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Session 1: Word List

confer

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

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

bind

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

synonym : tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

theme

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

synonym : subject, topic, motif

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

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

cute

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

synonym : attractive, charming, adorable

(1) act **cute**, (2) super **cute** dress

The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so **cute**.

puppy

n. a young dog, usually less than a year old

synonym : dog, young dog, pup

(1) **puppy** in a pet shop, (2) nurse a **puppy**

She adopted a small brown **puppy** from the shelter.

twirl

v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion

synonym : spin, swirl, rotate

(1) **twirl** a ribbon, (2) **twirl** a hula hoop

She **twirled** her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.

pony

n. a small horse

synonym : cayuse

(1) **pony** engine, (2) a spotted **pony**

At this ranch, children can experience riding a **pony**.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym : hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

stir

v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

synonym : mix, swirl, provoke

(1) **stir** a sauce, (2) **stir** up controversy

Topics related to that war may **stir** up a political hornets' nest.

casual

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

synonym : informal, relaxed, offhand

(1) **casual** dress, (2) take a **casual** glance

They had a **casual** conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

invention

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

synonym : creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

placebo

n. harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug

(1) **placebo** therapy, (2) patient in the **placebo** group

A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and **placebo** effects.

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.

compliment

n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

synonym : praise, acclamation, tribute

(1) a backhanded **compliment**, (2) accept a **compliment**

Her **compliment** made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym: exceptionally, notably, unusually

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

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

announce

v. to make something known or officially inform people about something

synonym: disclose, declare, broadcast

(1) **announce** candidacy, (2) **announce** the award winners

The third season of the anime show has been **announced**.

adage

n. a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim

synonym: saying, proverb, maxim

(1) proverbial **adage**, (2) famous **adage**

He lived by the wise **adage** "honesty is the best policy" and was respected for his straightforward approach.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

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.

assure

v. to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

synonym: ensure, guarantee, promise

(1) **assure** safety, (2) **assure** quality

I want to **assure** you that you have my full support.

honesty

n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles

synonym: sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

(1) **honesty** policy, (2) **honesty** box

A culture of **honesty** in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.

entrust

v. to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

synonym: trust, delegate, hand over

(1) **entrust** with responsibility, (2) **entrust** money to him

I **entrusted** my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.

custody

n. the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time

synonym: guardianship, care, detention

(1) take a person into **custody**, (2) **custody** arrangement

After a lengthy court battle, the child's **custody** was granted to the father.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym: banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

conducive

adj. tending to make something likely or possible

synonym: beneficial, advantageous, helpful

(1) **conducive** question, (2) **conducive** to growth

The quiet and peaceful environment was **conducive** to concentration and productivity.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym: translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym : reliable, dependable, honest

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

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

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.

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.

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.

rebel

n. someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

synonym : insurgent, dissenter, mutineer

(1) **rebel** uprising, (2) group of **rebels**

The **rebels** fought against the government for their independence.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

rehabilitate

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

synonym: reform, restore, renovate

(1) **rehabilitate** prisoners, (2) **rehabilitate** wildlife

The organization works to **rehabilitate** drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

reserve

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

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

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

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

outbreak

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

synonym: eruption, outburst, explosion

(1) infectious disease **outbreaks**, (2) the **outbreak** of hostilities

The government predicts an epidemic **outbreak** of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

possession

n. the state or fact of owning or having something
synonym: ownership, holding, control

(1) **possession** of the evidence, (2) a territorial **possession**
That painting is my **possession**, and I inherited it from my grandmother.

refusal

n. the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something

synonym: denial, rejection, turndown

(1) meet with a **refusal**, (2) **refusal** of inspection
She gave a firm **refusal**.

release

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

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air
The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

confide

v. to reveal private or secret information to someone; to trust someone with a confidence

synonym: trust, reveal, impart

(1) **confide** in you, (2) **confide** a secret
He **confided** in her, telling her his deepest secrets.

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.

relief

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

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

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

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

transport

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

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

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

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

deposit

n. a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

synonym: bank, installment, sedimentation

(1) **deposit** money, (2) **deposit** accumulation

I made a **deposit** at the bank to add money to my account.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market

The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

reliable

adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy

synonym: dependable, trustworthy, dedicated

(1) **reliable** access, (2) guarantee **reliable** delivery

Trains are **reliable**, inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.

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.

temporary

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

synonym : provisional, short-term, interim

(1) a **temporary** permit, (2) **temporary** housing

He managed to get **temporary** jobs during the recession.

asylum

n. protection granted to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee

synonym : refuge, shelter, haven

(1) grant **asylum**, (2) **asylum** law

The refugees sought **asylum** in the neighboring country.

unfavorable

adj. not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires

synonym : adverse, negative, hostile

(1) **unfavorable** situation, (2) **unfavorable** reviews

The unforeseen weather change resulted in an **unfavorable** outcome for the outdoor event.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym : help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal

Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

silent

adj. without any or little sound

synonym : quiet, hushed, mute

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

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

remit

n. the act of sending money or payment to someone; the area of responsibility or authority assigned to a particular person or group; (verb) to send money in payment or as a gift

synonym : payment, settlement, remittance

(1) tax **remit**, (2) **remit** by cable

The **remit** of the committee is to review the company's financial statements.

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.

transfer

v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another

synonym : move, relocate, shift

(1) **transfer** a file, (2) **transfer** power

She **transferred** the money from her savings account to her checking account.

sincere

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

synonym : earnest, fervent, candid

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

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

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

backstage

adj. relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

synonym : behind-the-scenes, offstage, private

(1) **backstage** access, (2) **backstage** crew

The **backstage** preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

pursue

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

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

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

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

virgin

n. a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

synonym : virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory

Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

ashamed

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

synonym : regretful, repentant, mortified

(1) feel **ashamed** of him, (2) cast **ashamed** eyes

You don't have to be **ashamed**.

software

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

synonym: program, system, operating system

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

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

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

synonym: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

interaction

n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

(1) the **interaction** between man and his environment,

(2) **interaction** among human beings

The **interaction** of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

lifetime

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

synonym: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

synonym: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme
The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

adulterated

adj. made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased

synonym: impure, corrupted, debased

(1) **adulterated** food, (2) **adulterated** with toxic substances
The food and drug administration warned consumers not to purchase **adulterated** medicine.

