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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### resonate

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

*synonym*: echo, reverberate, resound

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

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

### dogma

*n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted

*synonym*: doctrine, tenet, creed

(1) religious **dogma**, (2) the secret **dogma**

All members strictly followed the **dogma** of the organization.

### 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.

### maxim

*n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

*synonym*: adage, proverb, aphorism

(1) old **maxim**, (2) act upon a **maxim**

A good **maxim** is never out of season.

## welfare

*n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

*synonym* : well-being, benefit, health

(1) child **welfare**, (2) a **welfare** state

She struggled for years to survive without **welfare**.

## maximum

*adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

*synonym* : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

## individual

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

*synonym* : person, being, self

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

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

## worthwhile

*adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

*synonym* : valuable, rewarding, significant

(1) **worthwhile** investment, (2) **worthwhile** endeavor

Volunteering for a **worthwhile** cause is important for building a sense of community.

## essential

*adj.* indispensable; fundamental

*synonym* : critical, crucial, basic

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

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

## decide

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

*synonym* : choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action  
She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## behalf

*n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone  
*synonym*: benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**  
I gave witness on her **behalf**.

## embedded

*adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something  
*synonym*: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass  
The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

## 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.

## 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.

## progression

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward  
*synonym*: advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease  
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

## virgin

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

*synonym* : virtuous, vestal, beginner

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

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

## olive

*n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows

(1) **olive** branch, (2) **olive** oil

They enjoyed reading under the **olive** trees.

## balsam

*n.* a fragrant resinous substance derived from certain trees or plants, often used in perfumes, ointments, or for medicinal purposes; a soothing or healing substance or preparation

*synonym* : resin, sap, gum

(1) healing **balsam**, (2) aromatic **balsam**

I applied a **balsam** ointment to my rash to soothe and heal it.

## vinegar

*n.* a sour liquid made by fermenting wine, cider, malt, or other alcoholic liquids, commonly used in cooking, cleaning, and other household applications

*synonym* : acetic acid, sour wine, acetum

(1) **vinegar** sauce, (2) apple cider **vinegar**

I added a splash of **vinegar** to the salad for some extra flavor.

## suit

*n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

*synonym* : clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

## consume

*v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

*synonym* : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity  
A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

## 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**.

## tap

*v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

*synonym*: knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger

To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

## tune

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

*synonym*: melody, harmony, (verb) adjust

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

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

## amplify

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

## construct

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

*synonym*: build, assemble, create

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

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

## component

*n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

*synonym*: element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

## domain

*n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise

*synonym*: territory, realm, sphere

(1) **domain** of use, (2) a dependent **domain**

The company's **domain** in the market was expanding to new territories.

## communicate

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

*synonym*: convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

## consequence

*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

*synonym*: result, impact, outcome

(1) unintended **consequences**, (2) the **consequence** of an argument

These economic activities had disastrous environmental **consequences**.

## unlimited

*adj.* without any limits or restrictions

*synonym*: unrestricted, boundless, limitless

(1) **unlimited** liability, (2) **unlimited** resources

An **unlimited** data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.

**trim** v. to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance  
*synonym* : cut, pare, prune  
(1) **trim** a dog's nails, (2) **trim** the budget  
I must **trim** the bushes in my front yard before they get too overgrown.

**torch** n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle  
*synonym* : flashlight, lantern, flare  
(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song  
She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

**assured** *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries  
*synonym* : confident, secure, certain  
(1) **assured** confidence, (2) an **assured** position  
She was **assured** of a bright future after graduation.

**aspect** n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.  
*synonym* : characteristic, element, factor  
(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life  
His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

**significance** n. the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy  
*synonym* : importance, value, worth  
(1) **significance** level, (2) mystical **significance**  
The **significance** of his discovery cannot be overstated.

**explosion** n. a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction  
*synonym* : burst, eruption, outbreak

(1) a lot of **explosions**, (2) site of the **explosion**  
A broken gas pipe triggered the **explosion**.

## 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.

## patient

*n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic  
*synonym*: client, recipient, subject  
(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss  
The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

## autonomy

*n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently  
*synonym*: independence, sovereignty, self-sufficiency  
(1) regional **autonomy**, (2) establish **autonomy**  
Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate **autonomy** for their country.

