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Session 1: Word List

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.

government

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

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

profitable

adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

synonym : advantageous, beneficial, thriving

(1) a **profitable** job, (2) **profitable** trade

The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging **profitable**.

fuel

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

synonym : energy, power, gas

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

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

sector

micro

n. extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

(1) **micro** bubble, (2) **micro** force sensor

This approach employs both **micro** and macro analysis methods.

electronics

n. the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

synonym: technology, gadgets, circuitry

(1) **electronics** industry, (2) **electronics** store

The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge **electronics**.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

routinely

adv. on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

synonym: habitually, regularly, customarily

(1) **routinely** check, (2) **routinely** scheduled maintenance

They **routinely** conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the

building knows what to do in an emergency.

profit

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

(1) gross **profit**, (2) make a **profit**

This business yields little **profit**.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym : also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym : fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

Essentially, a society is an organism.

innovation

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

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

increment

n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

synonym : increase, expansion, addendum

(1) steady **incremental** growth, (2) small **increments**

The bid **increment** for this auction is \$100.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired

synonym : opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

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.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

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

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

rejuvenate

v. to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively

synonym: revitalize, renew, refresh

(1) **rejuvenate** a downtown area, (2) **rejuvenate** energy

The spa treatment promised to **rejuvenate** her skin and leave her feeling refreshed.

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.

substitute

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

synonym: alternate, replacement, reserve

(1) **substitute** coffee, (2) **substitute** teacher

I **substitute** skim milk for regular milk because we are on a

strict diet.

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.

catalyst

n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

synonym : accelerator, stimulant, motivation

(1) a **catalyst** in the process of hydrolysis, (2) **catalyst** for reform

The global financial crisis acted as a **catalyst** to unite the country.

military

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

(1) a **military** operation, (2) a **military** leader

The **military** academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

combat

n. a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force

synonym : battle, fight, warfare

(1) **combat** zone, (2) hand-to-hand **combat**

The veteran was honored for his service in **combat**.

effectiveness

n. the fact or quality of producing the result that is wanted or intended

synonym: efficacy, usefulness, significance

(1) teaching **effectiveness**, (2) **effectiveness** against insomnia

This product is a durable material that combines cost-**effectiveness** and quality.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

thesis

n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

synonym: dissertation, argument, treatise

(1) a drift of a **thesis**, (2) master **thesis**

His **thesis** on the effects of climate change won several awards.

endgame

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

synonym: outcome, finale, conclusion

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

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

colleague

n. one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business

synonym: coworker, associate, fellow

(1) collaborate with **colleagues**, (2) former **colleague**

I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my **colleague**.

download

- v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

synonym: load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

sponsor

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

synonym: back, fund, finance

(1) **sponsor** a contest, (2) **sponsor** a local group

Our company **sponsors** numerous disabled athletes.

pentagon

- n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

synonym: five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

independence

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

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

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.

calculation

- n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

synonym : analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain
The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

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**.

perusal

n. the act of reading or examining something, often carefully and thoroughly; a close and detailed examination or scrutiny

synonym : reading, examination, scrutiny

(1) careful **perusal**, (2) thorough **perusal**

After a brief **perusal** of the document, he signed it with confidence.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

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

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym : porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

practically

adv. almost or nearly

synonym : almost, nearly, virtually

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

The store is **practically** empty.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

illuminating

adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

synonym: enlightening, informative, clarifying

(1) **illuminating** light, (2) an **illuminating** answer

The lecture was **illuminating** and gave me a new perspective on the topic.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

fatal

adj. causing or resulting in death; lethal

synonym: deadly, lethal, mortal

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

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

competitor

n. a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business

synonym: opponent, contender, contestant

(1) beat **competitor** offer, (2) domestic **competitor**

The gap between the company and its **competitors** has widened.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year
Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

coal

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

synonym: ember

(1) a **coal-fired** ship, (2) construction of new **coal** plants
We combust **coal** and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events
The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

remnant

n. a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

synonym: remainder, leftover, residue

(1) **remnant** of the past, (2) **remnants** of fabric
The only **remnant** left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.

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.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy
Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym:

bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

capitalism

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

synonym : commercialism

(1) advance **capitalism**, (2) under the umbrella of **capitalism**

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym : amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence

He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

backlog

n. a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet

synonym : accumulation, pile-up, logjam

(1) **backlog** of work, (2) data **backlog**

The company needed help to keep up with the **backlog** of orders.

bother

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

synonym : annoy, pester, irritate

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

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

concerned

adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention

synonym : worried, caring, involved

(1) persons **concerned**, (2) **concerned** citizen

I am **concerned** about the safety of the children playing in the park.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

competitiveness

n. the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior

synonym : rivalry, competition, contest

(1) economic **competitiveness**, (2) global **competitiveness**

The industry's **competitiveness** requires companies to innovate and improve their products constantly.

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.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym: ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

badge

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

synonym: emblem, insignia

(1) security **badge**, (2) **badge** holder

The police officer flashed his **badge** to prove his identity.

automotive

adj. of or relating to motor vehicles

synonym: self-propelling

(1) **automotive** manufacturing, (2) an **automotive** transport company

Our company is an **automotive** component supplier to motor manufacturers.

efficient

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

synonym: productive, effective, competent

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

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

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or

plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym : strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

efficiency

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

synonym : effectiveness, efficacy, productivity

(1) better fuel **efficiency**, (2) an energy **efficiency**

Our company must continue to strive for greater **efficiency**.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym : jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

import

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

synonym : bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet

The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym :

substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone
Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

array

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

synonym: collection, display, batch

(1) a two-dimensional **array**, (2) an **array** of troops

The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable **array** of products.

analyze

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

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

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

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

assume

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

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

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

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

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or

reputation

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

pipeline

n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances

synonym : channel, line

(1) a data **pipeline**, (2) **pipeline** facilities

Rebels sabotaged the main **pipeline** supplying oil.

sand

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

synonym : grit, dust, powder

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

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

instability

n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

synonym : imbalance, fluctuation, unstableness

(1) political **instability**, (2) **instability** in currency markets

Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional **instability**.

complicated

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

synonym : complex, convoluted, intricate

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

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

efficiently

adv. in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

synonym : expeditiously, skillfully, ably

(1) **efficiently** combined, (2) develop software more **efficiently**

We can resolve support requests quickly and **efficiently** by utilization of AI.

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.

barrel

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

synonym: cask, firkin, drum

(1) a **barrel** of beer, (2) \$30 a **barrel**

One rotten apple spoils the whole **barrel**.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

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.

biofuel

n. a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

synonym: renewable energy, green fuel, alternative fuel

(1) **biofuel** production, (2) **biofuel** technology

The airplane was powered by a **biofuel** made from plant-based materials.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym : prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

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.

retool

v. to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands

synonym : revamp, remodel, adapt

(1) **retool** a strategy, (2) **retool** a business

We need to **retool** our manufacturing process and invest in new technology to stay competitive in the market.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

handsome

adj. physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous

synonym : good-looking, attractive, beautiful

(1) a **handsome** young man, (2) a **handsome** salary

The politician was known for his **handsome** appearance and charm.

- 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.
- mention** *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
synonym: reference, allude, cite
(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report
I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- confidence** *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
synonym: self-trust, certainty, belief
(1) **confidence** as a teacher, (2) boost my **confidence**
Skill and **confidence** are an unconquered army.
- expand** *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
synonym: extend, grow, boost
(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output
They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.
- light-handed** *adj.* characterized by a gentle or delicate touch or approach; softly or lightly executed or handled
synonym: gentle, delicate, subtle
(1) **light-handed** cooking techniques, (2) **light-handed** management
The chef demonstrated a **light-handed** approach to seasoning the dish, allowing the natural flavors to shine.
- distort** *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
synonym: fudge, deform, contort
(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

opposing

adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

synonym: disagreeing, dissenting, conflicting

(1) **opposing** counsel, (2) in an **opposing** direction

We have no intention of **opposing** his idea.

logic

n. a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments

synonym: reasoning, reason, ratiocination

(1) an indisputable **logic**, (2) a demonstration in **logic**

There's no **logic** in his description.

subsidy

n. money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

synonym: allowance, grant, sponsorship

(1) inefficient fossil fuel **subsidy**, (2) a **subsidy** for research

The government provided a considerable **subsidy** to the company.

mandate

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

synonym: command, instruction, authority

(1) **mandate** obligation, (2) an Imperial **mandate**

The **mandate** given to the new government is to improve the economy.

treasury

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym: coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

ideological

adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters

synonym : theoretical, abstract, philosophical

(1) **ideological** divide, (2) **ideological** differences

The book presents an **ideological** perspective on the role of government in society.

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.

federal

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

synonym : national, central, governmental

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

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

legislation

n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws

synonym : act, regulation, decree

(1) anti-terrorist **legislation**, (2) introduce **legislation**

Similar **legislation** had already been rejected by the parliament four times.

