298. delicate, 299. perpendicular, 300. procedure

301. pl__e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
302. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
303. pre_____on of crime *n.* the action, process, or strategy of stopping something undesirable or harmful from happening; the act of preventing, interfering, or hindering unwanted events or outcomes
304. pr_____e changes *v.* to make a proposal, declare a plan for something
305. ac__e pain *adj.* extremely sharp or severe
306. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
307. nuclear fa_____t *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
308. ret_____on against discrimination *n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
309. pre_____ted home *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
310. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 301. plume, 302. individual, 303. prevention, 304. propose, 305. acute, 306. horrible, 307. fallout, 308. retaliation, 309. prefabricated, 310. intelligence

311. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
312. oxygen a__m *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
313. pr_____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
314. im_____t into the uterus *v.* to insert or fix an artificial device in a person's body; to put an idea, attitude, etc., firmly in the mind
315. ho_____ic experience *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
316. political ar_____l *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
317. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
318. pro_____tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
319. heavy-ion fi_____n *n.* the splitting of an atomic nucleus into two or smaller nuclei, releasing a large amount of energy; the process of breaking something into smaller parts or pieces

ANSWERS: 311. degree, 312. atom, 313. privacy, 314. implant, 315. horrific, 316. arsenal, 317. warn, 318. probabilistic, 319. fission

320. at___c nucleus *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
321. the ho_____st museum *n.* the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction
322. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
323. divine ret_____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
324. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
325. con_____bly larger *adv.* to a significant extent or degree; noticeably; substantially
326. 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
327. lu_____us idea *adj.* so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd
328. use of nu_____r power *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

ANSWERS: 320. atomic, 321. holocaust, 322. individual, 323. retribution, 324. statistics, 325. considerably, 326. develop, 327. ludicrous, 328. nuclear

329. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
330. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
331. de_____te a plan *v.* to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
332. m__t a topic *v.* to bring up or introduce a matter for discussion, debate, or consideration, especially when the issue may be hypothetical, irrelevant, or not yet determined; to suggest a point of view or argument without necessarily taking a position on it; (adjective) subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty and therefore, having little practical significance or relevance
333. anti-te_____sm bill *n.* the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
334. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
335. ra__r scanning *n.* a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen
336. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
337. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 329. virtually, 330. manufacture, 331. detonate, 332. moot, 333. terrorism, 334. glob, 335. radar, 336. absolutely, 337. hop

338. fa____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
339. col_____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
340. re____t being kissed *v.* to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
341. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
342. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
343. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
344. lu_____us behavior *adj.* so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd
345. radioactive ur____m isotope *n.* a chemical element with the symbol U, atomic number 92, that is a dense, silvery-white metal that is radioactive and is used as a fuel for nuclear power plants
346. political ad_____ry *n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
347. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

ANSWERS: 338. facility, 339. collective, 340. resist, 341. unbelievable, 342. bury, 343. urge, 344. ludicrous, 345. uranium, 346. adversary, 347. achieve

348. av__t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
349. pu____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
350. 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
351. 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
352. technology afi____do *n.* a person who is knowledgeable or passionate about a particular subject or activity; an enthusiast or connoisseur who has a deep appreciation for a specific field or interest, often with a high degree of expertise or experience in that area
353. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
354. rainproof sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
355. military st____ff *n.* a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring

ANSWERS: 348. avert, 349. publicly, 350. federal, 351. uniform, 352. aficionado, 353. settle, 354. shelter, 355. standoff

356. al____t commitment *adj.* characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with great commitment or enthusiasm
357. a de____te flavor *adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
358. fr____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
359. me____n explosion *n.* a unit of energy equivalent to one million tons of TNT
360. without in____y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
361. pro____te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
362. re____te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
363. pl__e of feathers *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
364. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
365. ho____r movie *n.* intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
366. burst ea____m *n.* a membrane in the middle ear that vibrates in response to sound waves and transmits the vibrations to the inner ear

ANSWERS: 356. all-out, 357. delicate, 358. fragile, 359. megaton, 360. injury, 361. proliferate, 362. relocate, 363. plume, 364. fancy, 365. horror, 366. eardrum

367. huge military bu_____p	<i>n.</i> the accumulation or increase of something over time
368. acute em_____cy	<i>n.</i> a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
369. bl__d spot	<i>adj.</i> unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
370. pre_____on strategy	<i>n.</i> the action, process, or strategy of stopping something undesirable or harmful from happening; the act of preventing, interfering, or hindering unwanted events or outcomes
371. number of different sc_____ios	<i>n.</i> a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
372. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss	<i>v.</i> to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
373. dawn of a new e_a	<i>n.</i> a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
374. gov_____nt funding	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
375. ine_____le changes of the seasons	<i>adj.</i> certain to happen and unavoidable
376. sweep away do_____nd	<i>adv.</i> in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry
377. cou_____de scenery	<i>n.</i> rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery

ANSWERS: 367. buildup, 368. emergency, 369. blind, 370. prevention, 371. scenario, 372. assume, 373. era, 374. government, 375. inevitable, 376. downwind, 377. countryside

378. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
379. a cell phone with an internet
fa____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
380. the tr__k of the tree *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
381. s__m off the top *v.* to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface
382. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
383. be killed in____ly *adv.* immediately
384. buy lo____y *adv.* in or to a specific or limited area or region; focused or restricted to a particular locality or community
385. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
386. in____t the enemy's movements *v.* to look at someone or something closely, usually to examine their condition or to detect flaws
387. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
388. mu___l efforts *adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

ANSWERS: 378. fancy, 379. facility, 380. trunk, 381. skim, 382. bury, 383. instantly, 384. locally, 385. decide, 386. inspect, 387. government, 388. mutual

389. atomic fi_____n
n. the splitting of an atomic nucleus into two or smaller nuclei, releasing a large amount of energy; the process of breaking something into smaller parts or pieces
390. pr_____le cause of a fire
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
391. di____m opponents
v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
392. es_____al commodities of life
adj. indispensable; fundamental
393. double qu_____on marks
n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
394. become st_____ss
adj. having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
395. re____t temptation
v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening
396. a hut made tem_____ly
adv. for a limited time only or not permanently
397. official sta_____cs
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
398. una_____bly high prices
adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
399. co_____de a meeting
v. to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning

ANSWERS: 389. fission, 390. probable, 391. disarm, 392. essential, 393. quotation, 394. stateless, 395. resist, 396. temporarily, 397. statistics, 398. unacceptably, 399. conclude

400. church ba_____nt *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
401. a dire ca_____ty *n.* a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
402. second lie_____nt *n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
403. obl_____te data *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
404. kn_____ow transfer *n.* practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
405. complete ab_____on *n.* the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful
406. tem_____ly suspend the production *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
407. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
408. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
409. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 400. basement, 401. calamity, 402. lieutenant, 403. obliterate, 404. know-how, 405. abolition, 406. temporarily, 407. core, 408. assume, 409. quote

410. water va__r in the atmosphere *n.* a mass of tiny liquid drops in the air
411. profit-ki____g *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
412. undergo a surgical pr____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
413. fold cr____se *adv.* in a direction or manner perpendicular or transverse to something else; across or diagonally; (adjective) positioned across something or being in a direction that crosses something else
414. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
415. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
416. cha____ize his work *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
417. at____c bomb *adj.* of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
418. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
419. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 410. vapor, 411. killing, 412. procedure, 413. crosswise, 414. straight, 415. enormous, 416. characterize, 417. atomic, 418. argue, 419. slightly

431. su____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
432. extra b__k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
433. no___n of success *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
434. 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
435. c__a paste *n.* a plant native to South America whose leaves are used in the production of cocaine and other stimulants; a drink made from the leaves of this plant
436. verbal con_____ion *n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
437. way to mi_____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

ANSWERS: 431. survival, 432. buck, 433. notion, 434. security, 435. coca, 436. confrontation, 437. minimize

438. obl_____te all traces *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
439. city and its vi_____ty *n.* the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region
440. advanced we_____ry *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
441. sh_____ed life *adj.* protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life
442. ex_____d to radiation *adj.* having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism
443. compound the ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
444. diplomatic st_____ff *n.* a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring
445. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 438. obliterate, 439. vicinity, 440. weaponry, 441. sheltered, 442. exposed, 443. ingredient, 444. standoff, 445. dismiss

446. ine_____le result *adj.* certain to happen and unavoidable
447. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
448. psy_____ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
449. c__a tea *n.* a plant native to South America whose leaves are used in the production of cocaine and other stimulants; a drink made from the leaves of this plant
450. government acc_____ity *n.* the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance
451. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
452. an in_____le disgrace *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
453. we_____ry development *n.* a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country
454. sh_____ed housing *adj.* protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life

ANSWERS: 446. inevitable, 447. responsible, 448. psychiatry, 449. coca, 450. accountability, 451. overwhelm, 452. indelible, 453. weaponry, 454. sheltered

455. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
456. an introductory ch____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
457. corn yi__d *n.* the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information
458. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
459. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
460. wi_____p speech *n.* a mechanism or device, often in the form of a toy or clockwork mechanism, that is powered by winding a spring or turning a key; completion or conclusion of something, especially in a final or definitive manner
461. dec_____ion the dam *v.* to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair
462. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
463. support lo_____y *adv.* in or to a specific or limited area or region; focused or restricted to a particular locality or community

ANSWERS: 455. hero, 456. chapter, 457. yield, 458. component, 459. amazing, 460. wind-up, 461. decommission, 462. literally, 463. locally

464. l__e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
465. two-ph__e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
466. con_____nt way *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
467. com_____se reforms *adj.* exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share
468. com_____on appointed by the government *n.* a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something
469. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
470. plastic co_____er *n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
471. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
472. al_____t war *adj.* characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with great commitment or enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 464. lane, 465. phase, 466. convenient, 467. commonsense, 468. commission, 469. secondly, 470. container, 471. oversea, 472. all-out