## shifting

*adj.* constantly changing or moving  
*synonym*: unfirm, shifty, fluctuating  
(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape  
Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

## burden

*n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry  
*synonym*: obligation, duty, load  
(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease  
That car has a low environmental **burden**.



## responsible

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

*synonym* : accountable, answerable, liable

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

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

## decision-maker

*n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

## decision

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

*synonym* : choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

## enormous

*adj.* extremely large or great

*synonym* : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

## prescription

*n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

*synonym* : directive, instruction, order

(1) **prescription** drugs, (2) fill the **prescription**

I need to refill my **prescription** for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

## dramatic

*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

*synonym* : striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea  
The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

## identity

*n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

*synonym* : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual  
The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

## slide

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

*synonym* : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance  
If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

## indicate

*v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

*synonym* : hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error  
The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

## inherit

*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

*synonym* : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property  
After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

## invention

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

*synonym* : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**  
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

*synonym*: recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

## default

v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

*synonym*: fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

## 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.

## nowadays

*adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

*synonym*: currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

## grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

*synonym*: clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

## intelligent

*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

*synonym* : brilliant, clever, competent

(1) an **intelligent** person, (2) **intelligent** assisting system

**Intelligent** robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

## stud

*n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

*synonym* : beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

## assign

*v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

*synonym* : entrust, delegate, designate

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

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

## diligent

*adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

*synonym* : active, engaged, assiduous

(1) a **diligent** person, (2) a **diligent** search of the files

The **diligent** detective investigated all clues.

## preoccupied

*adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

*synonym* : absorbed, engrossed, occupied

(1) **preoccupied** idea, (2) **preoccupied** with other things

He was **preoccupied** with work and didn't notice me.

## quest

*n.* a long or challenging search for something

*synonym* : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

## grade

*n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.  
*synonym* : score, rate, degree

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

## bless

*v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

*synonym* : sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

## 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.

## incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym* : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

## laptop

*n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

## presumably

*adv.* believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof

*synonym* : likely, seemingly, supposedly

(1) **presumably** accurate, (2) **presumably** refuse the offer

The witness's testimony was **presumably** based on what he had seen and heard.

## mutilate

*v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably

*synonym*: maim, disfigure, deform

(1) **mutilate** a document, (2) **mutilate** a body

It is cruel for anyone to **mutilate** an animal for any reason.

## draft

*n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

*synonym*: blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

## kit

*n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

*synonym*: set, package, bundle

(1) survival **kit**, (2) a first-aid **kit**

I bought a new tool **kit** for my home repair projects.

## negative

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

*synonym*: minus, adverse, pessimistic

(1) have a **negative** effect, (2) a **negative** number

The movie has received almost universally **negative** criticism.

## paradoxical

*adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

*synonym*: contradictory, conflicting, perplexing

(1) a **paradoxical** anecdote, (2) apparently **paradoxical** it is **paradoxical** that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

## paralysis

*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

*synonym* : immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

## liberate

*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

*synonym* : emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

## 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.

## 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.

## voluntary

*adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

*synonym* : self-willed, spontaneous, discretionary

(1) **voluntary** action, (2) **voluntary** participation

The program is **voluntary**, so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

## retirement

*n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job

*synonym* : resignation, withdrawal, retreat

(1) **retirement** from politics, (2) impending **retirement**

This fund is responsible for disability and **retirement** benefits.

## 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**.

## vanguard

*n.* the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative

*synonym*: forefront, avant-garde, cutting edge

(1) intellectual **vanguard**, (2) artistic **vanguard**

The company is at the **vanguard** of technological innovation in its industry.

## gigantic

*adj.* extremely large

*synonym*: huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

## mutual

*adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties

*synonym*: shared, common, joint

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

They cooperated for their **mutual** benefit.

## employee

*n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

*synonym*: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

## employer

*n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

*synonym*: boss, owner, company



(1) illegal **employer**, (2) **employer** responsibility  
An **employer's** attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.

## participate

v. to take part in something  
*synonym*: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

## damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

*synonym*: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

## retire

v. to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age

*synonym*: relinquish, step down, withdraw

(1) **retire** voluntarily, (2) **retire** after four terms

After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to **retire** from her job.