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym: allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym: demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

nub

n. the central and most important point or core; a small, pointed piece or protuberance

synonym: heart, core, bump

(1) get to the **nub**, (2) the **nub** of the bone

The **nub** of the problem was that no one knew how to fix the software glitch.

carbon

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

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

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

composite

adj. made up of different parts, elements, or substances;
(noun) something made from two or more different substances

synonym: compound, combined, mixed

(1) **composite** materials, (2) a **composite** of different photographs

The **composite** index tracks the performance of multiple stocks in the same sector.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym: idea, notion, vision

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

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

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym: haul, pull, draw

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

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

hybrid

adj. composed of different elements or mixed characters

synonym: blended, mixed, combined

(1) new **hybrid** system, (2) an interspecific **hybrid**

The mule is a **hybrid** between a male donkey and a female horse.

gallon

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

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

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

horsepower

n. a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time

synonym: HP, power, energy

(1) maximum **horsepower**, (2) engine **horsepower**

The company's new generator has a **horsepower** rating of 1000, making it ideal for large buildings.

pioneering

adj. involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

synonym: innovative, groundbreaking, trailblazing

(1) **pioneering** research, (2) **pioneering** spirit

The **pioneering** scientist developed a breakthrough

technology that revolutionized the industry.

aerodynamics

n. the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars

synonym : aeromechanics, aeronautics, airflow

(1) **aerodynamics** research, (2) **aerodynamics** design

The **aerodynamics** of the car allowed it to glide smoothly through the air.

tire

v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

synonym : exhaust, weary, fatigue

(1) **tire** my patience, (2) **tire** pressure

I need to **tire** out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

engine

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

synonym : motor, locomotive, driver

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

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

payload

n. the amount of cargo or goods that a vehicle or equipment is designed to carry or transport; in computing, the amount of data that can be transmitted over a communication system

synonym : cargo, freight, shipment

(1) **payload** capacity, (2) satellite **payload**

The **payload** for the rocket launch included several satellites and scientific instruments.

internal

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

synonym: interior, inner, domestic

(1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy

The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.

triple

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

synonym: threefold

(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits

His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.

operational

adj. relating to a particular process or series of actions for achieving a result

synonym: functional, active, working

(1) introduce **operational** software, (2) build **operational** excellence

The machine should be **operational** by Friday afternoon.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym: enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score

We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

haul

v. to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort

synonym: drag, pull, tug

(1) **haul** on a rope, (2) **haul** truck

They had to **haul** the boat out of the water for repairs.

margin

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

synonym: edge, border, periphery

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

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

notes.

intent

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

synonym : purpose, aim, goal

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

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

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

demonstrate

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

synonym : show, illustrate, display

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

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

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym : cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

comparable

adj. able to link the similarities or differences with others; similar or equivalent to someone or something

synonym: equal, commensurate, similar

(1) **comparable** sales, (2) a **comparable** amount of energy

Humans and apes have **comparable** anatomical structures.

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.

sedan

n. a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car

synonym: car, automobile, vehicle

(1) **sedan** car, (2) a black **sedan**

I prefer driving a **sedan** over a larger SUV because it's easier to park.

idle

adj. not working hard or not having a job; useless

synonym: inactive, jobless, inoperative

(1) live an **idle** life, (2) **idle** capital

There are several **idle** machines in the factory because of the decreased orders.

accessory

n. an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature

synonym : add-on, embellishment, attachment

(1) fashion **accessory**, (2) car **accessory**

She bought a new handbag as a stylish **accessory** for her outfit.

accelerate

v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

(1) **accelerate** a chemical reaction, (2) **accelerate** the car

The government tried to **accelerate** the commercialization of this development.

brake

n. a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels

synonym : damper, restraint, check

(1) apply the **brake**, (2) **brake** pedal

The results of that election put a **brake** on political reform.

moving

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

synonym : emotional, poignant, touching

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

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

gratify

v. to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite

synonym : please, satisfy, fulfill

(1) **gratify** desires, (2) **gratify** curiosity

I always try to **gratify** my boss by achieving the sales target every month.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life
He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

engineer

n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

moreover

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

synonym: furthermore, besides, in addition

(1) **moreover**, she decided to go, (2) but **moreover**, they work well together

The company is environmentally conscious, and **moreover**, it uses sustainable materials in its products.

diagram

n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

synonym: chart, figure, graph

(1) 3D **diagram**, (2) in a **diagram**

He is drawing a **diagram** illustrating how the equipment operates.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym: lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue

Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

whacked

adj. exhausted or extremely tired; mentally or physically drained; behaving strangely or eccentrically; crazy or bizarre

synonym : exhausted, drained, spent

(1) **whacked** sense of humor, (2) **whacked** idea

After pulling three all-nighters in a row, she was completely **whacked** out.

metal

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

synonym : alloy, metalloid

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

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

aluminum

n. a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts

(1) a layer of **aluminum** foil, (2) an **aluminum** alloy

Some of the parts of this car are made of **aluminum** to reduce weight.

magnesium

n. a silvery-white metal with the symbol Mg and atomic number 12, which is the eighth-most abundant element in the Earth's crust and is used in the production of various alloys, as well as in biomedical research and as an important nutrient for plants and animals

synonym : Mg

(1) **magnesium** oxide, (2) **magnesium** alloy

Taking **magnesium** supplements can help alleviate muscle soreness after working out.

objection

n. a reason or statement expressing disapproval or dissent
synonym : protest, opposition, dissent

(1) take **objection**, (2) **objection** to a rule

There were several **objections** raised during the meeting.

vanish

v. disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely

synonym : disappear, go away, evaporate

(1) **vanish** into thin air, (2) **vanish** amid the crowd

Two months later, my tumor **vanished** utterly.

fiber

n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

synonym : yarn, thread, wool

(1) carbon **fiber**, (2) synthetic **fiber**

We must consume dietary **fiber** to maintain good health.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym : outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

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

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

handmade

adj. made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods

synonym : handcrafted, homemade, artisanal

(1) **handmade** crafts, (2) **handmade** soap

The jewelry was all **handmade** by local artisans using traditional techniques.

scratch

v. to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

synonym : claw, rub, scrape

(1) **scratch** off a name, (2) **scratch** my signature

Don't **scratch** your mosquito bites.

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym: board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym: braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

cone

n. a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end

(1) traffic **cone**, (2) ice cream **cone**

Cone-shaped cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.

weigh

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

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

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

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

pound

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

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

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

steel

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

synonym : iron

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

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

smoothly

adv. in a way that is steady, even, or without problems; without interruption or difficulty; with ease

synonym : efficiently, flawlessly, seamlessly

(1) **smoothly** transition, (2) **smoothly** operate

The project went **smoothly** and was completed ahead of schedule.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

conundrum

n. a confusing and difficult problem or question

synonym : puzzle, riddle, enigma

(1) **conundrum** of choice, (2) pose a **conundrum**

The group faced a **conundrum** when they couldn't decide whether to go hiking or to the beach.

protective

adj. serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury

synonym : defensive, safeguarding, shielding

(1) **protective** coating, (2) **protective** measures

Wearing **protective** gear is crucial for athletes to prevent injuries.

hostile

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

synonym : unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

compromise

v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

synonym : agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

assault

n. a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will

synonym : attack, raid, attempt

(1) **assault** aircraft, (2) victim of sexual **assault**

We got caught up in an **assault** case.

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym : practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

manufacture

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

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

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

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

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing;

relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

ink-jet

adj. of or relating to a type of printing technology commonly used in printers and other imaging devices that is a method of producing hard copies of digital images or documents by propelling tiny droplets of ink onto paper or other printable surfaces

(1) **ink-jet** printing, (2) **ink-jet** droplet

The printer used **ink-jet** technology for high-quality prints.

stiff

adj. not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner

synonym : rigid, inflexible, unbending

(1) **stiff** muscles, (2) **stiff** penalty

Her body felt **stiff** after sitting at her desk for hours without moving.

thermodynamics

n. the area of physics that deals with heat, work, and temperature and their relation to energy, entropy, and the physical properties of matter and radiation

(1) applied **thermodynamics**, (2) the laws of **thermodynamics**

The second law of **thermodynamics** denies the existence of a perpetual motion engine.

nylon

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

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

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

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.

tier

n. one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

synonym : level, layer, class

(1) a two- **tier** system, (2) **tier** one company

The company operates on a three- **tier** pricing structure.

supple

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

synonym : flexible, pliable, bendable

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

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

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym : streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process

Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

fairly

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

synonym : moderately, reasonably, pretty

(1) **fairly** accurate, (2) have a **fairly** clear view

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

lift

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

synonym : raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

hoist

v. to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment

synonym : raise, lift, haul up

(1) **hoist** the flags, (2) **hoist** the anchor

The surgeon **hoisted** the patient onto the operation table.

snap

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

synonym : break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

toy

n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

synonym : plaything, game, trinket

(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box

He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.

rid

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

synonym : do away with, free, clear

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

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym : cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

lean

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

synonym :

skinny, slender, (verb) slant

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

Lean operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.

feedstock

n. the raw material or substances that are used to make a product, particularly in industrial or manufacturing processes

synonym: raw material, input, supply

(1) **feedstock** supply, (2) **feedstock** procurement

Corn is a common **feedstock** for ethanol production.

buck

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

synonym: dollar, money, currency

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

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

robust

adj. sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity

synonym: healthy, strong, booming

(1) **robust** growth, (2) a **robust** appetite

The experiment yielded **robust** results that support his theory.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym: aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

cellulose

n. a complex carbohydrate that is the main structural component of plant cell walls and fibers; a substance used to make paper, textiles, and other materials

synonym : fiber, paper, wood pulp

(1) **cellulose** acetate, (2) **cellulose** insulation

The **cellulose** content in fruits and vegetables contributes to their dietary fiber.

ethanol

n. a colorless, flammable alcohol that is produced by the fermentation of sugars and is commonly used as a fuel, solvent, and in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages

synonym : alcohol, ethyl alcohol, grain alcohol

(1) **ethanol** plant, (2) **ethanol** production

The production of **ethanol** can have environmental benefits if produced from renewable sources.

diesel

n. a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel

(1) **diesel** engine, (2) **diesel** car

Nearly all tractors operate on **diesel** fuel.

interfere

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

synonym : interpose, interrupt, hamper

(1) **interfere** in another country's affairs, (2) **interfere** with DNA synthesis

Your talking **interferes** with my work.

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym : output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

no-brainer

n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

(1) **no-brainer** product, (2) look like a **no-brainer**

The first question in the test was a complete **no-brainer**.

handle

v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
synonym: control, manage, deal with

(1) **handle** a precious object, (2) **handled** the incident
We all should learn how to **handle** stress.