browse

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

synonym: look around, look through, scan

(1) **browse** a website, (2) **browse** through the text
We **browsed** in a souvenir shop.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology
Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

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.

madonna

n. a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art

synonym: virgin, mother

(1) wooden **Madonna**, (2) **madonna** painting
The **Madonnas** and Child painting is a famous piece of art from the Renaissance period.

justify

v. to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to

defend or vindicate something as right or valid

synonym : validate, defend, support

(1) **justify** my beliefs, (2) **justify** your decision

The lawyer tried to **justify** his client's actions by presenting evidence of their difficult upbringing.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym : achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

clip

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

synonym : buckle, hook, pin

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

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

invitation

n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something

synonym : request, asking, proposal

(1) a letter of **invitation**, (2) **invitation** of foreign investment

I will be very happy to accept your **invitation**.

byte

n. a unit of digital information that consists of 8 bits, typically used to represent a single character of text or a small amount of computer code

(1) **byte** code, (2) **byte** array

The computer hard drive had plenty of storage space but was running low on available **bytes**.

overage

adj. exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected

synonym : superannuated, over-the-hill, outdated

(1) **overage** policy, (2) **overage** charges

The **overage** fees for exceeding the data limit were surprisingly high.

owe

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

synonym: have an obligation, incur

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

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

needless

adj. describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

synonym: unnecessary, pointless, superfluous

(1) **needless** argument, (2) **needless** waste

This **needless** paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

freelance

adj. doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization

synonym: self-employed, independent

(1) a **freelance** journalist, (2) professional **freelance** writer

He became a **freelance** photographer after working for a company for over ten years.

unemployed

adj. not having a job, although able to work

synonym: idle, inactive, jobless

(1) assignment for the **unemployed** youth, (2) people who are **unemployed**

My father was **unemployed** for so long.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

guru

n. a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area

synonym : sage, mentor, master

(1) **guru** meditation, (2) spiritual **guru**

He was considered a **guru** in economics and consulted by many leaders.

distill

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

synonym : extract, condense, purify

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

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

complexity

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

synonym : intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym : dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym : unlucky, pitiful, wretched

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

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

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

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.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

cult

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

synonym: sect, faith, religion

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

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

microscope

n. an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

synonym: lens, magnifier, eyepiece

(1) **microscope** slide, (2) electron **microscope**

I used an optical **microscope** to observe the small organisms

in the water sample.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
synonym: fellow, associate, counterpart

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

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

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

boulder

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

synonym: rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym: affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves
He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym : sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

presentation

n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

synonym : exhibition, display, speech

(1) **presentation** skills, (2) **presentation** slides

She gave a fantastic **presentation** at the conference and received a standing ovation.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym : equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

simulate

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

synonym : pretend, imitate, mimic

(1) **simulate** climate change, (2) **simulate** a future scenario

He had painted the wood to **simulate** stone.

trench

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym : aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

applause

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

synonym : clapping, cheering, acclaim

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

The **applause** burst from the audience.

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym : comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

heckler

n. a person who interrupts or jeers at a public speaker, performer, or event, typically to be disruptive or critical; someone who engages in the act of harassing

synonym : critic, mocker, harasser

(1) political **heckler**, (2) a relentless **heckler**

The comedian dealt with a persistent **heckler** during his stand-up routine.

moron

n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

synonym : idiot, fool, imbecile

(1) social **moron**, (2) complete **moron**

The internet troll accused her of being a **moron** for her political views.

- coo**
- n.* a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company
- synonym* : murmur, cooing, whisper
- (1) baby **coo**, (2) the **COO** of the company
- The baby let out a gentle **coo** as she was rocked to sleep.
- applaud**
- v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
- synonym* : clap, celebrate, praise
- (1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra
- I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.
- heroic**
- adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
- synonym* : brave, courageous, daring
- (1) a **heroic** poem, (2) **heroic** explorers
- The **heroic** actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
- singe**
- v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
- synonym* : sear, char, burn
- (1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric
- I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.
- shrimp**
- n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
- synonym* : prawn, langoustine, scampi
- (1) **shrimp** cocktail, (2) **shrimp** farming
- The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring **shrimp**.

spam

n. unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk

synonym : junk email

(1) receive a **spam** email, (2) anti- **spam** technology

You can remove **spam** messages with special software.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym : seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym : nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

replay

v. play something, such as a recording, a piece of music, or a game again

synonym : repeat, play again, go over again

(1) **replay** the game, (2) **replay** in my mind

He pushed the button and **replayed** the video again.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym : angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

quarter

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

synonym : fourth, one-fourth

(1) a **quarter** mile, (2) end of the first **quarter**

The unemployment rate in the first **quarter** was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

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.

preference

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

synonym : taste, choice, affection

(1) his meal **preferences**, (2) a particular **preference** for Chinese art

Her **preference** is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

random

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

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

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

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

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

sarcastic

adj. using irony and cutting language to mock, ridicule, or convey contempt; saying the opposite of what is meant in a mocking tone

synonym : mocking, ironic, sardonic

(1) use **sarcastic** language, (2) **sarcastic** sense of humor
Her **sarcastic** remarks made it clear that she wasn't happy with the situation.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**
Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

perpetual

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

synonym : enduring, unchanging, incessant

(1) **perpetual** motion machine, (2) **perpetual** struggle
The company employs a **perpetual** inventory system.

anxiety

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

synonym : concern, dread, agita

(1) diagnosis of **anxiety** disorder, (2) **anxiety** for knowledge
She waited for her daughter with **anxiety**.

fin *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

manual *adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject

synonym: by hand, (noun) handbook, (noun) tutorial

(1) car with **manual** transmissions, (2) look at the **manual**

This machine cuts metal by **manual** control.

minimal *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible

synonym: tiniest, essential, minimum

(1) **minimal** effort, (2) **minimal** amount

The process was carried out at **minimal** cost.

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.

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

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

synonym: battle, competition, match

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

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

resonate

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

synonym: echo, reverberate, resound

(1) deeply **resonate** with the consumers, (2) **resonate** in the same frequency

The sound **resonates** well in this theater.