## passee

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

*synonym*: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

## 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.

## 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.

## eternal

*adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever

*synonym* : endless, everlasting, undying

(1) the hope of **eternal** life, (2) **eternal** quarreling

In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain **eternal** life.

## ranch

*n.* a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house

*synonym* : farm, estate, homestead

(1) cattle **ranch**, (2) dude **ranch**

The cowboys rode their horses through the dusty trails of the **ranch**.

## overcome

*v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

*synonym* : beat, confound, overwhelm

(1) **overcome** opponents, (2) **overcome** all difficulties

He tried to **overcome** a bad reputation and win the election.

## satisfy

*v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

*synonym* : please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs  
Did this response **satisfy** your request?

## alternative

*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice  
*synonym*: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**  
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

## induce

*v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner

*synonym*: cause, encourage, persuade

(1) **induce** a crisis, (2) **induce** him to see a doctor

The lack of sleep **induces** both physical and psychological diseases.

## regret

*v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do

*synonym*: apologize, deplore, lament

(1) **regret** a decision, (2) **regret** being so careless

I **regret** to say that you did not gain admission to the university.

## subtract

*v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole

*synonym*: deduct, take away, remove

(1) **subtract** numbers, (2) **subtract** one from the total

I need to **subtract** the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.

## satisfaction

*n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something

*synonym*: delight, pleasure, content

(1) a sense of **satisfaction**, (2) customer **satisfaction**

The mediated settlement brought **satisfaction** to both sides.

## disappoint

*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations;  
to make someone feel sad

*synonym*: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

## economical

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

*synonym*: frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

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

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

## 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.

## attractive

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

*synonym*: beautiful, fetching, alluring

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

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

## feat

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

*synonym*: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

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

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

## reject

v. to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

*synonym*: decline, turn down, repudiate

(1) **reject** the proposal, (2) **reject** all imperfect merchandise  
The company **rejected** the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

## apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

*synonym*: excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time  
I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

## suppose

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

*synonym*: guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand  
What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

## estate

n. a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation

*synonym*: property, domain, land

(1) **estate** agent, (2) real **estate** transaction

The wealthy businessman left his entire **estate** to his children when he died.

## gorgeous

*adj.* wonderful and attractive

*synonym*: beautiful, stunning, attractive

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

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

## nag

v. to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

*synonym* : hassle, bother, badger

(1) **nag** about the minor thing, (2) **nag** political leaders

She couldn't stop **nagging** her husband to take out the trash.

## terrific

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

*synonym* : fantastic, great, excellent

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

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

## cartoon

*n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

*synonym* : illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

## 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.

## escalate

*v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

*synonym* : increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

## 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.

**jean**

*n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing

*synonym* : denim, cotton, pants

(1) a **jean** skirt, (2) **jean** denim

She wore her favorite pair of **jeans** to the party.

**flavor**

*n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

*synonym* : taste, savor, essence

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

The **flavor** of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

**incredibly**

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

*synonym* : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

**uncomfortable**

*adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

*synonym* : comfortless, discomforting, painful

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

His abusive words made me **uncomfortable**.

**shopkeeper**

*n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business

*synonym* : merchant, storekeeper, retailer

(1) local **shopkeeper**, (2) general **shopkeeper**

The elderly **shopkeeper** greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.

**slim**

*adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited

*synonym* : slender, thin, lean

(1) **slim** chances, (2) **slim** margin

The **slim** laptop was easy to carry around and perfect for travel.

## relax

*v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

*synonym*: soften, comfort, soothe

(1) **relax** a series of muscles, (2) **relax** at home

The rules were **relaxed** after the new executive arrived.

## zip

*n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

*synonym*: fastener, postcode, slide

(1) **zip** code, (2) **zip** file

She put her phone in the **zip** pocket of her backpack.

## acid

*n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

*synonym*: sour

(1) an **acid** reaction, (2) good source of essential amino **acids**

During pregnancy, the stomach generates less **acid** than usual.

## distress

*n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

*synonym*: discomfort, despair, misery

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

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



## taper

*v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end

*synonym* : decrease, dwindle, diminish

(1) **taper** the medication slowly, (2) **taper** the dose down

Most of the tree trunks **taper** toward the top.