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym: endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal
GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym: accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym: adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

capture

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

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

tariff

n. a tax imposed by a government on imported or exported goods

synonym: duty, tax, charge

(1) **tariff** policy, (2) **tariff** war

The new **tariff** on imported goods has sparked controversy

among trade partners.

barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

synonym : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

balance

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

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

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

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

hydrogen

n. the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water

(1) **hydrogen** gas, (2) heavy **hydrogen**

The **hydrogen** and the oxygen react and then form water.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym : choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

rebate

n. a partial refund of the original price paid for a product or service typically offered as a promotional incentive or to address customer dissatisfaction; a discount or

reduction from the full cost of something

synonym : discount, refund, reimbursement

(1) **rebate** program, (2) tax **rebate**

The store is offering a **rebate** on all purchases made this week.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym : charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

corresponding

adj. similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose

synonym : matching, equivalent, analogous

(1) find a **corresponding** lack, (2) the **corresponding** word in Spanish

The **corresponding** number on the dial was 3.

equivalent

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

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

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

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

cycle

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

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

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

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

automaker

n. a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles

synonym : carmaker, vehicle maker, automobilist

(1) Japanese **automaker**, (2) luxury **automaker**

The **automaker's** sales have increased by 10% this quarter,

thanks to strong consumer demand.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym : cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

mobility

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

synonym : flexibility, maneuverability

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

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

cheaply

adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner

synonym : inexpensively, tattily, stingily

(1) **cheaply** available, (2) buy stock **cheaply**

You can live very **cheaply** in Southeast Asia.

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.

warrant

n. a document or legal authorization that gives the holder the right to do something, such as arrest a person or search a property; a guarantee or assurance; (of finance) a security that gives the holder the right to buy a specific quantity of stock at a predetermined price within a specified period

synonym : authorization, license, permit

(1) arrest **warrant**, (2) **warrant** of commitment

The police obtained a search **warrant** to enter the suspect's house and gather evidence.

scrap

n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

synonym: fragment, piece, remnant

(1) **scrap** metal, (2) a broken piece of **scrap**

She made a collage from **scraps** of paper and fabric from the art supply store.

clunky

adj. heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement

synonym: clumsy, bulky, burdensome

(1) **clunky** phrasing, (2) **clunky** robot

Refined character portrayal makes up for **clunky** gameplay.

preferable

adj. more desirable or suitable than another option; more favored or favored over something else; better or more advantageous

synonym: desirable, preferred, better

(1) **preferable** option, (2) **preferable** solution

For most people, living in a quiet suburb is **preferable** to living in a busy city.

creditworthy

adj. of or relating to a person or entity that has a strong credit history and is therefore seen as likely to repay any loans or debts they may incur, typically associated with lower interest rates and more favorable loan terms

synonym: dependable, trustworthy

(1) **creditworthy** borrower, (2) **creditworthy** business

The bank only lends money to **creditworthy** individuals with a proven financial responsibility track record.

afford

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

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

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

ownership

n. the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or

dispose of something as one chooses

synonym: possession, title, proprietorship

(1) property **ownership**, (2) share **ownership**

The company's **ownership** has changed hands several times in the past few years.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

disparity

n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things

synonym: difference, inequality, gap

(1) the **disparity** between theory and reality, (2) income **disparity**

There is a significant **disparity** in pay between men and women in the company.

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.

aggregate

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

synonym: total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people

The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

stretch

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

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

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

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

legacy

n. something that is handed down from an earlier generation or time, often something that has had a significant impact on subsequent generations; a bequest made by a person in their will, often money or property

synonym : inheritance, bequest, estate

(1) financial **legacy**, (2) cultural **legacy**

Her **legacy** as a philanthropist will live on for generations to come.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

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**.

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**.

uptake

n. the rate or amount of something that is taken in or used by a particular system or organism; the process of taking food into the body through the mouth by eating

synonym : absorption, incorporation, intake

(1) **uptake** rate, (2) **uptake** of calcium

The **uptake** of the new technology was slower than expected.

bounty

n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

synonym : reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

volume

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

synonym : capacity, amount, intensity

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

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

commerce

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

synonym : trade, transaction, dealings

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

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

sector

n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity

synonym : division, department, branch

(1) industrial **sector**, (2) private **sector**

The technology **sector** is constantly evolving and innovating.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

conductor

n. someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.

synonym: director, manager

(1) **conductor** directing a symphony, (2) oxide **conductor**

Diamonds are employed as thermal **conductors** as well.

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

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

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

cluster

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

synonym: group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

civilian

n. a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility

synonym : citizen, inhabitant, resident

(1) **civilian** casualties, (2) **civilian** life

The army is instructed not to target any **civilians** during the conflict.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

retrain

v. to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

synonym : educate, instruct

(1) **retrain** employees, (2) **retrain** skills

She plans to **retrain** in a new field after retiring from her current career.

shift

n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend

synonym : transition, change, modification

(1) Doppler **shift**, (2) major paradigm **shift**

Could you help me **shift** some furniture?

convergent

adj. tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge

synonym : merging, meeting

(1) **convergent** beam, (2) **convergent** thinking

The similarities between the two cultures suggest **convergent** evolution.

chain

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

synonym : series, string, link

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

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

hydrocarbon

n. an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon

(1) **hydrocarbon** production, (2) **hydrocarbon** molecules in crude oil

Burning **hydrocarbons** releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.

carbohydrate

n. (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals

synonym : sugar, starch, cellulose

(1) complex **carbohydrate**, (2) **carbohydrate** metabolism

Foods high in **carbohydrates** include bread, pasta, and rice.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

steep

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

synonym : sheer, precipitous, abrupt

(1) a **steep** staircase, (2) **steep** discount

The **steep** cliff made it difficult to climb.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym :

execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

tranche

n. a portion or segment of something, especially a financial investment that is divided or allocated according to a specific criterion or formula

synonym: portion, segment, slice

(1) large **tranche**, (2) **tranche** of debt

The latest **tranche** of funding will help the company expand its operations.

gulf

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

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

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

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

delivery

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

synonym: sending, transporting, bringing

(1) an easy **delivery**, (2) special **delivery**

The **delivery** truck arrived with the packages.

rerun

n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again

synonym: repeat, replay, re-airing

(1) **rerun** episode, (2) **rerun** of a TV show

I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a **rerun** soon.

convenient

adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do

synonym: timely, fortunate, suitable

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

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

volatile

adj. likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive

synonym: unstable, unpredictable, explosive

(1) highly- **volatile** elements, (2) **volatile** markets

Their relationship was **volatile** and prone to sudden outbursts of anger.

planet

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

synonym: earth, world, globe

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

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

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym: impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

Session 2: Spelling

1. l__t sagging skin
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
2. \$30 a ba___l
n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
3. ro_____ly check
adv. on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
4. st__f penalty
adj. not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner
5. 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
6. cannot com_____se anymore
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
7. no-_____er product
n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
8. a st__p staircase
adj. having a sharp inclination or slope
9. a tr___e mirror
adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

ANSWERS: 1. lift, 2. barrel, 3. routinely, 4. stiff, 5. doll, 6. compromise, 7. no-brainer, 8. steep, 9. triple

10. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
11. sm____ly operate *adv.* in a way that is steady, even, or without problems; without interruption or difficulty; with ease
12. fl____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
13. an aut____ve transport company *adj.* of or relating to motor vehicles
14. cre____thy business *adj.* of or relating to a person or entity that has a strong credit history and is therefore seen as likely to repay any loans or debts they may incur, typically associated with lower interest rates and more favorable loan terms
15. small in____nts *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
16. a demonstration in lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
17. ca____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
18. pose a co____um *n.* a confusing and difficult problem or question

ANSWERS: 10. pound, 11. smoothly, 12. flexible, 13. automotive, 14. creditworthy, 15. increment, 16. logic, 17. capture, 18. conundrum

19. re____t of the past *n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something
20. in____t droplet *adj.* of or relating to a type of printing technology commonly used in printers and other imaging devices that is a method of producing hard copies of digital images or documents by propelling tiny droplets of ink onto paper or other printable surfaces
21. re__n episode *n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
22. asset on the company's ba____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
23. introduce leg____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
24. his social st____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
25. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability

ANSWERS: 19. remnant, 20. ink-jet, 21. rerun, 22. balance, 23. legislation, 24. standing, 25. peer

26. st____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
27. ex____d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
28. eff____ly combined *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
29. in____re with DNA synthesis *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
30. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
31. tr____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
32. di____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
33. pre____le option *adj.* more desirable or suitable than another option; more favored or favored over something else; better or more advantageous
34. fo____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
35. di____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
36. en____e strategies *n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition

ANSWERS: 26. standing, 27. expand, 28. efficiently, 29. interfere, 30. modern, 31. transform, 32. disappear, 33. preferable, 34. forecast, 35. digital, 36. endgame

37. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
38. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
39. op_____ng counsel *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
40. a broken piece of sc__p *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
41. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
42. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
43. con_____nt beam *adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
44. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
45. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 37. absorb, 38. grand, 39. opposing, 40. scrap, 41. competition, 42. planet, 43. convergent, 44. population, 45. mold

46. ill_____ing light *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
47. ha___ed the incident *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
48. an al_____um alloy *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts
49. apply the br___e *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
50. s___p judgment *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
51. a com_____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
52. in a di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
53. a two-dimensional ar___y *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
54. a br___d mind *adj.* very wide; general
55. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
56. re_____n skills *v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

ANSWERS: 46. illuminating, 47. handle, 48. aluminum, 49. brake, 50. snap, 51. competitive, 52. diagram, 53. array, 54. broad, 55. industrial, 56. retrain