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.

toilet

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

synonym: bathroom, lavatory, washroom

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

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

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym: sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

crayon

n. a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

synonym : chalk, pastel, (verb) draw

(1) **crayon** drawing, (2) **crayon** her coloring books

The teacher handed out several different colored **crayons** to each student.

bum

n. a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

synonym : hobo, vagrant, tramp

(1) homeless **bum**, (2) lazy **bum**

He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up **bum** with nothing to show.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

synonym : terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

eventually

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

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed
The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

penis

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

synonym : phallus, member, organ

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

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

scribble

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

synonym : scabble, scrawl, jot

(1) **scribble** on paper, (2) **scribble** notes

The words were **scribbled** in pencil.

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.

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month
The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym : cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

postwar

adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

synonym : subsequent, aftermath

(1) **postwar** years, (2) **postwar** society

The **postwar** period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

germ

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

synonym : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

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

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

etch

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

synonym : engrave, inscribe, carve

(1) **etch** a metal plate, (2) **etch** a design into wood

He used a sharp tool to **etch** his initials onto the metal.

tune

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

synonym : melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

(1) the **tune** of a song, (2) **tune** a piano

The band played a beautiful **tune** on their instruments.

partake

v. to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink

synonym : consume, share, participate

(1) **partake** in a celebration, (2) **partake** in an activity

Let's all **partake** in the potluck and share our favorite dishes.

crappy

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

synonym : poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

marionette

n. a puppet that is manipulated by strings or wires attached to its joints; a doll or figurine that is animated or controlled by a puppeteer

synonym : puppet, doll, marotte

(1) wooden **marionette**, (2) the **marionette's** facial expressions

The **marionette** show enthralled the children, watching the puppets dance and interact.

submit

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

synonym : hand in, present, propose

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

Please **submit** the assignment to me.

darling

n. a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear

synonym : sweetheart, beloved, dear

(1) have a **darling** baby, (2) medium **darling**

My **darling** child, I love you so much.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym : beautiful, stunning, attractive

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

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

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

refurbish

v. to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance

synonym: renovate, revamp, remodel

(1) **refurbish** a room, (2) **refurbish** a classic car

I plan to **refurbish** my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.

encourage

v. to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do

synonym: facilitate, persuade, stimulate

(1) **encourage** a sense of affinity, (2) **encourage** antisocial behavior

They **encouraged** customers with a premium for loyal patronage.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

contribute

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

synonym : donate, devote, commit

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

(2) **contribute** to society

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

mistress

n. a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

synonym : lover, paramour, concubine

(1) a **mistress** of comedy, (2) keep a **mistress**

She used to be his **mistress** before the death of his first wife.

cruel

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

(1) a **cruel** and unusual punishment, (2) **cruel** joke

The dictator was known for his **cruel** and oppressive regime.

spouse

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

synonym : partner, mate, wife

(1) **spouse** tax deduction, (2) **spouse** visa

The **spouse** of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

chill

n. a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

synonym : coldness, coolness, (verb) freeze

(1) the **chill** of autumn, (2) feel a slight **chill**

His swear words cast a **chill** on the party.

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**.

peripheral

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

synonym : outer, minor, secondary

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

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

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym : anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**

She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

puppet

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

synonym : marionette, dummy, mannequin

(1) **puppet** theater, (2) corporate **puppet**

The politician was merely a **puppet** for the wealthy elite.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

synonym : shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief

from the sun.

elaborate

adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

synonym: detailed, intricate, complicated

(1) an **elaborate** hat, (2) **elaborate** Ponzi scheme

He proposed an **elaborate** program of public works.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym: mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. ho____y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
3. bo____r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
4. central th__e *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
5. s__r up controversy *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
6. tw__l a hula hoop *v.* to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
7. to____t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
8. pa____e in an activity *v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
9. take a person into cu____y *n.* the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time

ANSWERS: 1. hell, 2. honesty, 3. boulder, 4. theme, 5. stir, 6. twirl, 7. toilet, 8. partake, 9. custody

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| 10. the int_____on between man and his environment | <i>n.</i> the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them |
| 11. tw__l a ribbon | <i>v.</i> to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion |
| 12. ob___s over her weight | <i>v.</i> to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else |
| 13. stuff of science fi_____n | <i>n.</i> the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true |
| 14. access to public tr_____rt | <i>n.</i> a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on |
| 15. a low-pi__hed sound | <i>n.</i> the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something |
| 16. o_e \$100 to my friend | <i>v.</i> to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received; |
| 17. engine cooling f_n | <i>n.</i> a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces |
| 18. at inc_____le speed | <i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous |
| 19. cr___n her coloring books | <i>n.</i> a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring |

ANSWERS: 10. interaction, 11. twirl, 12. obsess, 13. fiction, 14. transport, 15. pitch, 16. owe, 17. fan, 18. incredible, 19. crayon

20. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
21. diagnosis of an_____y disorder *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
22. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
23. ma_____a painting *n.* a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art
24. sc_____le on paper *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
25. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
26. feel as_____d of him *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
27. en_____ge a sense of affinity *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
28. ne_____ss argument *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
29. the ou_____ak of hostilities *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 20. relief, 21. anxiety, 22. engage, 23. madonna, 24. scribble, 25. economical, 26. ashamed, 27. encourage, 28. needless, 29. outbreak

30. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
31. 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.
32. en_____t with responsibility *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment
33. dr_____g for design *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
34. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
35. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
36. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
37. an_____ce the award winners *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
38. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
39. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
40. unf_____le situation *adj.* not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires

ANSWERS: 30. pursue, 31. hop, 32. entrust, 33. drawing, 34. holy, 35. lifetime, 36. peer, 37. announce, 38. technological, 39. singe, 40. unfavorable

41. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
42. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
43. e__h a design into wood *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
44. di_____l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
45. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
46. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
47. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
48. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
49. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
50. id__t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

ANSWERS: 41. philosophy, 42. complexity, 43. etch, 44. distill, 45. fashion, 46. inspiration, 47. population, 48. germ, 49. probable, 50. idiot