## jaw

*n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

*synonym* : mouth, (verb) chitchat

(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle

He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.

## recover

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

*synonym* : come back, convalesce, heal

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

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

## comparison

*n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

*synonym* : equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

## pleasant

*adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable

*synonym* : agreeable, delightful, pleasing

(1) **pleasant** news, (2) **pleasant** odor

The hotel's staff is very **pleasant** and efficient.

## affluent

*adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth

*synonym* : wealthy, rich, prosperous

(1) **affluent** society, (2) live in **affluent** circumstances

She lived in an **affluent** neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.

## industrialize

*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry  
*synonym*: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

## perfection

*n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete

*synonym*: flawlessness, excellence, completion

(1) absolute **perfection**, (2) **perfection** of beauty

The little girl practiced her ballet routine until she achieved **perfection**.

## autobiographical

*adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative

*synonym*: self-written, self-told, personal

(1) **autobiographical** narrative, (2) **autobiographical** memory

The author wrote an **autobiographical** novel about growing up in a small town.

## settle

*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

*synonym*: inhabit, occupy, decide

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

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

## 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.

## dissatisfy

v. to fail to satisfy someone

*synonym*: disappoint, disgruntle, dishearten

(1) **dissatisfy** the users with bugs, (2) **dissatisfy** people with service

The company's results **dissatisfy** everyone.

## display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

*synonym*: show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

## excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

*synonym*: apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

## blame

v. to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

*synonym*: condemn, rebuke, find fault with

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

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

## clinical

adj. of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

*synonym*: dispassionate, analytic, scientific

(1) **clinical** surgery, (2) participate in **clinical** trials

She received special **clinical** training at the hospital.

## depression

n. a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an

economy or market

*synonym*: recession, slump, despair

(1) the Great **Depression**, (2) the root problem of her **depression**

**Depression** symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.

## explode

*v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

*synonym*: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

## 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.

## contributor

*n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor

*synonym*: donor, giver, subscriber

(1) **contributor** of funds, (2) regular **contributor**

She is a major **contributor** to the local food bank, volunteering every week.

## suicide

*n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally

*synonym*: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

## magical

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym*: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

## confident

*adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future

*synonym*: certain, sure, convinced

(1) feel **confident**, (2) a **confident** remark

I'm not **confident** in our victory.

## 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.

## 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.

## affluence

*n.* an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity

*synonym*: wealth, prosperity, richness

(1) postwar **affluence**, (2) material **affluence**

She lived a life of **affluence**, with all the money and possessions she could ever want.

## peculiar

*adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

*synonym*: bizarre, abnormal, odd

(1) **peculiar** way, (2) **peculiar** people

The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

## frustrate

*v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

*synonym* : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

## infuriate

*v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

*synonym* : enrage, ire, provoke

(1) **infuriate** customers, (2) **infuriate** employees

His rude behavior **infuriated** many people at the party.

## install

*v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

*synonym* : establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

## 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.

## 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?

## improvisation

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

*synonym*: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

## redistribute

*v.* to share something among people in a different way

*synonym*: rearrange, readjust, reconstruct

(1) **redistribute** income fairly, (2) **redistribute** data

The general **redistributed** the troops more strategically.

## excess

*n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

*synonym*: exuberance, glut, surplus

(1) lose **excess** weight, (2) an **excess** of exports

The road of **excess** leads to the palace of wisdom.

## plague

*n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body

*synonym*: epidemic, pandemic, pest

(1) catch the **plague**, (2) deadly **plague**

Our farm experienced a **plague** of locusts this year.

## conclude

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

*synonym*: complete, finish, decide

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

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

## sophisticated

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

*synonym*: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

## fishbowl

*n.* a round glass or plastic container used for keeping fish or other aquatic animals as pets

*synonym* : fish tank, aquarium

(1) **fishbowl** effect, (2) empty **fishbowl**

The goldfish in the **fishbowl** looked happy and healthy.

## impoverished

*adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted

*synonym* : destitute, bankrupt, famished

(1) **impoverished** nation, (2) **impoverished** family

The **impoverished** villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.