473. the tr__k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
474. alcohol va__r *n.* a mass of tiny liquid drops in the air
475. seek ret_____on *n.* punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
476. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
477. nu_____r fusion *adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
478. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
479. nuclear wa_____d *n.* the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation
480. app_____ly simple *adv.* based on what you have heard or read
481. pre_____ted building *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
482. mo___g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
483. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 473. trunk, 474. vapor, 475. retribution, 476. communal, 477. nuclear, 478. unbelievable, 479. warhead, 480. apparently, 481. prefabricated, 482. moving, 483. argue

484. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
485. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
486. secret ing_____nts *n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish
487. judicial in_____ct *n.* an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority
488. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
489. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
490. vi_____ly identical *adv.* almost completely
491. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
492. ac_____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
493. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
494. an as_____d position *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
495. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

ANSWERS: 484. weigh, 485. complicated, 486. ingredient, 487. interdict, 488. launch, 489. core, 490. virtually, 491. enrich, 492. acquire, 493. simultaneously, 494. assured, 495. pound

496. lost civ_____ion *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
497. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
498. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
499. 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
500. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
501. give a menacing st__e *v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look
502. the fa_____t from the incident *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
503. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
504. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

ANSWERS: 496. civilization, 497. survive, 498. bomb, 499. agency, 500. proof, 501. stare, 502. fallout, 503. concept, 504. hurricane

505. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
506. a fatal in___y *n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
507. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
508. le___l weapon *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
509. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
510. st_____ss person *adj.* having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government
511. laws of ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
512. pot_____ly lucrative *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
513. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
514. an in_____le ink *adj.* cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
515. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
516. ap_____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
517. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 505. zone, 506. injury, 507. ultimate, 508. lethal, 509. tremendous, 510. stateless, 511. physics, 512. potentially, 513. population, 514. indelible, 515. literally, 516. apparent, 517. survival

518. a town acc_____le by rail	<i>adj.</i> capable of being reached, easily got, or seen
519. raise public aw_____ss	<i>n.</i> the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
520. ho___r-struck look	<i>n.</i> intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying
521. a la___n ship	<i>adj.</i> heavily loaded or burdened
522. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl	<i>adv.</i> without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
523. ov_____lm opponents by numbers	<i>v.</i> to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
524. de___e a bomb	<i>v.</i> to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved
525. make a str_____ard dash	<i>adj.</i> easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
526. emotional di_____ss	<i>n.</i> a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
527. apo_____ic event	<i>adj.</i> describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world
528. labor under a de_____on	<i>n.</i> a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
529. a convivial atm_____re	<i>n.</i> the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

ANSWERS: 518. accessible, 519. awareness, 520. horror, 521. laden, 522. absolutely, 523. overwhelm, 524. defuse, 525. straightforward, 526. distress, 527. apocalyptic, 528. delusion, 529. atmosphere

541. ret_____on tactics *n.* the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act
542. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
543. rad_____ve isotope *adj.* emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up
544. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
545. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
546. un_____le the nervous system *v.* to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation
547. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
548. 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
549. pu_____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

ANSWERS: 541. retaliation, 542. implication, 543. radioactive, 544. circumstance, 545. quotation, 546. unsettle, 547. separate, 548. pacific, 549. publicly

550. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
551. ac____m definition *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
552. grand de____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
553. us____e technology *adj.* able to be used; fit or ready for use or service
554. enter on the last ph__e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
555. in____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
556. a de____nt person *adj.* relying on someone or something else for support or aid
557. dec____ion ship *v.* to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair
558. arr____nt of the furniture *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
559. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 550. straight, 551. acronym, 552. delusion, 553. usable, 554. phase, 555. insecure, 556. dependent, 557. decommission, 558. arrangement, 559. doll

560. pl_____ul resources *adj.* existing or available in a large quantity or abundance; ample or abundant in supply or availability
561. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
562. lead to des_____ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
563. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
564. psy_____gy experiment *n.* the scientific study of mind and behavior
565. ba_____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
566. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
567. pl_____ul harvest *adj.* existing or available in a large quantity or abundance; ample or abundant in supply or availability
568. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
569. per_____lar walls *adj.* forming, situated at, or being at a right angle to a given line or plane; upright or vertical; at right angles to the horizon
570. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something

ANSWERS: 560. plentiful, 561. dedicate, 562. destructive, 563. engage, 564. psychology, 565. battery, 566. disconnect, 567. plentiful, 568. probable, 569. perpendicular, 570. destruction

571. in_____ly anticipated

adv. at the beginning; at first

572. com_____se scholarship

adj. exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share

573. wi_____p clock

n. a mechanism or device, often in the form of a toy or clockwork mechanism, that is powered by winding a spring or turning a key; completion or conclusion of something, especially in a final or definitive manner

574. s__m the surface of the water

v. to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

575. te___r group

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

576. me___c units

adj. using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic

577. dis_____ct a plug

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

578. mi_____ze a loss

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

ANSWERS: 571. initially, 572. commonsense, 573. wind-up, 574. skim, 575. terror, 576. metric, 577. disconnect, 578. minimize

579. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
580. 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
581. a lot of ex_____ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
582. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 579. degree, 580. planet, 581. explosion, 582. bomb

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The missile launch was successful, and the _____ hit its intended target.
n. the explosive or destructive part of a missile, rocket, or other weapons that are designed to explode on impact or detonation
2. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.
n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
3. The _____ material was carefully stored in a lead-lined container.
adj. emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up
4. She cast a _____ glance at me.
adj. having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile
5. The rise and fall of _____ can be studied through history and archaeology.
n. a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
6. 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
7. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.
adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

ANSWERS: 1. warhead, 2. countryside, 3. radioactive, 4. meaningful, 5. civilizations, 6. planet, 7. literally

8. Her positive _____ helped her overcome challenges and achieve her goals.
n. the characteristic way of thinking or mindset of an individual or group; the mental attitude or outlook that influences behavior, choices, and opinions
9. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
10. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.
v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
11. Carbon has an _____ mass of 12.
adj. of or relating to atom (= the smallest component of an element)
12. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
13. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
14. 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
15. The accident at that nuclear power plant _____ the local ecosystem.
v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

ANSWERS: 8. mentality, 9. atmosphere, 10. acquire, 11. atomic, 12. survival, 13. circumstances, 14. warn, 15. obliterated

16. Poverty is not a reproach; however, _____ is.
n. the act of taking anything from someone or somewhere unlawfully; stealing
17. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
18. In the _____ system, measurements are made in meters and liters.
adj. using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic
19. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
20. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
21. He faced _____ for his crimes and was sentenced to many years.
n. punishment inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act; just dessert or compensation for wrongdoing
22. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
23. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 16. theft, 17. separate, 18. metric, 19. essential, 20. hero, 21. retribution, 22. atrocity, 23. aft

24. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
25. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.
adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
26. The _____ design of the wheel allows for maximum strength and stability.
adj. of or relating to rays or the radii of a circle; spreading out from a central point
27. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
28. His poem has a very significant _____.
n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
29. _____ is better than argument.
n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
30. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
31. Nuclear _____ is the process of splitting an atom into two smaller ones.
n. the splitting of an atomic nucleus into two or smaller nuclei, releasing a large amount of energy; the process of breaking something into smaller parts or pieces

ANSWERS: 24. component, 25. publicly, 26. radial, 27. bombs, 28. implication, 29. Proof, 30. paralyzed, 31. fission

32. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
33. It was _____ to try and fix the broken vase, as it was too badly damaged.
adj. incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
34. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
35. Her culinary _____ helped her create an impressive menu for the party.
n. practical knowledge, skills, or experience in a particular field or area, often acquired through personal experience or training
36. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
37. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
38. The patient died from _____ alcohol intoxication.
adj. extremely sharp or severe
39. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

ANSWERS: 32. statistics, 33. futile, 34. settle, 35. know-how, 36. secondly, 37. flash, 38. acute, 39. assumes

40. There has been a gradual but steady rise in environmental _____.
- n.* the fact or state of knowing something exists and is important
41. The company will need to invest in fire _____ equipment to ensure the safety of its employees.
- n.* the action, process, or strategy of stopping something undesirable or harmful from happening; the act of preventing, interfering, or hindering unwanted events or outcomes
42. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
- v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
43. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
44. The _____ of the explosive was heard throughout the entire city.
- n.* a sudden and violent explosion, often caused by the ignition of an explosive substance; the act of causing something to explode
45. The fresh green trees cast a _____ web of shadows over the lawn.
- adj.* very fine, subtle, and pleasing; easily broken or damaged or destroyed
46. The boxer's toughest _____ was his fear of losing.
- n.* a person, group, or force that opposes or fights against another; an enemy or opponent
47. The restaurant's service was _____ slow.
- adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

ANSWERS: 40. awareness, 41. prevention, 42. slide, 43. achieve, 44. detonation, 45. delicate, 46. adversary, 47. unacceptably

48. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

adj. perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible

49. A broken gas pipe triggered the _____.

n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction

50. The university _____ to campuses several miles away.

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

51. The company faced heavy _____ from its competitors after releasing a controversial product.

n. the act of seeking vengeance or revenge in response to a perceived wrong or harm suffered, usually to cause harm to the person or group responsible for the initial act

52. He used a _____ key to start the vintage music box.

n. a mechanism or device, often in the form of a toy or clockwork mechanism, that is powered by winding a spring or turning a key; completion or conclusion of something, especially in a final or definitive manner

53. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

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

54. The power of a _____ bomb is equivalent to one million tons of TNT.

n. a unit of energy equivalent to one million tons of TNT

55. The lack of funds has resulted in a _____ for our university system.

n. a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune

ANSWERS: 48. absolute, 49. explosion, 50. relocated, 51. retaliation, 52. wind-up, 53. principle, 54. megaton, 55. catastrophe

56. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

57. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

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

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

59. _____ systems cannot spot the submarine.