57. victim of sexual as_____t *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
58. in an op_____ng direction *adj.* competing, fighting, or working against each other
59. political ins_____ty *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
60. look like a no-_____er *n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
61. three-fourths of a po___d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
62. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
63. take ob_____on *n.* a reason or statement expressing disapproval or dissent
64. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
65. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
66. si_____fy my life *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
67. an interspecific hy_____d *adj.* composed of different elements or mixed characters
68. precious me___l *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 57. assault, 58. opposing, 59. instability, 60. no-brainer, 61. pound, 62. complicated, 63. objection, 64. balance, 65. eliminate, 66. simplify, 67. hybrid, 68.

metal

69. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
70. si____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
71. an ag_____te of people *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
72. 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
73. con_____nt thinking *adj.* tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
74. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
75. sc__p metal *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
76. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

ANSWERS: 69. mold, 70. simplify, 71. aggregate, 72. security, 73. convergent, 74. broad, 75. scrap, 76. lever

77. a ha____me salary *adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous
78. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
79. b__k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
80. acc____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
81. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
82. na____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
83. an interstate hi____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
84. de____e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
85. heavy hy____en *n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water
86. develop in____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 77. handsome, 78. opt, 79. buck, 80. accelerate, 81. chain, 82. nation, 83. highway, 84. devote, 85. hydrogen, 86. intense

87. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
88. a ba____l of beer *n.* a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume
89. have a fa____y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
90. ex____t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
91. 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
92. in____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
93. hand-to-hand co____t *n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force
94. ro____t growth *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
95. bi____l production *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

ANSWERS: 87. climate, 88. barrel, 89. fairly, 90. export, 91. fin, 92. internal, 93. combat, 94. robust, 95. biofuel

96. the in___t of a question *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
97. ny___n cloth *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
98. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
99. inefficient fossil fuel su_____y *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
100. st___l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
101. data ag_____te *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
102. an easy de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
103. a bo___y on exports *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
104. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
105. ru___l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside

ANSWERS: 96. intent, 97. nylon, 98. demonstrate, 99. subsidy, 100. steel, 101. aggregate, 102. delivery, 103. bounty, 104. generation, 105. rural

106. ca_____st for reform *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
107. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
108. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
109. mo_____er, she decided to go *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
110. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
111. si_____ly situated *adv.* in almost the same way
112. the n_b of the bone *n.* the central and most important point or core; a small, pointed piece or protuberance
113. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
114. co___t zone *n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force

ANSWERS: 106. catalyst, 107. remarkable, 108. weigh, 109. moreover, 110. contribution, 111. similarly, 112. nub, 113. competitive, 114. combat

115. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
116. a co_____te of different photographs *adj.* made up of different parts, elements, or substances; (noun) something made from two or more different substances
117. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
118. 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
119. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
120. cal_____on of loss and gain *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
121. l__p of faith *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
122. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
123. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
124. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 115. chief, 116. composite, 117. replace, 118. economy, 119. profit, 120. calculation, 121. leap, 122. statistics, 123. toy, 124. conflict

125. a pro_____le job *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit
126. im____t goods *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
127. i__e capital *adj.* not working hard or not having a job; useless
128. ex____t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
129. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
130. et_____l production *n.* a colorless, flammable alcohol that is produced by the fermentation of sugars and is commonly used as a fuel, solvent, and in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages
131. better fuel eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
132. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
133. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
134. equilateral pe_____on *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

ANSWERS: 125. profitable, 126. import, 127. idle, 128. export, 129. competition, 130. ethanol, 131. efficiency, 132. blend, 133. industrial, 134. pentagon

135. 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
136. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
137. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
138. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
139. a do_____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
140. va____h into thin air *v.* disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely
141. di____l car *n.* a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel
142. eff_____ess against insomnia *n.* the fact or quality of producing the result that is wanted or intended
143. beat com_____or offer *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
144. Japanese au_____er *n.* a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles

ANSWERS: 135. economy, 136. capitalism, 137. equivalent, 138. examine, 139. domestic, 140. vanish, 141. diesel, 142. effectiveness, 143. competitor, 144. automaker

145. persons co_____ed *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
146. complex car_____ate *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
147. an Imperial ma_____e *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
148. mo____g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
149. re__n of a TV show *n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
150. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
151. as_____t aircraft *n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
152. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
153. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

ANSWERS: 145. concerned, 146. carbohydrate, 147. mandate, 148. moving, 149. rerun, 150. stretch, 151. assault, 152. planet, 153. flexible

154. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
155. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
156. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
157. fa__l accident *adj.* causing or resulting in death; lethal
158. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
159. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
160. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
161. ci_____an life *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
162. an energy eff_____cy *n.* the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money
163. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
164. 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

ANSWERS: 154. affordable, 155. crop, 156. intense, 157. fatal, 158. radical, 159. administer, 160. leap, 161. civilian, 162. efficiency, 163. implement, 164. appeal

165. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
166. rej_____te energy *v.* to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
167. introduce ope_____al software *adj.* relating to a particular process or series of actions for achieving a result
168. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
169. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
170. s__d castle *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
171. br__e pedal *n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels
172. former co_____ue *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
173. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
174. large tr_____e *n.* a portion or segment of something, especially a financial investment that is divided or allocated according to a specific criterion or formula

ANSWERS: 165. affordable, 166. rejuvenate, 167. operational, 168. innovation, 169. rid, 170. sand, 171. brake, 172. colleague, 173. conflict, 174. tranche

175. construction of new c__l plants *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
176. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
177. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
178. tr_____ry bonds *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
179. co_____um of choice *n.* a confusing and difficult problem or question
180. vo___e of work *n.* the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
181. a bull wh__e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
182. pre_____le solution *adj.* more desirable or suitable than another option; more favored or favored over something else; better or more advantageous
183. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
184. ch_____y available *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
185. com_____le sales *adj.* able to link the similarities or differences with others; similar or equivalent to someone or something

ANSWERS: 175. coal, 176. government, 177. nation, 178. treasury, 179. conundrum, 180. volume, 181. whale, 182. preferable, 183. crop, 184. cheaply, 185. comparable

186. lig_____ded management *adj.* characterized by a gentle or delicate touch or approach; softly or lightly executed or handled
187. fe_____l regulations *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
188. re____l a strategy *v.* to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
189. up____e of calcium *n.* the rate or amount of something that is taken in or used by a particular system or organism; the process of taking food into the body through the mouth by eating
190. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
191. 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
192. ca____n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

ANSWERS: 186. light-handed, 187. federal, 188. retool, 189. uptake, 190. firm, 191. doll, 192. carbon

193. the clear co____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
194. boost my con_____ce *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
195. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
196. t__e pressure *v.* to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
197. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
198. new hy____d system *adj.* composed of different elements or mixed characters
199. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
200. traffic c__e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
201. get to the n_b *n.* the central and most important point or core; a small, pointed piece or protuberance

ANSWERS: 193. contrary, 194. confidence, 195. accelerate, 196. tire, 197. chain, 198. hybrid, 199. flip, 200. cone, 201. nub

202. cost ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
203. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
204. take up a ho_____e attitude *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
205. industrial se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
206. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
207. pra_____ly impossible to find a parking spot *adv.* almost or nearly
208. va____h amid the crowd *v.* disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely
209. oxide co_____or *n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.
210. sc_____h off a name *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
211. t__r one company *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance

ANSWERS: 202. barrier, 203. complicated, 204. hostile, 205. sector, 206. weave, 207. practically, 208. vanish, 209. conductor, 210. scratch, 211. tier

212. gr____y curiosity *v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
213. build ope_____al excellence *adj.* relating to a particular process or series of actions for achieving a result
214. ele_____cs store *n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems
215. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
216. sp_____r a local group *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
217. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
218. have si_____ly great abilities *adv.* in almost the same way
219. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
220. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

ANSWERS: 212. gratify, 213. operational, 214. electronics, 215. efficient, 216. sponsor, 217. digital, 218. similarly, 219. industrious, 220. inefficient

221. the laws of the _____ ics *n.* the area of physics that deals with heat, work, and temperature and their relation to energy, entropy, and the physical properties of matter and radiation
222. hyd _____ on production *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
223. se __ _ n car *n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
224. ha _____ de crafts *adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods
225. fe _____ l funding *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
226. cognitive com _____ ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
227. a ha _____ me young man *adj.* physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous
228. ny __ _ n thread *n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
229. mi __ _ o bubble *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
230. ind _____ nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 221. thermodynamics, 222. hydrocarbon, 223. sedan, 224. handmade, 225. federal, 226. complexity, 227. handsome, 228. nylon, 229. micro, 230. independence

231. pio_____ng spirit *adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field
232. chess en_____e *n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
233. a weather fo_____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
234. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
235. re_____n employees *v.* to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology
236. in_____t printing *adj.* of or relating to a type of printing technology commonly used in printers and other imaging devices that is a method of producing hard copies of digital images or documents by propelling tiny droplets of ink onto paper or other printable surfaces
237. ce_____se acetate *n.* a complex carbohydrate that is the main structural component of plant cell walls and fibers; a substance used to make paper, textiles, and other materials
238. luxury au_____er *n.* a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles

ANSWERS: 231. pioneering, 232. endgame, 233. forecast, 234. stretch, 235. retrain, 236. ink-jet, 237. cellulose, 238. automaker

239. pr_____le outcome	<i>adj.</i> likely to happen or likely to be true
240. gov_____nt bureaucracy	<i>n.</i> the group of people with authority to control a country or state
241. lig_____ded cooking techniques	<i>adj.</i> characterized by a gentle or delicate touch or approach; softly or lightly executed or handled
242. fa___y accurate	<i>adv.</i> to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
243. security ba___e	<i>n.</i> a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
244. di_____ar after a week	<i>v.</i> to cease to exist or be visible
245. cash bo___y	<i>n.</i> a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
246. cl___y phrasing	<i>adj.</i> heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
247. an une_____ed visitor	<i>adj.</i> not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
248. make a cal_____on	<i>n.</i> the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
249. Doppler sh__t	<i>n.</i> a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
250. con_____ion to society	<i>n.</i> the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 239. probable, 240. government, 241. light-handed, 242. fairly, 243. badge, 244. disappear, 245. bounty, 246. clunky, 247. unexpected, 248. calculation, 249. shift, 250. contribution