51. re__r to a map *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
52. pa_____e in a celebration *v.* to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink
53. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
54. nurse a pu__y *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
55. a speech co_____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
56. high pain th_____ld *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
57. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
58. cr___y service *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
59. take a ca___l glance *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
60. his meal pre_____ces *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
61. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

ANSWERS: 51. refer, 52. partake, 53. embarrass, 54. puppy, 55. contest, 56. threshold, 57. contribute, 58. crappy, 59. casual, 60. preference, 61. lifetime

62. deeply re_____te with the consumers *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
63. ca___l dress *adj.* relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness
64. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
65. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
66. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
67. a te_____ry permit *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
68. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
69. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
70. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
71. as___e quality *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
72. assignment for the une_____ed youth *adj.* not having a job, although able to work

ANSWERS: 62. resonate, 63. casual, 64. opportune, 65. decide, 66. germ, 67. temporary, 68. reliable, 69. contribute, 70. embarrass, 71. assure, 72. unemployed

73. ge____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
74. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
75. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
76. mic____pe slide *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye
77. the major pr____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
78. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
79. br___e through the text *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
80. col____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
81. inc____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
82. ge____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

ANSWERS: 73. generate, 74. crazy, 75. process, 76. microscope, 77. premise, 78. invest, 79. browse, 80. collaborate, 81. incredible, 82. generate

83. at____t community *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
84. per_____al devices *adj.* relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential
85. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
86. the com_____on of murder *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
87. in a ge____e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
88. a go_____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
89. ba_____ge access *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
90. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
91. sh____w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 83. atheist, 84. peripheral, 85. confer, 86. commission, 87. gentle, 88. gorgeous, 89. backstage, 90. whisper, 91. shadow

92. pre_____ion skills *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
93. ch__r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
94. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
95. draw out your ap____l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
96. su____t an application *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
97. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
98. to____t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
99. an_____y for knowledge *n.* a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future
100. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
101. en_____t money to him *v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

ANSWERS: 92. presentation, 93. cheer, 94. climate, 95. appeal, 96. submit, 97. population, 98. toilet, 99. anxiety, 100. complexity, 101. entrust

102. sp___e visa *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
103. pr_____t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
104. cast as_____d eyes *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
105. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
106. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
107. reh_____ate prisoners *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
108. end of the first qu_____r *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
109. sh___w puppetry *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
110. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 102. spouse, 103. predict, 104. ashamed, 105. gentle, 106. environment, 107. rehabilitate, 108. quarter, 109. shadow, 110. stick

111. copyrighted so____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
112. spiritual g__u *n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area
113. a ra____m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
114. political he____r *n.* a person who interrupts or jeers at a public speaker, performer, or event, typically to be disruptive or critical; someone who engages in the act of harassing
115. tr____h excavator *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
116. express si____e regret *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
117. ad____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
118. short video c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
119. act c__e *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

ANSWERS: 111. software, 112. guru, 113. random, 114. heckler, 115. trench, 116. sincere, 117. advance, 118. clip, 119. cute

120. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
121. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
122. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
123. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
124. a reckless at_____t *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
125. or_____n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
126. corporate pu_____t *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
127. super c___e dress *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
128. si_____t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
129. 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: 120. confer, 121. economy, 122. invention, 123. creditor, 124. attempt, 125. origin, 126. puppet, 127. cute, 128. silent, 129. hop

130. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
131. an ap____l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
132. in____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
133. social mo__n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
134. reh_____ate wildlife *v.* to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment
135. a letter of inv_____on *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
136. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
137. a mi_____ss of comedy *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
138. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

ANSWERS: 130. reliable, 131. appeal, 132. insist, 133. moron, 134. rehabilitate, 135. invitation, 136. environment, 137. mistress, 138. minister

139. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
140. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
141. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
142. si_____te a future scenario *v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
143. re_____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
144. 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
145. technical dr_____g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
146. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
147. pe_____al motion machine *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
148. pl_____o therapy *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
149. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 139. transport, 140. creditor, 141. singe, 142. simulate, 143. release, 144. doll, 145. drawing, 146. probable, 147. perpetual, 148. placebo, 149. trap

150. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
151. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
152. e__h a metal plate *v.* to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern
153. arr____nt committee *n.* a plan or preparation for the future event; the action or process of placing things in a particular order
154. the ch__l of autumn *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
155. wooden mar____te *n.* a puppet that is manipulated by strings or wires attached to its joints; a doll or figurine that is animated or controlled by a puppeteer
156. make a pr____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
157. po____r society *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

ANSWERS: 150. cult, 151. bind, 152. etch, 153. arrangement, 154. chill, 155. marionette, 156. premise, 157. postwar

158. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
159. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
160. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
161. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
162. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
163. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
164. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
165. ov_____e policy *adj.* exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected
166. el_____te Ponzi scheme *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts
167. at_____t belief *n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

ANSWERS: 158. reserve, 159. whisper, 160. core, 161. awful, 162. collaboration, 163. finance, 164. peer, 165. overage, 166. elaborate, 167. atheist

168. patient in the pl____o group *n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
169. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
170. a qu____r mile *n.* one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion
171. earn ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
172. round of ap____se *n.* a demonstration of approval or praise by clapping the hands together
173. the at____t to rescue the hostages *n.* an act or effort of trying to do something, especially something difficult
174. the th____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
175. 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
176. an unf____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
177. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

ANSWERS: 168. placebo, 169. smack, 170. quarter, 171. applause, 172. applause, 173. attempt, 174. threshold, 175. hell, 176. unfortunate, 177. bond

178. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
179. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
180. sh___p farming *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
181. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
182. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
183. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
184. a mea_____ul outcome *adj.* having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile
185. adu_____ed food *adj.* made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased
186. inv_____on of foreign investment *n.* a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
187. car with ma___l transmissions *adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject
188. sur_____gly advanced culture *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder

ANSWERS: 178. economical, 179. fin, 180. shrimp, 181. opportune, 182. par, 183. eventually, 184. meaningful, 185. adulterated, 186. invitation, 187. manual, 188. surprisingly