n. a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

60. The restaurant sources its ingredients _____ ensuring freshness and supporting local farmers.

adv. in or to a specific or limited area or region; focused or restricted to a particular locality or community

61. The garden was filled with _____ and needed to be tilled before planting.

n. soil, dust, or any substance that makes a surface not clean; the part of the earth's surface consisting of humus and disintegrated rock

62. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

63. The _____ shattered the laboratory equipment.

n. explosion, or a strong current of air, usually caused by an explosion; a sudden, thunderous noise

64. Activists questioned the company's _____ for the environmental impact of its operations.

n. the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance

ANSWERS: 56. brink, 57. cores, 58. organization, 59. Radar, 60. locally, 61. dirt, 62.

terror, 63. blast, 64. accountability

65. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

66. She gets a _____ on each contract.

n. a formal instruction, command, or request given to a person or group; an official group of people entrusted by a government or other official body to control or enforce something

67. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.

adv. at the same time

68. The conditions at the factory were deemed _____ and caused outrage among the public.

adj. lacking compassion or mercy towards humans or animals; causing or involving extreme physical or mental pain

69. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

70. The police _____ believed this explanation was plausible.

adv. based on what you have heard or read

71. The supermarket offers a _____ selection of fresh fruits and vegetables.

adj. existing or available in a large quantity or abundance; ample or abundant in supply or availability

72. They cooperated for their _____ benefit.

adj. common to or shared by two or more parties

ANSWERS: 65. disaster, 66. commission, 67. simultaneously, 68. inhumane, 69. urged, 70. apparently, 71. plentiful, 72. mutual

73. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.
- n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
74. The _____ between the two nations escalated into a full-blown war.
- n.* the act of facing or dealing with something directly and openly; a direct and often hostile encounter or disagreement
75. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
- n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
76. This company _____ its battery problem completely.
- v.* to find a suitable answer to the problems or difficulty
77. 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
78. The new marketing campaign _____ increased sales for the company.
- adv.* to a significant extent or degree; noticeably; substantially
79. The disposal of _____ waste is a major environmental challenge.
- n.* a radioactive chemical element with the symbol Pu and atomic number 94 used in nuclear reactors and weapons, which is produced from uranium in nuclear reactors and occurs naturally in trace amounts
80. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
- n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

ANSWERS: 73. lane, 74. confrontation, 75. hell, 76. resolves, 77. doll, 78. considerably, 79. plutonium, 80. Congress

81. 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
82. The hazardous waste must be _____ to prevent further harm to the environment.
- v.* to remove or neutralize harmful substances, such as toxic chemicals, radioactive materials, or infectious agents, from a person, object, or environment
83. 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
84. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.
- n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
85. The airport offers five _____ access routes.
- adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
86. He _____ his life to helping others.
- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
87. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
88. He moved his body _____ to the left.
- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 81. pounds, 82. decontaminated, 83. intelligence, 84. premise, 85. convenient, 86. dedicated, 87. destroyed, 88. slightly

89. He gave it his _____ effort in the race and won first place.

adj. characterized by complete or maximum effort or intensity; lacking any restraint or reserve; done with great commitment or enthusiasm

90. The number of COVID cases continued to _____ in many countries worldwide.

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

91. 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

92. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

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

93. The traffic-_____ street was gridlocked during rush hour, with cars moving at a snail's pace.

adj. heavily loaded or burdened

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

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

95. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.

n. the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow

ANSWERS: 89. all-out, 90. proliferate, 91. security, 92. involves, 93. laden, 94. nuclear, 95. trunk

96. It's _____ to blame the teachers for the education system's failures.
adj. so ridiculous, unreasonable, or out of place as to be amusing; absurd
97. The doctor will _____ a pacemaker to regulate his heart rate.
v. to insert or fix an artificial device in a person's body; to put an idea, attitude, etc., firmly in the mind
98. 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
99. He tried every possible treatment, including chemotherapy and _____ therapy.
n. the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
100. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
101. The area in the _____ of the mall is known for its heavy traffic congestion.
n. the area or region surrounding or in the general vicinity of a particular place or location; a nearby or neighboring region
102. The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
103. They need food and _____.
n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

ANSWERS: 96. ludicrous, 97. implant, 98. crisis, 99. radiation, 100. Senate, 101. vicinity, 102. frightening, 103. shelter

104. The _____ between the opposing political parties lasted for several days.
- n.* a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring
105. My accidental _____ got better right away.
- n.* harm done to a person's or an animal's body caused by an accident or an attack
106. Recent developments have _____ the argument over the issue.
- v.* to bring up or introduce a matter for discussion, debate, or consideration, especially when the issue may be hypothetical, irrelevant, or not yet determined; to suggest a point of view or argument without necessarily taking a position on it; (adjective) subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty and therefore, having little practical significance or relevance
107. 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
108. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
- adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
109. The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to _____ flooding during the rainy season
- v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
110. The ability to fly like a bird is often considered a _____ in comic books and movies.
- n.* a country or nation that has significant global influence or formidable military, economic, or technological strength; a supernatural ability or force capable of extraordinary feats or feats beyond normal human capabilities