251. wh____d sense of humor *adj.* exhausted or extremely tired; mentally or physically drained; behaving strangely or eccentrically; crazy or bizarre
252. economic com_____ess *n.* the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior
253. co_____ed citizen *adj.* feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
254. tr_____ry money *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
255. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
256. a cl_____r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
257. pra_____ly constant *adv.* almost or nearly
258. wh__e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
259. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
260. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 251. whacked, 252. competitiveness, 253. concerned, 254. treasury, 255. military, 256. cluster, 257. practically, 258. whale, 259. unexpected, 260. advance

261. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
262. car ac_____ry *n.* an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature
263. sub_____te coffee *n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
264. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
265. careful pe_____l *n.* the act of reading or examining something, often carefully and thoroughly; a close and detailed examination or scrutiny
266. cultural le____y *n.* something that is handed down from an earlier generation or time, often something that has had a significant impact on subsequent generations; a bequest made by a person in their will, often money or property
267. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
268. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
269. re_____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something

ANSWERS: 261. drag, 262. accessory, 263. substitute, 264. cycle, 265. perusal, 266. legacy, 267. strike, 268. domestic, 269. replace

270. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
271. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
272. ci_____an casualties *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
273. lack in mo_____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
274. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
275. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
276. wa_____t of commitment *n.* a document or legal authorization that gives the holder the right to do something, such as arrest a person or search a property; a guarantee or assurance; (of finance) a security that gives the holder the right to buy a specific quantity of stock at a predetermined price within a specified period
277. h__l truck *v.* to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
278. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 270. gulf, 271. analyze, 272. civilian, 273. mobility, 274. opportune, 275. equivalent, 276. warrant, 277. haul, 278. innovate

287. make a fa__l mistake *adj.* causing or resulting in death; lethal
288. re_____le access *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
289. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
290. do_____ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
291. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
292. pi_____ne facilities *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
293. thorough pe_____l *n.* the act of reading or examining something, often carefully and thoroughly; a close and detailed examination or scrutiny
294. a layer of al_____um foil *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts
295. hy_____en gas *n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water

ANSWERS: 287. fatal, 288. reliable, 289. obvious, 290. download, 291. philosophy, 292. pipeline, 293. perusal, 294. aluminum, 295. hydrogen

296. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
297. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
298. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
299. vo_____le markets *adj.* likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive
300. rej_____te a downtown area *v.* to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively
301. ha___e a precious object *v.* to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
302. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
303. live in a cl_____r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
304. applied the_____ics *n.* the area of physics that deals with heat, work, and temperature and their relation to energy, entropy, and the physical properties of matter and radiation
305. mi__o force sensor *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
306. develop software more eff_____ly *adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense

ANSWERS: 296. desperately, 297. eliminate, 298. remarkable, 299. volatile, 300. rejuvenate, 301. handle, 302. assume, 303. cluster, 304. thermodynamics, 305. micro, 306. efficiently

307. global com_____ess *n.* the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior
308. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
309. sc_____h my signature *v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object
310. an ill_____ing answer *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
311. ide_____al divide *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
312. p__r group *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
313. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
314. the di_____ty between theory and reality *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
315. wh_____d idea *adj.* exhausted or extremely tired; mentally or physically drained; behaving strangely or eccentrically; crazy or bizarre
316. em_____y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
317. aer_____ics design *n.* the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars

ANSWERS: 307. competitiveness, 308. demonstrate, 309. scratch, 310. illuminating, 311. ideological, 312. peer, 313. technological, 314. disparity, 315. whacked, 316. employ, 317. aerodynamics

318. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
319. st__p discount *adj.* having a sharp inclination or slope
320. bo___r with details *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
321. find a cor_____ing lack *adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
322. trading of vi_____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
323. an indisputable lo__c *n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
324. ce_____se insulation *n.* a complex carbohydrate that is the main structural component of plant cell walls and fibers; a substance used to make paper, textiles, and other materials
325. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
326. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
327. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 318. efficient, 319. steep, 320. bother, 321. corresponding, 322. virtual, 323. logic, 324. cellulose, 325. improve, 326. rid, 327. transform

328. ro_____ly scheduled maintenance *adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected
329. ine_____nt management *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
330. car_____ate metabolism *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
331. bi_____l technology *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
332. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
333. an air-cooled en____e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
334. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
335. in_____re in another country's affairs *v.* to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing
336. a two-t__r system *n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
337. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

ANSWERS: 328. routinely, 329. inefficient, 330. carbohydrate, 331. biofuel, 332. illustrate, 333. engine, 334. transition, 335. interfere, 336. tier, 337. approve

338. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
339. acc_____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
340. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
341. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
342. hyd_____on molecules in crude oil *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
343. buy stock ch_____y *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
344. pro_____ve coating *adj.* serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury
345. ice cream c__e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
346. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
347. co_____te materials *adj.* made up of different parts, elements, or substances; (noun) something made from two or more different substances
348. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 338. firm, 339. accumulate, 340. industrious, 341. advance, 342. hydrocarbon, 343. cheaply, 344. protective, 345. cone, 346. combination, 347. composite, 348. complexity

349. a tra_____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
350. information ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
351. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
352. the local chamber of co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
353. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
354. fe_____ck procurement *n.* the raw material or substances that are used to make a product, particularly in industrial or manufacturing processes
355. cl____y robot *adj.* heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement
356. co_____ry evidence *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
357. 3D di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
358. pa_____d capacity *n.* the amount of cargo or goods that a vehicle or equipment is designed to carry or transport; in computing, the amount of data that can be transmitted over a communication system

ANSWERS: 349. transparent, 350. barrier, 351. combination, 352. commerce, 353. essentially, 354. feedstock, 355. clunky, 356. contrary, 357. diagram, 358. payload

359. income di_____ty *n.* a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
360. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
361. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
362. anti-terrorist leg_____on *n.* a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
363. financial le____y *n.* something that is handed down from an earlier generation or time, often something that has had a significant impact on subsequent generations; a bequest made by a person in their will, often money or property
364. cre_____thy borrower *adj.* of or relating to a person or entity that has a strong credit history and is therefore seen as likely to repay any loans or debts they may incur, typically associated with lower interest rates and more favorable loan terms
365. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
366. aer_____ics research *n.* the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars

ANSWERS: 359. disparity, 360. invest, 361. lever, 362. legislation, 363. legacy, 364. creditworthy, 365. chief, 366. aerodynamics

367. do____ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
368. ma_____um oxide *n.* a silvery-white metal with the symbol Mg and atomic number 12, which is the eighth-most abundant element in the Earth's crust and is used in the production of various alloys, as well as in biomedical research and as an important nutrient for plants and animals
369. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
370. in____t gaze *n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something
371. special de_____ry *n.* the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth
372. highly-vo_____le elements *adj.* likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive
373. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
374. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 367. download, 368. magnesium, 369. independence, 370. intent, 371. delivery, 372. volatile, 373. employ, 374. numb

375. 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
376. sub_____te teacher
- n.* a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one
377. gr_____y desires
- v.* to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
378. people in ru__l areas
- adj.* of or relating to the countryside
379. inn_____on leader
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
380. a vi_____l image
- adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
381. d__g a chair over
- v.* to pull or haul with force
382. 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

ANSWERS: 375. security, 376. substitute, 377. gratify, 378. rural, 379. innovation, 380. virtual, 381. drag, 382. finance

383. ho__t the flags *v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment
384. ob_____on to a rule *n.* a reason or statement expressing disapproval or dissent
385. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
386. fashion ac_____ry *n.* an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature
387. im___t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
388. re___e program *n.* a partial refund of the original price paid for a product or service typically offered as a promotional incentive or to address customer dissatisfaction; a discount or reduction from the full cost of something
389. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
390. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
391. data ba_____g *n.* a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet

ANSWERS: 383. hoist, 384. objection, 385. statistics, 386. accessory, 387. import, 388. rebate, 389. assume, 390. fuel, 391. backlog

392. service f_e	<i>n.</i> a sum of money charged for a particular service
393. hi_____y system	<i>n.</i> a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
394. gr__d bargain	<i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent
395. di_____t the economy	<i>v.</i> to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
396. ta___f policy	<i>n.</i> a tax imposed by a government on imported or exported goods
397. aut_____ve manufacturing	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to motor vehicles
398. high vo___e	<i>n.</i> the amount of space occupied by an object or substance; the magnitude of sound
399. ess_____ly correct	<i>adv.</i> relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
400. labor pop_____on	<i>n.</i> the total number of people in a country, region, or location
401. ob_____s reasons	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
402. an_____e your real motives	<i>v.</i> to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
403. steady in_____ntal growth	<i>n.</i> a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
404. ex_____e the data studiously	<i>v.</i> to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

ANSWERS: 392. fee, 393. highway, 394. grand, 395. distort, 396. tariff, 397. automotive, 398. volume, 399. essentially, 400. population, 401. obvious, 402. analyze, 403. increment, 404. examine

405. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
406. fe_____ck supply *n.* the raw material or substances that are used to make a product, particularly in industrial or manufacturing processes
407. private se____r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
408. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
409. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
410. property ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
411. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
412. st___e a blow *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
413. 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

ANSWERS: 405. modern, 406. feedstock, 407. sector, 408. transition, 409. approve, 410. ownership, 411. crack, 412. strike, 413. process

414. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
415. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
416. 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
417. a profit ma____n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
418. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
419. a c__l-fired ship *n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
420. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
421. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
422. h__l on a rope *v.* to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
423. su____e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
424. master th____s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