189. use sa_____ic language *adj.* using irony and cutting language to mock, ridicule, or convey contempt; saying the opposite of what is meant in a mocking tone
190. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
191. cr____y Spanish *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
192. a si_____e man *adj.* (of a person, feelings, or behavior) open and genuine; not deceitful
193. re____y in my mind *v.* play something, such as a recording, a piece of music, or a game again
194. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
195. tr_____er a file *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
196. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
197. proverbial ad__e *n.* a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
198. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
199. look at the ma____l *adj.* done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject
200. sa_____ic sense of humor *adj.* using irony and cutting language to mock, ridicule, or convey contempt; saying the opposite of what is meant in a mocking tone

ANSWERS: 189. sarcastic, 190. eventually, 191. crappy, 192. sincere, 193. replay, 194. trustworthy, 195. transfer, 196. fashion, 197. adage, 198. frank, 199. manual, 200. sarcastic

201. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
202. professional fr_____ce writer *adj.* doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization
203. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
204. a particular pre_____ce for Chinese art *n.* a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person
205. re_____l of inspection *n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something
206. the t__e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
207. re__l uprising *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
208. meet with a re_____l *n.* the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something
209. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
210. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
211. an el_____te hat *adj.* containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

ANSWERS: 201. transparent, 202. freelance, 203. applaud, 204. preference, 205. refusal, 206. tune, 207. rebel, 208. refusal, 209. suppose, 210. writ, 211. elaborate

212. re____te in the same frequency *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
213. 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
214. ne____ss waste *adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences
215. the C_O of the company *n.* a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company
216. cr____n drawing *n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring
217. lazy b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

ANSWERS: 212. resonate, 213. security, 214. needless, 215. coo, 216. crayon, 217. bum

227. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
228. people who are une_____ed *adj.* not having a job, although able to work
229. enter vi____n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
230. an aw__l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
231. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
232. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
233. ju_____y my beliefs *v.* to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid
234. a spotted p__y *n.* a small horse
235. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
236. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
237. mi_____l amount *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
238. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
239. an unf_____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

ANSWERS: 227. statistics, 228. unemployed, 229. virgin, 230. awful, 231. writ, 232. origin, 233. justify, 234. pony, 235. amazing, 236. climate, 237. minimal, 238. par, 239. unfortunate

240. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
241. give si___t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
242. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
243. go_____us sunset *adj.* wonderful and attractive
244. ov_____e charges *adj.* exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected
245. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
246. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
247. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
248. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
249. as___t his goal *v.* to help someone in doing anything
250. ap_____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
251. the mar_____te's facial expressions *n.* a puppet that is manipulated by strings or wires attached to its joints; a doll or figurine that is animated or controlled by a puppeteer

ANSWERS: 240. interaction, 241. silent, 242. fin, 243. gorgeous, 244. overage, 245. echo, 246. technological, 247. clip, 248. holy, 249. assist, 250. applaud, 251. marionette

252. have a da____g baby *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
253. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
254. vi___n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
255. co_____e in you *v.* to reveal private or secret information to someone; to trust someone with a confidence
256. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
257. re_____re market *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
258. re__t by cable *n.* the act of sending money or payment to someone; the area of responsibility or authority assigned to a particular person or group; (verb) to send money in payment or as a gift
259. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
260. keep a mi_____ss *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
261. unf_____le reviews *adj.* not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires

ANSWERS: 252. darling, 253. engage, 254. virgin, 255. confide, 256. release, 257. reassure, 258. remit, 259. frank, 260. mistress, 261. unfavorable

262. co_____ve question *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
263. re_____sh a room *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
264. re_____sh a classic car *v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
265. s__r a sauce *v.* to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused
266. homeless b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
267. 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
268. de_____t money *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
269. b__e array *n.* a unit of digital information that consists of 8 bits, typically used to represent a single character of text or a small amount of computer code

ANSWERS: 262. conducive, 263. refurbish, 264. refurbish, 265. stir, 266. bum, 267. doll, 268. deposit, 269. byte

270. en_____ge antisocial behavior *v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
271. as___e safety *v.* to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true
272. g__u meditation *n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area
273. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
274. p__y engine *n.* a small horse
275. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
276. sp___e tax deduction *n.* a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage
277. a he___c poem *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
278. accept a com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

ANSWERS: 270. encourage, 271. assure, 272. guru, 273. advance, 274. pony, 275. cult, 276. spouse, 277. heroic, 278. compliment

279. make the accord mea_____ul *adj.* having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile
280. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
281. he____c explorers *adj.* courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
282. pe__s enlargement *n.* the male sexual organ; a reproductive organ involved in sexual intercourse and urination in males
283. tax re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
284. medium da_____g *n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
285. anti-s__m technology *n.* unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk
286. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
287. co_____ve to growth *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
288. sc_____le notes *v.* to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry
289. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

ANSWERS: 279. meaningful, 280. reserve, 281. heroic, 282. penis, 283. relief, 284. darling, 285. spam, 286. invest, 287. conducive, 288. scribble, 289. collaboration

290. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
291. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
292. group of re__ls *n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it
293. grant as___m *n.* protection granted to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee
294. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
295. pr_____t the future *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
296. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
297. t__e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
298. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 290. trap, 291. core, 292. rebel, 293. asylum, 294. inspiration, 295. predict, 296. software, 297. tune, 298. bubble

299. pre_____ion slides *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
300. complete mo__n *n.* (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense
301. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
302. 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
303. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
304. de_____t accumulation *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
305. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
306. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

ANSWERS: 299. presentation, 300. moron, 301. cheer, 302. commission, 303. stick, 304. deposit, 305. amazing, 306. idiot

307. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
308. mi____l effort *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
309. before Ch__t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
310. di____l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
311. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
312. th__e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
313. cr__l joke *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
314. ju____y your decision *v.* to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid
315. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
316. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

ANSWERS: 307. pitch, 308. minimal, 309. Christ, 310. distill, 311. feat, 312. theme, 313. cruel, 314. justify, 315. philosophy, 316. supposedly

317. feel a slight ch__l *n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler
318. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
319. famous ad__e *n.* a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
320. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
321. pu__y in a pet shop *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
322. a backhanded com_____nt *n.* an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good
323. a territorial pos_____on *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
324. lava bo_____r *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
325. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
326. tax re__t *n.* the act of sending money or payment to someone; the area of responsibility or authority assigned to a particular person or group; (verb) to send money in payment or as a gift