ANSWERS: 104. standoff, 105. injury, 106. mooted, 107. government, 108. oversea, 109. avert, 110. superpower

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

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

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

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

113. It was the most _____ storm in decades.

- adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

114. I spotted a majestic _____ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

- n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

115. The _____ in the forest destroyed many homes and caused much damage.

- n.* a large, destructive fire that spreads quickly and can cause extensive damage; a great and wide-ranging conflict or war

116. The outermost electron shell of an _____ determines its chemical characteristics.

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

117. He couldn't help but _____ at the beautiful sunset over the ocean.

- v.* to gaze or look fixedly and intently at someone or something, often in a questioning, curious, or suspicious manner; (noun) a fixed, intense, and prolonged gaze or look

118. He studied the _____ of radiation.

- n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions

ANSWERS: 111. decide, 112. cargo, 113. destructive, 114. buck, 115. conflagration, 116. atom, 117. stare, 118. physics

119. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.
adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
120. The earthquake was a major _____ that left many homeless.
n. a serious event that causes damage, injury, or loss
121. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
122. They took the _____ step toward reconciliation.
adj. of or happening at the beginning; (noun) the first letter of a word, especially a person's name
123. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
124. The loud noise ruptured my _____ and I had to go to the hospital.
n. a membrane in the middle ear that vibrates in response to sound waves and transmits the vibrations to the inner ear
125. The president declared a state of _____.
n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
126. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
v. to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 119. insecure, 120. calamity, 121. quoted, 122. initial, 123. hurricane, 124. eardrum, 125. emergency, 126. hopped

127. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying

128. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

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

129. The field of _____ is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

130. We had a _____ time yesterday.

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

131. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

132. Absolute zero is the lowest _____ temperature.

adj. relating to the concepts and principles upon which a particular topic is founded, rather than practice and experience

133. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

134. She visited the local _____ to seek treatment for her persistent headache.

n. a medical doctor who practices medicine

ANSWERS: 127. horrific, 128. equivalent, 129. psychiatry, 130. tremendous, 131. launch, 132. theoretical, 133. minimize, 134. physician

135. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
136. She left an _____ mark on our country's literature.
adj. cannot be removed, erased, or forgot
137. The chewing of _____ leaves has been a tradition in some Andean cultures for centuries
n. a plant native to South America whose leaves are used in the production of cocaine and other stimulants; a drink made from the leaves of this plant
138. The _____ of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.
n. the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
139. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.
v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
140. _____ all the parties signed the contract.
adv. almost completely
141. The _____ of stress over time can lead to health problems.
n. the accumulation or increase of something over time
142. She was _____ of a bright future after graduation.
adj. confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

ANSWERS: 135. distance, 136. indelible, 137. coca, 138. killing, 139. dismiss, 140. Virtually, 141. buildup, 142. assured

143. His grandfather was an ____ man.

adj. strange or unexpected; not divisible by two

144. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

145. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

146. 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

147. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial ____ of history.

n. any stage in a series of events, change, or development

148. The restaurant prides itself on its _____ ingredients sourced from local farms.

adj. grown or produced locally rather than imported from another area

149. The _____ of slavery was a major milestone in the history of the United States.

n. the act of formally ending a system, practice, or institution, especially one that is considered unjust or harmful

150. His company requires employees to undergo a _____ process.

n. the process of evaluating or testing individuals or objects to determine their suitability or potential problems; a showing of a film or movie for a select group of viewers before its general release

ANSWERS: 143. odd, 144. initially, 145. straightforward, 146. downwind, 147. phase, 148. homegrown, 149. abolition, 150. screening

151. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

152. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.

n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way

153. I chose to _____ cancer by trying every possible treatment.

v. to refuse to accept something and attempt to prevent it from happening

154. He narrated the _____ story of his adventure.

adj. exceptional, unexpected, very unusual; surpassing the ordinary or usual

155. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

156. The small island nation is heavily _____ on tourism as its main source of income.

adj. relying on someone or something else for support or aid

157. The army used various _____ to defend the country from attack.

n. a collection of weapons (e.g., guns, knives, bombs, missiles, etc.) used or owned by a particular individual, group, military, or country

158. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 151. element, 152. procedure, 153. resist, 154. extraordinary, 155. fancy, 156. dependent, 157. weaponry, 158. manufactured, 159. forth

160. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

161. The stories of war crimes filled her with _____.

n. intense fear or disgust, especially at something shocking or terrifying

162. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.