ANSWERS: 414. engineer, 415. hunt, 416. finance, 417. margin, 418. implement, 419. coal, 420. hunt, 421. probable, 422. haul, 423. supple, 424. thesis

425. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
426. major paradigm sh__t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
427. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
428. mo___g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
429. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
430. share ow_____ip *n.* the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses
431. collaborate with co_____ues *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
432. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
433. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
434. extra b__k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

ANSWERS: 425. lift, 426. shift, 427. transparent, 428. moving, 429. steel, 430. ownership, 431. colleague, 432. fee, 433. philosophy, 434. buck

435. a l__n horse *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
436. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
437. ma_____e obligation *n.* an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task
438. up___e rate *n.* the rate or amount of something that is taken in or used by a particular system or organism; the process of taking food into the body through the mouth by eating
439. guarantee re_____le delivery *adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
440. co_____or directing a symphony *n.* someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.
441. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
442. pro_____le trade *adj.* making or likely to make material gain or profit

ANSWERS: 435. lean, 436. desperately, 437. mandate, 438. uptake, 439. reliable, 440. conductor, 441. panel, 442. profitable

443. pio_____ng research *adj.* involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field
444. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
445. teaching eff_____ess *n.* the fact or quality of producing the result that is wanted or intended
446. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
447. a black se__n *n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
448. a drift of a th___s *n.* a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject
449. com_____se the matter *v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
450. s__p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
451. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
452. a ra_____l flaw in the plan *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

ANSWERS: 443. pioneering, 444. distort, 445. effectiveness, 446. capture, 447. sedan, 448. thesis, 449. compromise, 450. snap, 451. afford, 452. radical

453. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
454. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
455. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
456. re___l a business *v.* to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
457. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
458. a steam en___e *n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
459. re_____ts of fabric *n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something
460. 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

ANSWERS: 453. manufacture, 454. toy, 455. fin, 456. retool, 457. profit, 458. engine, 459. remnant, 460. process

461. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
462. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
463. tr___e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
464. 5-ga___n square can *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
465. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
466. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
467. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
468. sm_____ly transition *adv.* in a way that is steady, even, or without problems; without interruption or difficulty; with ease
469. foreign po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
470. ins_____ty in currency markets *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

ANSWERS: 461. opportune, 462. expand, 463. triple, 464. gallon, 465. administer, 466. devote, 467. gulf, 468. smoothly, 469. policy, 470. instability

471. a ca____st in the process of hydrolysis *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
472. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
473. ide____al differences *adj.* relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
474. ta____f war *n.* a tax imposed by a government on imported or exported goods
475. improve social mo____ty *n.* the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
476. tax re____e *n.* a partial refund of the original price paid for a product or service typically offered as a promotional incentive or to address customer dissatisfaction; a discount or reduction from the full cost of something
477. ab____b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
478. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
479. pro____ve measures *adj.* serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury

ANSWERS: 471. catalyst, 472. weigh, 473. ideological, 474. tariff, 475. mobility, 476. rebate, 477. absorb, 478. numb, 479. protective

480. tr_____e of debt *n.* a portion or segment of something, especially a financial investment that is divided or allocated according to a specific criterion or formula
481. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
482. a ro____t appetite *adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
483. the in_____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
484. arrest wa_____t *n.* a document or legal authorization that gives the holder the right to do something, such as arrest a person or search a property; a guarantee or assurance; (of finance) a security that gives the holder the right to buy a specific quantity of stock at a predetermined price within a specified period
485. sp_____r a contest *v.* to provide funds for a particular event, program, individual, etc. as a way of advertising
486. a data pi_____ne *n.* a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
487. ha_____de soap *adj.* made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods

ANSWERS: 480. tranche, 481. mention, 482. robust, 483. internal, 484. warrant, 485. sponsor, 486. pipeline, 487. handmade

488. ten-ga___n hat *n.* a unit for measuring volume, in the US, it is equal to about 3.79 liters, and in the UK, Canada, and other countries, it is equal to about 4.55 liters
489. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
490. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
491. t__e my patience *v.* to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving
492. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
493. me__l fabrication *n.* a solid material that is typically hard, shiny, malleable, fusible, and ductile, with good electrical and thermal conductivity, and often used as a structural material, a conductor of heat or electricity, or for decorative purposes
494. engine hor_____er *n.* a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time
495. advance cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

ANSWERS: 488. gallon, 489. opt, 490. crack, 491. tire, 492. accumulate, 493. metal, 494. horsepower, 495. capitalism

496. con_____nt location *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
497. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
498. a su_____y for research *n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen
499. con_____nt way *adj.* useful, helpful, or quick to do
500. carbon fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
501. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
502. 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
503. live an i__e life *adj.* not working hard or not having a job; useless
504. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
505. pe_____on building *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
506. ba__e holder *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

ANSWERS: 496. convenient, 497. innovate, 498. subsidy, 499. convenient, 500. fiber, 501. improve, 502. appeal, 503. idle, 504. invest, 505. pentagon, 506. badge

507. domestic com_____or *n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
508. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
509. synthetic fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
510. ca___n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
511. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
512. bo___r the neighbors *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
513. ho_____e environment *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
514. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
515. et_____l plant *n.* a colorless, flammable alcohol that is produced by the fermentation of sugars and is commonly used as a fuel, solvent, and in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages

ANSWERS: 507. competitor, 508. technological, 509. fiber, 510. carbon, 511. weave, 512. bother, 513. hostile, 514. flip, 515. ethanol

516. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
517. ba_____g of work *n.* a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet
518. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
519. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
520. su____e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
521. an ar__y of troops *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
522. satellite pa_____d *n.* the amount of cargo or goods that a vehicle or equipment is designed to carry or transport; in computing, the amount of data that can be transmitted over a communication system
523. l__n athletic figure *adj.* having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture
524. di____l engine *n.* a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel
525. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 516. illustrate, 517. backlog, 518. fuel, 519. climate, 520. supple, 521. array, 522. payload, 523. lean, 524. diesel, 525. generation

526. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
527. but mo____er, they work well together *adv.* indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before
528. s__d dunes *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
529. con_____ce as a teacher *n.* the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
530. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
531. learn new co____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
532. the cor_____ing word in Spanish *adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
533. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
534. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 526. military, 527. moreover, 528. sand, 529. confidence, 530. cycle, 531. concept, 532. corresponding, 533. margin, 534. engineer

535. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
536. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
537. st__f muscles *adj.* not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner
538. ele_____cs industry *n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems
539. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
540. ho__t the anchor *v.* to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment

ANSWERS: 535. panel, 536. manufacture, 537. stiff, 538. electronics, 539. mention, 540. hoist

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
2. The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable _____ of products.
n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
3. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
4. The _____ concert was packed with fans.
adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
5. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
6. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.
adj. involving competition or competitiveness
7. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
8. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 1. lifted, 2. array, 3. chain, 4. standing, 5. remarkable, 6. competitive, 7. independence, 8. devoted

9. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
10. Diamonds are employed as thermal _____ as well.
n. someone who leads the performance of musicians or a piece of music; (in physics) an object, substance, or material that readily allows the flow of electricity, heat, etc.
11. The store is _____ empty.
adv. almost or nearly
12. Could you help me _____ some furniture?
n. a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
13. The book presents an _____ perspective on the role of government in society.
adj. relating to or concerned with ideas and theories rather than practical matters
14. We all should learn how to _____ stress.
v. to deal with a situation, problem, or strong emotion
15. Skill and _____ are an unconquered army.
n. the feeling or attitude that one can trust or rely on the abilities or good qualities of someone or something
16. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided _____.
n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

ANSWERS: 9. Gulf, 10. conductors, 11. practically, 12. shift, 13. ideological, 14. handle, 15. confidence, 16. pentagon

17. The lecture was _____ and gave me a new perspective on the topic.
adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
18. The sponge _____ water well.
v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
19. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
20. The car crash was _____ and the driver died on impact.
adj. causing or resulting in death; lethal
21. The athlete's _____ was to win an Olympic gold medal before retiring from the sport
n. the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
22. They never _____ on development despite the lack of funds.
v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
23. There is a significant _____ in pay between men and women in the company.
n. a significant difference or inequality between two or more things
24. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 17. illuminating, 18. absorbs, 19. statistics, 20. fatal, 21. endgame, 22. compromised, 23. disparity, 24. government

25. I spotted a majestic _____ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.
- n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
26. Ethics is a branch of _____.
- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
27. 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
28. 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
29. _____ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
30. The experiment yielded _____ results that support his theory.
- adj.* sturdy and healthy in form, constitution, or construction; strong enough to withstand or overcome intellectual challenges or adversity
31. Don't _____ your mosquito bites.
- v.* to cut or damage the surface of something or the skin with a sharp or pointed object

ANSWERS: 25. buck, 26. philosophy, 27. process, 28. finance, 29. Essentially, 30. robust, 31. scratch

32. The group faced a _____ when they couldn't decide whether to go hiking or to the beach.
n. a confusing and difficult problem or question
33. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.
n. a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
34. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
35. The _____ for the rocket launch included several satellites and scientific instruments.
n. the amount of cargo or goods that a vehicle or equipment is designed to carry or transport; in computing, the amount of data that can be transmitted over a communication system
36. The airport offers five _____ access routes.
adj. useful, helpful, or quick to do
37. I need to _____ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
v. to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
38. We have no intention of _____ his idea.
adj. competing, fighting, or working against each other

ANSWERS: 32. conundrum, 33. catalyst, 34. generation, 35. payload, 36. convenient, 37. download, 38. opposing

39. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

40. Wearing _____ gear is crucial for athletes to prevent injuries.

adj. serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury

41. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

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

42. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

43. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

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

44. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

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

45. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

46. I need to _____ out my dog with a long walk so that he will sleep through the night.

v. to become weary or fatigued, often due to physical or mental exertion; to cause someone to feel weary or fatigued; (noun) a rubber covering that is placed around the rim of a wheel, which provides traction and absorbs shock while driving