ANSWERS: 317. chill, 318. finance, 319. adage, 320. echo, 321. puppy, 322. compliment, 323. possession, 324. boulder, 325. crazy, 326. remit

327. ba_____ge crew *adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life
328. 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
329. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
330. he is ob____sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
331. o_e him a grudge *v.* to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
332. pu____t theater *n.* a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else
333. infectious disease ou_____aks *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
334. electron mic_____pe *n.* an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

ANSWERS: 327. backstage, 328. security, 329. invention, 330. obsess, 331. owe, 332. puppet, 333. outbreak, 334. microscope

335. deputy prime mi____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
336. receive a s__m email *n.* unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk
337. a tra_____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
338. tr_____er power *v.* to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
339. a fr_____ce journalist *adj.* doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization
340. 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
341. baby c_o *n.* a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company
342. pe_____al struggle *adj.* continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted
343. non-fi_____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

ANSWERS: 335. minister, 336. spam, 337. transparent, 338. transfer, 339. freelance, 340. arrangement, 341. coo, 342. perpetual, 343. fiction

344. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
345. cu____y arrangement *n.* the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time
346. a relentless he____r *n.* a person who interrupts or jeers at a public speaker, performer, or event, typically to be disruptive or critical; someone who engages in the act of harassing
347. br____e a website *v.* to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants
348. re____y the game *v.* play something, such as a recording, a piece of music, or a game again
349. deep-sea tr____h *n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
350. sh____p cocktail *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
351. ho____y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
352. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 344. suppose, 345. custody, 346. heckler, 347. browse, 348. replay, 349. trench, 350. shrimp, 351. honesty, 352. feat

353. an____ce candidacy *v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something
354. per_____al vision *adj.* relating to, located on or near, or constituting an outer boundary or edge; not central or essential
355. te_____ry housing *adj.* not lasting or be used for a very long
356. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
357. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
358. adu_____ed with toxic substances *adj.* made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased
359. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
360. agree to su___t the bill *v.* to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration
361. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
362. economic bu___e *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

ANSWERS: 353. announce, 354. peripheral, 355. temporary, 356. insist, 357. bond, 358. adulterated, 359. refer, 360. submit, 361. fan, 362. bubble

363. wooden Ma____a *n.* a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art
364. as____t a patient *v.* to help someone in doing anything
365. a close co____t *n.* a competition in which people compete for supremacy in a sport or other activity; a struggle between rivals
366. po____r years *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
367. re____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
368. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
369. as____m law *n.* protection granted to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee
370. pr____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
371. tru____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
372. 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

ANSWERS: 363. madonna, 364. assist, 365. contest, 366. postwar, 367. reassure, 368. Christ, 369. asylum, 370. process, 371. trustworthy, 372. decide

373. b__d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
374. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
375. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
376. pos_____on of the evidence *n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
377. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
378. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

ANSWERS: 373. bind, 374. economy, 375. statistics, 376. possession, 377. supposedly, 378. collaborate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The doctor examined the patient's _____ during the routine check-up.
 - n.* the male sexual organ; a reproductive organ involved in sexual intercourse and urination in males

2. Her voice gradually increased in _____.
 - n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

3. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.
 - n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

4. The _____ fought against the government for their independence.
 - n.* someone who resists or opposes authority or control, especially by fighting against it

5. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
 - n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

6. His swear words cast a _____ on the party.
 - n.* a feeling of coldness that makes one shiver; (verb) to make cool or cooler

7. Within a few years, no _____ forests will remain.
 - n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time

ANSWERS: 1. penis, 2. pitch, 3. atheist, 4. rebels, 5. feat, 6. chill, 7. virgin

8. The company employs a _____ inventory system.

adj. continuing for an extended period in the same way without stopping or being interrupted

9. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

10. The lawyer tried to _____ his client's actions by presenting evidence of their difficult upbringing.

v. to provide a valid or reasonable explanation, reasoning, or evidence in support of a belief, action, or decision; to defend or vindicate something as right or valid

11. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

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

12. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

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

13. The _____ of the politician was a constant presence at campaign events.

n. a person's husband, wife, or partner in marriage

14. I want to _____ you that you have my full support.

v. to give confidence or reassurance to someone; to convince or guarantee someone that something will happen or that something is true

15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. perpetual, 9. generate, 10. justify, 11. fins, 12. reserve, 13. spouse, 14. assure, 15. hell

16. The computer hard drive had plenty of storage space but was running low on available _____.
- n.* a unit of digital information that consists of 8 bits, typically used to represent a single character of text or a small amount of computer code
17. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.
- v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
18. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
- n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
19. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.
- n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
20. That painting is my _____ and I inherited it from my grandmother.
- n.* the state or fact of owning or having something
21. The process was carried out at _____ cost.
- adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
22. My _____ child, I love you so much.
- n.* a term of endearment or affectionate term for someone you love or hold dear
23. A _____ was being dug alongside the road by workers.
- n.* a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

ANSWERS: 16. bytes, 17. advance, 18. population, 19. inspiration, 20. possession, 21. minimal, 22. darling, 23. trench

24. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

- n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

25. He _____ in her, telling her his deepest secrets.

- v.* to reveal private or secret information to someone; to trust someone with a confidence

26. At this ranch, children can experience riding a _____.

- n.* a small horse

27. She intends to _____ a political career.

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

28. The _____ preparations for the concert took hours to complete.

- adj.* relating to or situated in the area behind the stage of a theater, concert, or other performance venues; relating to the private or hidden aspects of something, such as politics, business, or personal life

29. He pushed the button and _____ the video again.

- v.* play something, such as a recording, a piece of music, or a game again

30. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.