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

163. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

164. Underground rivers flow over a _____ layer that is impervious to water.

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

165. The bird had a beautiful _____ on its head.

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

166. The organization assisted in the de-escalation of _____ violent situations.

adv. in a possible state or condition; possibly

167. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

168. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

ANSWERS: 160. concept, 161. horror, 162. chapter, 163. eliminate, 164. basement, 165. plume, 166. potentially, 167. privacy, 168. delusion

169. The mining and processing of _____ can lead to releasing radioactive materials into the environment.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol U, atomic number 92, that is a dense, silvery-white metal that is radioactive and is used as a fuel for nuclear power plants
170. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
- n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
171. Our company is strongly _____ to meeting customers' needs.
- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
172. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
173. Malignant hypertension is the most _____ form of hypertension.
- adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
174. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
- n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
175. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 169. uranium, 170. mushroom, 171. committed, 172. damage, 173. lethal, 174. destruction, 175. absolutely

176. Greed is the primary _____ in the making of criminals.

- n.* one of the things used to make something, especially one of the foods used to make a particular dish

177. He used a _____ to lift the car to change the tire.

- n.* a mechanical device used for lifting or supporting heavy objects

178. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

- n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound

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

- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

180. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

181. 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

182. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

183. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

ANSWERS: 176. ingredient, 177. jack, 178. volume, 179. probable, 180. responsible, 181. develop, 182. ultimate, 183. district

184. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.

- n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

185. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.

- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

186. I want to _____ a toast in honor of our longstanding relationship.

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

187. The _____ refugees were not allowed to enter the country.

- adj.* having no nationality or citizenship; not being affiliated with any particular state or government

188. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.

- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

189. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.

- n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

190. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.

- n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

191. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 184. battery, 185. degree, 186. propose, 187. stateless, 188. quotation, 189. controversy, 190. facility, 191. union

192. The traffic jam _____ our progress to reach the destination on time.
v. to obstruct or block someone or something to slow down or prevent progress
193. Too much variety may _____ and confuse viewers.
v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
194. She has been in great _____ since she was heartbroken.
n. a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
195. The president began to _____ an army.
v. to collect in one place as a single group
196. As a first _____ we agreed to meet the following Friday.
n. a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
197. The device is only _____ when it is connected to a power source.
adj. able to be used; fit or ready for use or service
198. The small budget was _____ to cover all the necessary expenses for the project.
adj. not sufficient or enough
199. Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size _____.
adv. for a limited time only or not permanently
200. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

ANSWERS: 192. impeded, 193. overwhelm, 194. distress, 195. assemble, 196. arrangement, 197. usable, 198. inadequate, 199. temporarily, 200. population

201. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

202. She decided to ____ around the park to clear her head.

v. to run or move at a slow or leisurely pace, typically for exercise; to continue talking or writing without a definite plan or purpose

203. The employee had to wait outside while police _____ the building.

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

204. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

205. The farmer had a huge _____ of hay for the winter.

n. a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

206. 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.

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

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 201. unbelievable, 202. jog, 203. inspected, 204. urban, 205. stockpile, 206. defend, 207. individual, 208. moving

209. The restaurant uses large _____ to store its food ingredients.
- n.* a receptacle or object used to hold, store, or transport something; a large standardized metal box that is used for transporting goods by sea or land
210. The _____ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.
- n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
211. Clouds form when water _____ rises to the upper atmosphere.
- n.* a mass of tiny liquid drops in the air
212. 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
213. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
214. Their love of discovery and exploration often _____ the adventurous spirit of the explorer.
- v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
215. 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: 209. containers, 210. notion, 211. vapor, 212. zone, 213. threat, 214. characterizes, 215. federal

216. Innovative companies often question _____ practices and break them.
adj. exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share
217. In a _____ system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.
adj. characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
218. Creating amazing shows requires constant _____ effort.
adj. seeming to have no end
219. He is an _____ and genial man.
adj. capable of being reached, easily got, or seen
220. The bomb squad had to _____ the suspicious package found at the train station.
v. to explode or cause to explode; to set off a sudden or dramatic series of events
221. She is searching for a _____ residence.
adj. lasting for a long time without essential change
222. This star is _____ to the naked eye.
adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly
223. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 216. commonsense, 217. probabilistic, 218. unending, 219. accessible, 220. detonate, 221. permanent, 222. apparent, 223. enormous

224. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

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

n. the scientific study of mind and behavior

226. The third _____ was far more successful.

n. an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult

227. The class was composed of both _____ and graduate students.

n. a student who is studying for their first degree at a university or other higher education institution

228. The new office building was constructed with _____ materials, which helped save time and money.

adj. constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

229. The government imposed an _____ on the sale of certain goods to protect public health.

n. an authoritative prohibition or ban, often issued by a legal or religious authority

230. This nationwide strike may _____ the country's economy.

v. to make somebody feel anxious or upset, especially because of an unstable or problematic situation

231. The town was forced to _____ due to the hurricane approaching.

v. to remove people or things from a place of danger or threat; to leave or abandon a place or situation, often due to fear or risk

ANSWERS: 224. survive, 225. psychology, 226. attempt, 227. undergraduate, 228. prefabricated, 229. interdict, 230. unsettle, 231. evacuate

232. The car crash was _____ and the driver died on impact.

adj. causing or resulting in death; lethal

233. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

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

234. Many _____ survivors still suffer from the trauma they experienced during that time.

n. the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction

235. The _____ of the advertisement on the billboard was strategic in attracting a large audience.

n. the act or process of putting something in a particular position or location; a temporary position or job in an organization