ANSWERS: 39. intense, 40. protective, 41. capture, 42. inefficient, 43. advance, 44. fuel, 45. transition, 46. tire

47. The error in the _____ was attributable to rounding.
n. the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
48. They had to _____ the boat out of the water for repairs.
v. to physically drag or pull someone or something with effort
49. There are several _____ machines in the factory because of the decreased orders.
adj. not working hard or not having a job; useless
50. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
51. 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
52. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
53. The _____ sales have increased by 10% this quarter, thanks to strong consumer demand.
n. a company or manufacturer that produces automobiles, cars, and other motor vehicles
54. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 47. calculation, 48. haul, 49. idle, 50. sector, 51. invest, 52. modern, 53. automaker's, 54. doll

55. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
56. We got caught up in an _____ case.
- n.* a violent physical attack; the crime of forcing someone to submit to sexual intercourse against their will
57. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.
- v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
58. The ____ of the problem was that no one knew how to fix the software glitch.
- n.* the central and most important point or core; a small, pointed piece or protuberance
59. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
- n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
60. The printer used _____ technology for high-quality prints.
- adj.* of or relating to a type of printing technology commonly used in printers and other imaging devices that is a method of producing hard copies of digital images or documents by propelling tiny droplets of ink onto paper or other printable surfaces
61. The police obtained a search _____ to enter the suspect's house and gather evidence.
- n.* a document or legal authorization that gives the holder the right to do something, such as arrest a person or search a property; a guarantee or assurance; (of finance) a security that gives the holder the right to buy a specific quantity of stock at a predetermined price within a specified period

ANSWERS: 55. barrier, 56. assault, 57. snapped, 58. nub, 59. panel, 60. ink-jet, 61. warrant

62. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
63. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.
n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
64. Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional _____.
n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
65. The mule is a _____ between a male donkey and a female horse.
adj. composed of different elements or mixed characters
66. I am _____ about the safety of the children playing in the park.
adj. feeling worry or interest about something; showing interest or attention
67. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
68. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
69. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
70. The company needed help to keep up with the _____ of orders.
n. a buildup of tasks or work that has accumulated over time and needs to be completed; a reserve of goods or materials that have not been processed or distributed yet

ANSWERS: 62. industrious, 63. whale, 64. instability, 65. hybrid, 66. concerned, 67. lever, 68. afford, 69. probable, 70. backlog

71. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

72. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

73. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

74. The spa treatment promised to _____ her skin and leave her feeling refreshed.

v. to make someone or something look or feel younger, fresher, or more lively

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

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

76. We must consume dietary _____ to maintain good health.

n. thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile

77. The _____ given to the new government is to improve the economy.

n. an official or authoritative instruction or command; a commission or authority to carry out a particular task

78. She plans to _____ in a new field after retiring from her current career.

v. to teach or learn a new or different set of skills or knowledge, usually to adapt to a new job, situation, or technology

ANSWERS: 71. numb, 72. military, 73. approve, 74. rejuvenate, 75. moving, 76. fiber, 77. mandate, 78. retrain

79. The protracted war nearly depleted the country's _____.
- n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
80. We can resolve support requests quickly and _____ by utilization of AI.
- adv.* in a way that produces maximum output with minimum effort or expense
81. The _____ of the car allowed it to glide smoothly through the air.
- n.* the study of the motion of air, particularly its interaction with solid objects moving through it, such as aircraft or cars
82. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
83. Sow early for an early _____.
- n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
84. I decided to seek counseling on the advice of my _____.
- n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
85. She is the _____ president of the company.
- adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
86. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
- v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
87. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.
- adj.* of or relating to the inside of something

ANSWERS: 79. treasury, 80. efficiently, 81. aerodynamics, 82. mentioned, 83. crop, 84. colleague, 85. virtual, 86. blend, 87. internal

88. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
- v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
89. I always try to _____ my boss by achieving the sales target every month.
- v. to give pleasure or satisfaction to; to provide someone with what they want or need; to indulge or satisfy a desire or appetite
90. He is drawing a _____ illustrating how the equipment operates.
- n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
91. Nearly all tractors operate on _____ fuel.
- n. a type of heavy oil used as fuel; a vehicle or engine that uses diesel fuel
92. 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
93. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
- adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
94. I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a _____ soon.
- n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
95. The girl _____ a garland for her friend.
- v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 88. stretch, 89. gratify, 90. diagram, 91. diesel, 92. economy, 93. Technological, 94. rerun, 95. weaves

96. I prefer driving a _____ over a larger SUV because it's easier to park.
- n.* a car with four doors and a closed roof, designed to seat a small number of passengers in comfort; a type of automobile that is larger and more luxurious than a compact or subcompact car
97. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.
- n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
98. Trains are _____ inexpensive, and ideal for long-distance travel.
- adj.* worthy of being relied on; trustworthy
99. The _____ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.
- adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
100. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.
- v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
101. We combust _____ and other fossil fuels to generate electricity.
- n.* a combustible black or brownish-black sedimentary rock that is found below the ground and burnt to produce heat
102. The _____ hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.
- n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
103. The new _____ on imported goods has sparked controversy among trade partners.
- n.* a tax imposed by a government on imported or exported goods

ANSWERS: 96. sedan, 97. cluster, 98. reliable, 99. hostile, 100. manufactured, 101. coal, 102. bounty, 103. tariff

104. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
105. The _____ content in fruits and vegetables contributes to their dietary fiber.
n. a complex carbohydrate that is the main structural component of plant cell walls and fibers; a substance used to make paper, textiles, and other materials
106. The surgeon _____ the patient onto the operation table.
v. to elevate or drag anything to a higher position, usually with the help of ropes or specific equipment
107. The jewelry was all _____ by local artisans using traditional techniques.
adj. made by hand rather than by machine or mass production methods; crafted manually or using traditional methods
108. The baby clung _____ to her mother.
adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
109. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.
adj. very wide; general
110. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.
v. to pull or haul with force
111. _____ operational improvements often lead to better environmental performance.
adj. having a noticeably small amount of body fat; (verb) to bend or move from a straight to a sloping posture

ANSWERS: 104. administer, 105. cellulose, 106. hoisted, 107. handmade, 108. desperately, 109. broad, 110. dragged, 111. Lean

112. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.

- v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

113. The _____ and the oxygen react and then form water.

- n.* the chemical element that is the lightest gas is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and combines with oxygen to form water

114. The _____ to the safe was a secret.

- n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

115. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.

- n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

116. 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

117. He deals _____ with his employees.

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

118. The food chain causes a material _____.

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

119. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.

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

ANSWERS: 112. exports, 113. hydrogen, 114. combination, 115. toy, 116. complexity, 117. fairly, 118. cycle, 119. population

120. The company's new generator has a _____ rating of 1000, making it ideal for large buildings.

n. a unit of power used to measure the output of mechanical engines, specifically the amount of work that one horse can do in a set amount of time

121. His coach is a _____ Olympic champion.

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

122. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

123. The airplane was powered by a _____ made from plant-based materials.

n. a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

124. The _____ cliff made it difficult to climb.

adj. having a sharp inclination or slope

125. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.

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

126. One rotten apple spoils the whole _____.

n. a large round container made of wood, metal, or plastic, with flat ends and, usually, curved sides; one of several units of volume

127. For most people, living in a quiet suburb is _____ to living in a busy city.

adj. more desirable or suitable than another option; more favored or favored over something else; better or more advantageous

ANSWERS: 120. horsepower, 121. triple, 122. mold, 123. biofuel, 124. steep, 125. steel, 126. barrel, 127. preferable

128. The results of that election put a _____ on political reform.

- n.* a device used to slow or stop a moving vehicle, typically by applying pressure to the wheels

129. Please _____ your explanation for the children.

- v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

130. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

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

131. The company _____ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

- v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

132. The _____ of the new technology was slower than expected.

- n.* the rate or amount of something that is taken in or used by a particular system or organism; the process of taking food into the body through the mouth by eating

133. The government provided a considerable _____ to the company.

- n.* money paid by a government or an organization as part of the cost of something to aid or encourage it to happen

134. The police officer flashed his _____ to prove his identity.

- n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

ANSWERS: 128. brake, 129. simplify, 130. efficient, 131. imports, 132. uptake, 133. subsidy, 134. badge

135. The policies he announces can be the _____ of economic growth in the country.
- n.* a machine that converts thermal energy to mechanical work; something that has an important role used to achieve a purpose
136. After pulling three all-nighters in a row, she was completely _____ out.
- adj.* exhausted or extremely tired; mentally or physically drained; behaving strangely or eccentrically; crazy or bizarre
137. Their relationship was _____ and prone to sudden outbursts of anger.
- adj.* likely to change rapidly or unexpectedly, or being unstable or explosive
138. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
- adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
139. There's no _____ in his description.
- n.* a way of thinking or reasoning conducted or evaluated by strict validity principles; the study of correct reasoning or good arguments
140. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.
- n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
141. The industry's _____ requires companies to innovate and improve their products constantly.
- n.* the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior
142. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 135. engine, 136. whacked, 137. volatile, 138. Industrial, 139. logic, 140. peer, 141. competitiveness, 142. opportune

143. The _____ scientist developed a breakthrough technology that revolutionized the industry.

adj. involving new ideas or methods; being the first of their kind; leading the way in a particular field

144. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

145. The lawyer's ____ for the case was \$10,000.

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

146. Our company _____ numerous disabled athletes.

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

147. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

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

148. The _____ truck arrived with the packages.

n. the act of taking or sending something to a destination; the bringing of a baby during childbirth

149. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

150. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

ANSWERS: 143. pioneering, 144. improve, 145. fee, 146. sponsors, 147. commerce, 148. delivery, 149. forecasts, 150. implement

151. _____ cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.
- n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
152. The production of _____ can have environmental benefits if produced from renewable sources.
- n.* a colorless, flammable alcohol that is produced by the fermentation of sugars and is commonly used as a fuel, solvent, and in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages
153. 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
154. The _____ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.
- n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
155. The company operates on a three-_____ pricing structure.
- n.* one of a series of rows or levels arranged one above the other, typically used to describe the arrangement of objects or levels of importance
156. She bought a new handbag as a stylish _____ for her outfit.
- n.* an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature
157. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

ANSWERS: 151. Cone-shaped, 152. ethanol, 153. transparent, 154. aggregate, 155. tier, 156. accessory, 157. balance

158. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

159. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.

adv. in almost the same way

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

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

161. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

162. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.