- v.* to help someone in doing anything

31. This _____ paperwork is wasting our time and resources.

- adj.* describing something unnecessary, pointless, or superfluous and could be avoided without any harm or adverse consequences

ANSWERS: 24. Christmas, 25. confided, 26. pony, 27. pursue, 28. backstage, 29. replayed, 30. assist, 31. needless

32. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
- n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
33. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.
- adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
34. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.
- adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
35. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.
- adj.* reliable and dependable
36. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
37. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
38. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.
- n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
39. Her _____ remarks made it clear that she wasn't happy with the situation.
- adj.* using irony and cutting language to mock, ridicule, or convey contempt; saying the opposite of what is meant in a mocking tone

ANSWERS: 32. bubble, 33. gentle, 34. supposedly, 35. trustworthy, 36. cores, 37. opportune, 38. transportation, 39. sarcastic

40. The _____ and Child painting is a famous piece of art from the Renaissance period.

n. a representation of the Virgin Mary, especially in art

41. The unforeseen weather change resulted in an _____ outcome for the outdoor event.

adj. not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires

42. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

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

43. Topics related to that war may _____ up a political hornets' nest.

v. to mix a liquid or substance by using a spoon or something similar; to cause to be agitated, excited, or roused

44. It's notoriously challenging to _____ birth rates.

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

45. The internet troll accused her of being a _____ for her political views.

n. (offensive and derogatory term) a person who is considered very foolish, stupid, or lacking intelligence or common sense

46. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

47. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.

adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others

ANSWERS: 40. Madonnas, 41. unfavorable, 42. peer, 43. stir, 44. predict, 45. moron, 46. appeal, 47. cruel

48. He became a _____ photographer after working for a company for over ten years.

adj. doing particular pieces of work for different organizations rather than being employed by one specific organization

49. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

50. The city's _____ areas should be given more attention regarding infrastructure and resources.

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

51. The _____ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

52. After a lengthy court battle, the child's _____ was granted to the father.

n. the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time

53. The enemy fell right into the _____.

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

54. The third _____ was far more successful.

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

55. The organization works to _____ drug addicts and help them rebuild their lives.

v. to restore to good health or physical condition; to help someone return to a normal life, especially after a period of illness, addiction, or imprisonment

ANSWERS: 48. freelance, 49. invest, 50. peripheral, 51. theme, 52. custody, 53. trap, 54. attempt, 55. rehabilitate

56. That style is no longer in _____.

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

57. The _____ period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

adj. relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

58. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

59. You can remove _____ messages with special software.

n. unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk

60. Her _____ made my day; I felt so competent and appreciated.

n. an expression of praise, admiration, or approval; a polite or flattering statement intended to make someone feel good

61. Her _____ is comfortable clothing over fashionable ones.

n. a stronger liking or interest for something or someone than another thing or person

62. The quiet and peaceful environment was _____ to concentration and productivity.

adj. tending to make something likely or possible

63. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 56. fashion, 57. postwar, 58. stick, 59. spam, 60. compliment, 61. preference, 62. conducive, 63. process

64. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.
- v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
65. They _____ customers with a premium for loyal patronage.
- v.* to give someone support, confidence, or hope; to persuade someone to do or continue to do something by making it easier for them and making them believe it is a good thing to do
66. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.
- n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
67. I plan to _____ my old dresser with a fresh coat of paint and new drawer handles.
- v.* to renovate or improve something old or worn out, typically by cleaning, repairing, or replacing parts to restore its original condition or appearance
68. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.
- adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
69. He was considered a _____ in economics and consulted by many leaders.
- n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area
70. She gave a fantastic _____ at the conference and received a standing ovation.
- n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
71. The third season of the anime show has been _____.
- v.* to make something known or officially inform people about something

ANSWERS: 64. distill, 65. encouraged, 66. drawing, 67. refurbish, 68. surprisingly, 69. guru, 70. presentation, 71. announced

72. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

73. She walked to the _____ to freshen up before the meeting.

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

74. Please accept my _____ condolences on your friend's death.

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

75. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

76. She gave a firm _____.

n. the act of showing or saying that one is not willing to do or accept something

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

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

78. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.

n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

79. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.

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

80. 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

ANSWERS: 72. echoed, 73. toilet, 74. sincere, 75. whispered, 76. refusal, 77. contest, 78. lifetime, 79. clip, 80. commission

81. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
82. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
adj. worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
83. The comedian dealt with a persistent _____ during his stand-up routine.
n. a person who interrupts or jeers at a public speaker, performer, or event, typically to be disruptive or critical; someone who engages in the act of harassing
84. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
85. I will be very happy to accept your _____.
n. a spoken or written request to participate or be present or take part in something
86. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
87. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.
adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
88. He proposed an _____ program of public works.
adj. containing a lot of carefully prepared and organized or many complicated and detailed parts

ANSWERS: 81. eventually, 82. reliable, 83. heckler, 84. unfortunate, 85. invitation, 86. creditor, 87. awful, 88. elaborate

89. 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
90. You don't have to be _____.
- adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
91. 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
92. The refugees sought _____ in the neighboring country.
- n.* protection granted to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee
93. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
- v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
94. A double-blind procedure is used to guard against experimenter bias and _____ effects.
- n.* harmless substance, especially given as a pacifier or to the control group in experiments on the efficacy of a drug
95. 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: 89. security, 90. ashamed, 91. engaged, 92. asylum, 93. refer, 94. placebo, 95. hopped

96. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.

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

97. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

98. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

99. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

100. She adopted a small brown _____ from the shelter.

n. a young dog, usually less than a year old

101. 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

102. The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so _____.

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

103. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

ANSWERS: 96. applaud, 97. finance, 98. shadow, 99. reassure, 100. puppy, 101. arrangement, 102. cute, 103. insisted

104. The sound _____ well in this theater.

v. to be filled with a deep echoing sound

105. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

106. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

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

107. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

108. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

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

109. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

110. He used a sharp tool to _____ his initials onto the metal.

v. to carve, cut, or engrave (a design or text) into a hard surface; to corrode, erode or eat away at a metal surface using acid or another chemical substance to create a design or pattern

111. He managed to get _____ jobs during the recession.

adj. not lasting or be used for a very long

ANSWERS: 104. resonates, 105. collaborate, 106. complexity, 107. collaboration, 108. confer, 109. idiot, 110. etch, 111. temporary

112. The government predicts an epidemic _____ of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.
- n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
113. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
114. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
115. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
116. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.
- n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
117. 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
118. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.
- v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
119. I made a _____ at the bank to add money to my account.
- n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

ANSWERS: 112. outbreak, 113. amazing, 114. software, 115. suppose, 116. honesty, 117. doll, 118. bind, 119. deposit