## imaginary

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

*synonym* : fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

## myopic

*adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

*synonym* : nearsighted, short-sighted, unforesightful

(1) **myopic** vision, (2) **myopic** thinking

His **myopic** view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.

## shatter

*v.* to break suddenly into many pieces

*synonym* : break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

## absence

*n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

*synonym* : dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.



## metaphor

*n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

*synonym*: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

## recipe

*n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

*synonym*: instructions, formula, method

(1) **recipe** book, (2) **recipe** collection

The **recipe** for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

## misery

*n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

*synonym*: affliction, despair, anguish

(1) live in **misery**, (2) untold **misery**

Our company suffered **misery** from incurring a heavy loss.

## suspect

*v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

*synonym*: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

## disaster

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

*synonym*: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

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

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

## Session 2: Spelling

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2. t\_\_e a piano *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
3. sl\_\_e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
4. em\_\_\_\_\_ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
5. red\_\_\_\_\_ute data *v.* to share something among people in a different way
6. ret\_\_\_\_\_nt from politics *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
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ANSWERS: 11. presumably, 12. install, 13. autobiographical, 14. construct, 15. mutual, 16. grab, 17. comparison, 18. domain, 19. infuriate, 20. jean, 21. misery

22. the secret do\_\_a *n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
23. ind\_\_\_\_\_al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
24. the Great Dep\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
25. bring my la\_\_\_p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
26. in\_\_\_e a crisis *v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
27. su\_\_\_\_\_e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
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31. an a\_\_d reaction *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
32. pa\_\_\_\_\_t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

ANSWERS: 22. dogma, 23. individual, 24. depression, 25. laptop, 26. induce, 27. suppose, 28. suicide, 29. affluent, 30. progression, 31. acid, 32. patient

33. co\_\_\_\_\_e electricity      *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
34. gen\_\_\_\_\_on gap      *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
35. the to\_\_h of learning      *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
36. live in af\_\_\_\_\_nt circumstances      *adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
37. former co\_\_\_\_\_ue      *n.* one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business
38. t\_p keyboard with an index finger      *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
39. fr\_\_\_\_\_te the advancement      *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
40. live in mi\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune
41. an as\_\_\_\_\_d position      *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
42. s\_\_t and tie restaurant      *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

ANSWERS: 33. consume, 34. generation, 35. torch, 36. affluent, 37. colleague, 38. tap, 39. frustrate, 40. misery, 41. assured, 42. suit

43. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in popularity      *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
44. impending ret\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
45. per\_\_\_\_\_on of beauty      *n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
46. es\_\_\_\_\_al commodities of life      *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
47. dis\_\_\_\_\_nt the audience      *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
48. as\_\_\_\_n top priority      *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
49. a leave of ab\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
50. visual me\_\_\_\_\_or      *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
51. re\_\_\_\_\_te in the same frequency      *v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound
52. vo\_\_\_\_\_ry participation      *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
53. on his own be\_\_\_\_f      *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

ANSWERS: 43. explode, 44. retirement, 45. perfection, 46. essential, 47. disappoint, 48. assign, 49. absence, 50. metaphor, 51. resonate, 52. voluntary, 53. behalf

54. o\_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
55. es\_\_\_e agent *n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation
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57. pro\_\_\_\_\_on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
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59. 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
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61. to\_\_h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
62. de\_\_\_e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
63. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 54. opt, 55. estate, 56. improvisation, 57. progression, 58. identity, 59. fin, 60. imaginary, 61. torch, 62. decide, 63. statistics

64. su\_\_\_\_t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
65. de\_\_\_\_on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
66. in\_\_\_e him to see a doctor *v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
67. key co\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
68. ease of com\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
69. at a te\_\_\_\_ic speed *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
70. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
71. d\_\_n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
72. sh\_\_\_\_r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
73. 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
74. pl\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 64. suspect, 65. decision, 66. induce, 67. component, 68. comparison, 69. terrific, 70. opportune, 71. damn, 72. shatter, 73. electronics, 74. planet



75. bl\_\_s him in my heart      *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
76. go\_\_\_\_us sunset      *adj.* wonderful and attractive
77. su\_\_\_\_t a plot      *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
78. a j\_\_n skirt      *n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
79. artistic va\_\_\_\_rd      *n.* the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative
80. en\_\_\_\_us potential      *adj.* extremely large or great
81. ov\_\_\_\_me all difficulties      *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
82. an alt\_\_\_\_ve plan      *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
83. 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
84. s\_\_t at law      *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