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

163. She made a collage from _____ of paper and fabric from the art supply store.

n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

164. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

165. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

ANSWERS: 158. disappear, 159. similarly, 160. metal, 161. expand, 162. carbon, 163. scraps, 164. policy, 165. grand

166. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

- v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

167. My father's death _____ my life completely.

- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;

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

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

169. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

170. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

- v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

171. The store is offering a _____ on all purchases made this week.

- n.* a partial refund of the original price paid for a product or service typically offered as a promotional incentive or to address customer dissatisfaction; a discount or reduction from the full cost of something

172. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

- n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

173. They _____ conduct fire drills to ensure everyone in the building knows what to do in an emergency.

- adv.* on a regular or habitual basis; in a manner that is customary or expected

ANSWERS: 166. illustrate, 167. transformed, 168. bother, 169. planet, 170. flipped, 171. rebate, 172. conflicts, 173. routinely

174. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
- n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
175. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
176. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.
- v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
177. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.
- v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
178. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
179. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
180. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.
- n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
181. The designer's _____ was to create a minimalist aesthetic for the interior of the building.
- n.* a strong determination or attention to do or achieve something; (adjective) having a strong determination to do or achieve something

ANSWERS: 174. engineer, 175. pounds, 176. examine, 177. distort, 178. assumes, 179. nation, 180. contrary, 181. intent

182. I decided to ____ for premature retirement.

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

183. GDP stands for gross _____ product.

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

184. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.

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

185. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.

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

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

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

187. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.

adj. not expensive and able to pay

188. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

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

189. 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

ANSWERS: 182. opt, 183. domestic, 184. rid, 185. equivalent, 186. gallon, 187. affordable, 188. analyze, 189. appeal

190. The army is instructed not to target any _____ during the conflict.
n. a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
191. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
192. I have limited _____ in my arms.
n. the ability to move or be moved freely or easily from one place, job, or social class to another
193. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
194. After a brief _____ of the document, he signed it with confidence.
n. the act of reading or examining something, often carefully and thoroughly; a close and detailed examination or scrutiny
195. The machine should be _____ by Friday afternoon.
adj. relating to a particular process or series of actions for achieving a result
196. The _____ index tracks the performance of multiple stocks in the same sector.
adj. made up of different parts, elements, or substances; (noun) something made from two or more different substances
197. Her body felt _____ after sitting at her desk for hours without moving.
adj. not easily bent, flexible, or pliable; difficult to move or be maneuvered; difficult to relax; having a heavy or formal manner

ANSWERS: 190. civilians, 191. obvious, 192. mobility, 193. strike, 194. perusal, 195. operational, 196. composite, 197. stiff

198. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
199. There were several _____ raised during the meeting.
n. a reason or statement expressing disapproval or dissent
200. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
201. Corn is a common _____ for ethanol production.
n. the raw material or substances that are used to make a product, particularly in industrial or manufacturing processes
202. Similar _____ had already been rejected by the parliament four times.
n. a law or a set of laws suggested and then passed by a parliament, or the act of making or enacting laws
203. We need to _____ our manufacturing process and invest in new technology to stay competitive in the market.
v. to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
204. Foods high in _____ include bread, pasta, and rice.
n. (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
205. This approach employs both _____ and macro analysis methods.
n. extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

ANSWERS: 198. accelerate, 199. objections, 200. radical, 201. feedstock, 202. legislation, 203. retool, 204. carbohydrates, 205. micro

206. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

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

207. The _____ number on the dial was 3.

adj. similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose

208. Two months later, my tumor _____ utterly.

v. disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely

209. This container has a _____ of 10 cubic meters.

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

210. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

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

211. Refined character portrayal makes up for _____ gameplay.

adj. heavy, awkward, and old-fashioned; not graceful and clumsy in style, form, or movement

212. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

213. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 206. federal, 207. corresponding, 208. vanished, 209. volume, 210. demonstrate, 211. clunky, 212. employ, 213. digital

214. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
215. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.
adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
216. The bid _____ for this auction is \$100.
n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
217. 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
218. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.
adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
219. The second law of _____ denies the existence of a perpetual motion engine.
n. the area of physics that deals with heat, work, and temperature and their relation to energy, entropy, and the physical properties of matter and radiation
220. Rebels sabotaged the main _____ supplying oil.
n. a very long large tube that is usually underground and is used for carrying liquid or gas for long distances
221. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.
v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 214. replace, 215. flexible, 216. increment, 217. security, 218. chief, 219. thermodynamics, 220. pipeline, 221. weighs

222. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

adj. of or relating to the countryside

223. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

224. Our company must continue to strive for greater _____.

n. the state or quality of doing something well with no waste of input such as time or money

225. I _____ skim milk for regular milk because we are on a strict diet.

n. a person or thing acting or serving instead of another one; (verb) to act as a something or someone instead of another one

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

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

227. Taking _____ supplements can help alleviate muscle soreness after working out.

n. a silvery-white metal with the symbol Mg and atomic number 12, which is the eighth-most abundant element in the Earth's crust and is used in the production of various alloys, as well as in biomedical research and as an important nutrient for plants and animals

228. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

ANSWERS: 222. rural, 223. innovate, 224. efficiency, 225. substitute, 226. unexpected, 227. magnesium, 228. firm

229. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

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

230. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

231. The company's _____ has changed hands several times in the past few years.

n. the state or fact of possessing, controlling, or having the right to something; the legal and moral right to use or dispose of something as one chooses

232. Your talking _____ with my work.

v. to get involved in and prevent a process or activity from continuing

233. The first question in the test was a complete _____.

n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

234. Our company is an _____ component supplier to motor manufacturers.

adj. of or relating to motor vehicles

235. The veteran was honored for his service in _____.

n. a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force

236. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 229. complicated, 230. highway, 231. ownership, 232. interferes, 233. no-brainer, 234. automotive, 235. combat, 236. contribution

237. The bank only lends money to _____ individuals with a proven financial responsibility track record.

adj. of or relating to a person or entity that has a strong credit history and is therefore seen as likely to repay any loans or debts they may incur, typically associated with lower interest rates and more favorable loan terms

238. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

239. This product is a durable material that combines cost-_____ and quality.

n. the fact or quality of producing the result that is wanted or intended

240. The project went _____ and was completed ahead of schedule.

adv. in a way that is steady, even, or without problems; without interruption or difficulty; with ease

241. This business yields little _____.

n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved

242. The only _____ left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.

n. a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

243. His _____ on the effects of climate change won several awards.

n. a written essay, especially one submitted for a university degree, that sets out the author's findings on a particular subject

ANSWERS: 237. creditworthy, 238. crack, 239. effectiveness, 240. smoothly, 241. profit, 242. remnant, 243. thesis

244. Some of the parts of this car are made of _____ to reduce weight.
n. a chemical element with the symbol Al that visually resembles silver, used especially for making cooking equipment and aircraft parts
245. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
246. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
247. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
248. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
249. The similarities between the two cultures suggest _____ evolution.
adj. tending to come together or meet at a point; merging or intersecting; characterized by similarities or commonalities, particularly in different fields or areas of knowledge
250. The _____ on the beach was warm and golden.
n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
251. The Prohibition amendment made bootlegging _____.
adj. making or likely to make material gain or profit

ANSWERS: 244. aluminum, 245. competition, 246. Climate, 247. hunt, 248. supple, 249. convergent, 250. sand, 251. profitable

252. The latest _____ of funding will help the company expand its operations.
- n.* a portion or segment of something, especially a financial investment that is divided or allocated according to a specific criterion or formula
253. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
254. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.
- n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
255. The gap between the company and its _____ has widened.
- n.* a person who participates in a sporting contest; a person or organization that competes with others, particularly in business
256. The chef demonstrated a _____ approach to seasoning the dish, allowing the natural flavors to shine.
- adj.* characterized by a gentle or delicate touch or approach; softly or lightly executed or handled
257. 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
258. We supply the military with durable vests made of _____.
- n.* a synthetic material used for making clothes, ropes, brushes, etc.
259. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.
- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

ANSWERS: 252. tranche, 253. innovation, 254. margin, 255. competitors, 256. light-handed, 257. fins, 258. nylon, 259. leap

260. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

261. The politician was known for his _____ appearance and charm.

adj. physically attractive and pleasing in appearance; attractive and generous

262. Her _____ as a philanthropist will live on for generations to come.

n. something that is handed down from an earlier generation or time, often something that has had a significant impact on subsequent generations; a bequest made by a person in their will, often money or property

263. Humans and apes have _____ anatomical structures.

adj. able to link the similarities or differences with others; similar or equivalent to someone or something

264. You can live very _____ in Southeast Asia.

adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner

265. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

n. an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

266. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

267. Burning _____ releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.

n. an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon

ANSWERS: 260. accumulated, 261. handsome, 262. legacy, 263. comparable, 264. cheaply, 265. Capitalism, 266. concept, 267. hydrocarbons

268. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

269. The company is environmentally conscious, and _____ it uses sustainable materials in its products.

adv. indicating that what follows is an additional or supplementary point; furthermore; in addition to what has been said before

270. The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge _____.

n. the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

ANSWERS: 268. eliminate, 269. moreover, 270. electronics