120. She _____ her friend a favor for helping her move.

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

121. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

- n.* the first existence or beginning of something

122. She's on the _____ of adulthood.

- n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

123. Please _____ the assignment to me.

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

124. Truth is stranger than _____.

- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

125. Ethics is a branch of _____.

- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

126. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

- v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

127. I'm a big ___ of French food.

- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

ANSWERS: 120. owes, 121. origin, 122. threshold, 123. submit, 124. fiction, 125. philosophy, 126. embarrass, 127. fan

128. The politician was merely a _____ for the wealthy elite.

n. a doll or figure that is manipulated by strings, wires, or hands to represent a person or animal; a person who is controlled or manipulated by someone else

129. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

130. 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

131. She waited for her daughter with _____.

n. a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease about something that is happening or might happen in the future

132. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

133. She used to be his _____ before the death of his first wife.

n. a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

134. The band played a beautiful _____ on their instruments.

n. a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard

135. The words were _____ in pencil.

v. to write or draw carelessly and in a hurry

ANSWERS: 128. puppet, 129. obsessed, 130. decide, 131. anxiety, 132. Technological, 133. mistress, 134. tune, 135. scribbled

136. The unemployment rate in the first _____ was 2.3 percentage points higher than in the previous.

n. one of four equal parts; a fourth part or portion

137. The _____ fees for exceeding the data limit were surprisingly high.

adj. exceeding a required or expected age, quantity, or limit; being older or greater in number or amount compared to what is appropriate or expected

138. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

139. This machine cuts metal by _____ control.

adj. done by hand rather than by machine; (noun) a book of instructions, especially for operating a machine or learning a subject

140. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

141. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

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

142. She wore a _____ dress to the party, which everyone admired.

adj. wonderful and attractive

143. The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring _____.

n. a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs

144. The baby let out a gentle _____ as she was rocked to sleep.

n. a low, soft, murmuring sound made by a dove, pigeon, or other bird; an expression of tenderness or affection; (stands for Chief Operating Officer) a senior executive position in an organization responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations and managing various departments and functions within the company

ANSWERS: 136. quarter, 137. overage, 138. holy, 139. manual, 140. minister, 141.

random, 142. gorgeous, 143. shrimp, 144. coo

145. I _____ my keys to my neighbor while I was on vacation.

- v.* to delegate or assign responsibility or authority to someone else; to put trust or confidence in someone's abilities or judgment

146. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

- adj.* unbelievable; enormous

147. The politician remained _____ despite intense media scrutiny.

- adj.* without any or little sound

148. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

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

149. They had formed a friendship _____.

- n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

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

- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

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

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

152. The _____ burst from the audience.

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

ANSWERS: 145. entrusted, 146. incredible, 147. silent, 148. cult, 149. bond, 150. probable, 151. singed, 152. applause

153. The baseball player _____ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
154. The _____ show enthralled the children, watching the puppets dance and interact.
n. a puppet that is manipulated by strings or wires attached to its joints; a doll or figurine that is animated or controlled by a puppeteer
155. The food at the restaurant was _____ and overpriced.
adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory
156. She _____ her hair absentmindedly as she listened to the conversation.
v. to rotate rapidly around a central point; to spin or whirl around in a circular or spiral motion
157. She _____ the money from her savings account to her checking account.
v. to move, pass, or change from one person, place, or situation to another
158. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
159. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
160. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.
adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

ANSWERS: 153. smacked, 154. marionette, 155. crappy, 156. twirled, 157. transferred, 158. frank, 159. Climate, 160. transparent

161. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

162. He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up ____ with nothing to show.

n. a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

163. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

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

164. 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

165. My father was _____ for so long.

adj. not having a job, although able to work

166. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

167. We _____ in a souvenir shop.

v. to shop around in a leisurely and casual way; to look through a book, magazine, Internet, etc., casually and randomly, without seeking anything in particular; (of an animal) to feed on plants

168. The food and drug administration warned consumers not to purchase _____ medicine.

adj. made impure by adding extraneous, inferior, or fraudulent materials; debased

ANSWERS: 161. cheered, 162. bum, 163. contribute, 164. premise, 165. unemployed, 166. release, 167. browsed, 168. adulterated

169. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
170. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
- n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
171. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
172. The hikers had to climb over a _____ that was blocking their path.
- n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
173. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
- n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
174. He had painted the wood to _____ stone.
- v.* to make a pretense of someone's behavior or looks; to reproduce something that exists in real life using computers, models, etc., usually for study or training purposes
175. She cast a _____ glance at me.
- adj.* having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile
176. The teacher handed out several different colored _____ to each student.
- n.* a stick of colored wax, charcoal, chalk, or other material used for drawing or coloring; (verb) to draw or color with crayons, which are sticks of colored wax, chalk, or charcoal used for drawing or coloring

ANSWERS: 169. environment, 170. interaction, 171. economy, 172. boulder, 173. par, 174. simulate, 175. meaningful, 176. crayons

177. They had a _____ conversation over coffee at the local cafe.

adj. relaxed and informal in manner or dress, not planned or expected; not involving commitment or seriousness

178. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

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

179. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

180. Let's all _____ in the potluck and share our favorite dishes.

v. to participate or share in something; to consume or enjoy food or drink

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

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

182. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

n. a written legal order or command

183. The _____ of the committee is to review the company's financial statements.

n. the act of sending money or payment to someone; the area of responsibility or authority assigned to a particular person or group; (verb) to send money in payment or as a gift

184. I used an optical _____ to observe the small organisms in the water sample.

n. an instrument used to see objects or substances that are too small to be seen with the naked eye

ANSWERS: 177. casual, 178. germ, 179. crazy, 180. partake, 181. statistics, 182. writ, 183. remit, 184. microscope

185. The _____ actions of individuals are now easily spread worldwide by SNS.
adj. courageous and daring; having or displaying qualities appropriate for legendary figures that is courage and daring
186. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.
n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
187. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.
adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
188. He lived by the wise _____ "honesty is the best policy" and was respected for his straightforward approach.
n. a short and memorable saying or phrase that expresses a commonly held truth or belief, often based on experience or tradition; a proverb or maxim
189. Necessity is the mother of _____.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

ANSWERS: 185. heroic, 186. relief, 187. economical, 188. adage, 189. invention