236. She squeezed a _____ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

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

237. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

238. RADAR is an _____ for radio detection and ranging.

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

239. The weather forecast predicted a _____ in the afternoon.

n. a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

ANSWERS: 232. fatal, 233. weighs, 234. holocaust, 235. placement, 236. glob, 237. concluded, 238. acronym, 239. shower

240. After years of protests from environmental activists, the government decided to _____ the nuclear power plant.
- v.* to take a machine, building, weapon, or other equipment out of use or service, often permanently or due to age or disrepair
241. The two lines were perfectly _____ to each other.
- adj.* forming, situated at, or being at a right angle to a given line or plane; upright or vertical; at right angles to the horizon
242. Product development is a _____ effort.
- adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
243. You can open the overhead ____ after landing.
- n.* a container, usually that has a lid and used for waste
244. The company made an _____ about its new product at a press conference.
- n.* a public statement or declaration, often made in writing or through the media, that conveys important information or news
245. The police were able to _____ the suspect without any violence.
- v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
246. The hotel is famous for its _____ including the casino.
- n.* public shows, films, television, or other performances or activities of enjoying people
247. He is a true classical music _____ attending concerts regularly and collecting vinyl records.
- n.* a person who is knowledgeable or passionate about a particular subject or activity; an enthusiast or connoisseur who has a deep appreciation for a specific field or interest, often with a high degree of expertise or experience in that area

ANSWERS: 240. decommission, 241. perpendicular, 242. collective, 243. bin, 244.

announcement, 245. disarm, 246. entertainment, 247. aficionado,

248. He was ____ with joy to see the results.

adj. insane, especially due to a mental illness; very angry

249. The police found a hidden _____ of weapons in the suspect's house.

n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

250. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

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

251. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

252. He was sick for five _____ days.

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

253. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

254. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

255. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

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

ANSWERS: 248. mad, 249. arsenal, 250. blind, 251. fragile, 252. straight, 253. possibility, 254. concrete, 255. complicated

256. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
257. The _____ generator was essential during the camping trip.
adj. easily moved or carried; able to be transported from one location to another
258. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
259. After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to _____.
n. a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
260. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
261. The birds found _____ spots in the trees to avoid the rain.
adj. protected or shielded from danger or harmful influences; inexperienced or innocent of certain unpleasantness or harsh realities of life
262. Democracy is utterly opposed to any form of _____.
n. the use of violence to attain political or religious goals or to compel a government to act
263. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 256. argue, 257. portable, 258. bury, 259. lieutenant, 260. nation, 261. sheltered, 262. terrorism, 263. Communal

264. She cut the fabric _____ to create a unique pattern for the dress.

adv. in a direction or manner perpendicular or transverse to something else; across or diagonally; (adjective) positioned across something or being in a direction that crosses something else

265. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

266. I like to _____ the newspaper headlines in the morning to catch up on the news.

v. to read something quickly to get a general idea of its contents; to remove any unwanted or unnecessary material from the surface of a liquid; to glide smoothly or briefly over a surface

267. 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

268. In times of recession, an increase in unemployment is _____.

adj. certain to happen and unavoidable

269. Use italics or capitals to _____ a word in a piece of writing.

v. to give or show particular importance to something

270. The _____ landscape of burnt-out villages and bombed-out ruins spread out before them.

adj. describing severe damage and destruction in past or future events, or the end of the world

ANSWERS: 264. crosswise, 265. amazing, 266. skim, 267. pacific, 268. inevitable, 269. emphasize, 270. apocalyptic

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

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

272. The company's stock gives a high _____.

n. the total output of crops, profits, etc. that are produced; (verb) to produce or supply helpful something, such as a profit, an amount of food, or information

273. The _____ opinion was that the project would be a success.

adj. most frequent, widespread, or currently dominant, usually referring to a particular opinion, attitude, or trend

274. The negotiator skillfully _____ the tense situation with calm words and gestures.

v. to reduce or eliminate the tension, anger, or hostility in a situation, especially a potentially explosive one, by calming, soothing, or pacifying those involved

275. they had no protection from the radioactive _____.

n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion

276. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

277. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

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

278. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 271. percentage, 272. yield, 273. prevailing, 274. defused, 275. fallout, 276. relatives, 277. medical, 278. incredible

279. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

280. 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

281. Tech companies often employ _____ ducts and other materials in their office interiors.

adj. having no protection or shield from something, such as bad weather, attack, or criticism

282. 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

283. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

284. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar ____.

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

285. Several IT millionaires have shown that the level of education is a relatively poor _____ of whether a business can be successfully run.

n. something that shows or points out what a situation is like or how a situation is changing

ANSWERS: 279. horrible, 280. agency, 281. exposed, 282. uniform, 283. disconnect, 284. era, 285. indicator

286. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.
- n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
287. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.
- n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
288. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
- v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
289. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
290. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
- adv.* immediately
291. As people get old, their energies may _____.
- v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 286. scenarios, 287. organ, 288. enriches, 289. engaged, 290. instantly, 291. diminish