ANSWERS: 75. bless, 76. gorgeous, 77. suspect, 78. jean, 79. vanguard, 80. enormous, 81. overcome, 82. alternative, 83. contribution, 84. suit

85. fi\_\_\_\_wl effect *n.* a round glass or plastic container used for keeping fish or other aquatic animals as pets
86. j\_w muscle *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
87. my\_\_\_c thinking *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
88. not to be seen no\_\_\_\_ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
89. res\_\_\_\_le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
90. re\_\_\_\_e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
91. students at all gr\_\_e levels *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
92. am\_\_\_\_y a signal *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
93. ca\_\_\_\_n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
94. pre\_\_\_\_ion drugs *n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient
95. as\_\_ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 85. fishbowl, 86. jaw, 87. myopic, 88. nowadays, 89. responsible, 90. replace, 91. grade, 92. amplify, 93. cartoon, 94. prescription, 95. aspect

96. vi\_\_\_n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
97. eco\_\_\_\_\_al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
98. ma\_\_\_\_\_l powers *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
99. ex\_\_\_e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
100. sh\_\_\_\_\_r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
101. re\_\_\_\_\_nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
102. act upon a ma\_\_m *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
103. pa\_\_e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
104. the t\_\_e of a song *n.* a musical composition or set of musical notes that are played or sung; (verb) to adjust or set something to a specific condition or standard
105. policy dec\_\_\_\_\_ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

ANSWERS: 96. virgin, 97. economical, 98. magical, 99. excuse, 100. shatter, 101. reinvent, 102. maxim, 103. passe, 104. tune, 105. decision-maker

106. deeply re\_\_\_\_te with the consumers    *v.*    to be filled with a deep echoing sound
107. dude ra\_\_h    *n.*    a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house
108. child we\_\_\_\_\_e    *n.*    the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group
109. t\_\_m a dog's nails    *v.*    to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
110. sig\_\_\_\_\_nce level    *n.*    the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
111. pe\_\_\_\_\_ar way    *adj.*    odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
112. apparently par\_\_\_\_\_al    *adj.*    seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
113. a sop\_\_\_\_\_ted lifestyle    *adj.*    having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
114. t\_p a new market    *v.*    to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
115. de\_\_\_\_\_t settings    *v.*    to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 106. resonate, 107. ranch, 108. welfare, 109. trim, 110. significance, 111.

peculiar, 112. paradoxical, 113. sophisticated, 114. tap, 115. default

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| 116. religious do__a                 | <i>n.</i>   | a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted  |
| 117. a signal of di____ss            | <i>n.</i>   | a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort   |
| 118. sl__e a glance                  | <i>v.</i>   | to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption   |
| 119. com_____te well with my advisor | <i>v.</i>   | to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals                                  |
| 120. intellectual f__t               | <i>n.</i>   | a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery   |
| 121. li_____te potential             | <i>v.</i>   | to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression   |
| 122. cattle ra__h                    | <i>n.</i>   | a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house |
| 123. im_____e the test score         | <i>v.</i>   | to make or become better   |
| 124. postwar af_____ce               | <i>n.</i>   | an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity   |
| 125. re_____r a loss                 | <i>v.</i>   | to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength   |
| 126. pa__e trend                     | <i>adj.</i> | no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date  |
| 127. local sho_____er                | <i>n.</i>   | a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business   |

ANSWERS: 116. dogma, 117. distress, 118. slide, 119. communicate, 120. feat, 121. liberate, 122. ranch, 123. improve, 124. affluence, 125. recover, 126. passe, 127. shopkeeper

128. don't dis\_\_\_\_\_nt me  
*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
129. a co\_\_\_\_\_nt remark  
*adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
130. 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
131. su\_\_\_\_\_ct numbers  
*v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
132. pa\_\_\_\_\_is in the leg  
*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
133. ta\_\_r the dose down  
*v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end
134. global di\_\_\_\_\_er  
*n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
135. have a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve effect  
*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
136. o\_t for a traditional wedding  
*v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
137. att\_\_\_\_\_ve opportunity  
*adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable

ANSWERS: 128. disappoint, 129. confident, 130. electronics, 131. subtract, 132. paralysis, 133. taper, 134. disaster, 135. negative, 136. opt, 137. attractive

138. 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
139. snatch victory from the j\_ws of defeat     *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
140. pe\_\_\_\_\_ar people     *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
141. un\_\_\_\_\_ed liability     *adj.* without any limits or restrictions
142. a di\_\_\_\_\_nt search of the files     *adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties
143. imp\_\_\_\_\_hed family     *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
144. sa\_\_\_\_\_y a desire     *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
145. ol\_\_e branch     *n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows
146. mystical sig\_\_\_\_\_nce     *n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy
147. sh\_\_\_\_\_ng balance     *adj.* constantly changing or moving
148. old ma\_\_m     *n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior

ANSWERS: 138. assume, 139. jaw, 140. peculiar, 141. unlimited, 142. diligent, 143. impoverished, 144. satisfy, 145. olive, 146. significance, 147. shifting, 148. maxim



149. enter vi\_\_\_n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
150. re\_\_\_t a decision *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
151. dis\_\_\_\_\_fy the users with bugs *v.* to fail to satisfy someone
152. se\_\_\_e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
153. t\_\_\_m the budget *v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
154. com\_\_\_\_\_te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
155. n\_g political leaders *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
156. aromatic ba\_\_\_m *n.* a fragrant resinous substance derived from certain trees or plants, often used in perfumes, ointments, or for medicinal purposes; a soothing or healing substance or preparation
157. sa\_\_\_\_\_y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
158. ma\_\_\_\_\_l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

ANSWERS: 149. virgin, 150. regret, 151. dissatisfy, 152. settle, 153. trim, 154. communicate, 155. nag, 156. balsam, 157. satisfy, 158. magical

159. in\_\_\_\_\_te an error      *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
160. regular con\_\_\_\_\_or      *n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor
161. s\_\_m chances      *adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited
162. a go\_\_\_\_\_us meal      *adj.* wonderful and attractive
163. absolute per\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
164. n\_g about the minor thing      *v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse
165. imp\_\_\_\_\_hed nation      *adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
166. s\_\_m margin      *adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited
167. bu\_\_\_n of disease      *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

ANSWERS: 159. indicate, 160. contributor, 161. slim, 162. gorgeous, 163. perfection, 164. nag, 165. impoverished, 166. slim, 167. burden

168. major paradigm sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
169. a dr\_\_\_\_ic rescue at sea *adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement
170. absolutely te\_\_\_\_ic *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
171. an eco\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
172. site of the ex\_\_\_\_on *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
173. as\_\_\_n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
174. the qu\_\_t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
175. an ex\_\_\_s of exports *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
176. vo\_\_\_\_ry action *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
177. cl\_\_\_\_al surgery *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
178. a delicate fl\_\_\_r *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
179. 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

ANSWERS: 168. shift, 169. dramatic, 170. terrific, 171. economical, 172. explosion, 173. assign, 174. quest, 175. excess, 176. voluntary, 177. clinical, 178. flavor, 179. doll

180. on a qu\_\_t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
181. es\_\_\_\_te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
182. se\_\_\_e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
183. re\_\_\_\_r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
184. carry a bu\_\_\_n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
185. re\_\_\_e voluntarily *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
186. fill the pre\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient
187. in\_\_\_t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
188. g\_\_b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
189. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
190. ind\_\_\_\_\_al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

ANSWERS: 180. quest, 181. escalate, 182. settle, 183. recover, 184. burden, 185. retire, 186. prescription, 187. invest, 188. grab, 189. individual, 190. industrial

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| 191. mu_____te a document             | <i>v.</i>   | to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably |
| 192. material af_____ce               | <i>n.</i>   | an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity   |
| 193. act as a dec_____ker             | <i>n.</i>   | a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization  |
| 194. pre-mo____n agricultural society | <i>adj.</i> | of or belonging to the present time or recent times  |
| 195. LED-em_____ed glass              | <i>adj.</i> | fixed firmly into the surface of something   |
| 196. in_____te employees              | <i>v.</i>   | to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation   |
| 197. su____e muscles                  | <i>adj.</i> | flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas  |
| 198. inc_____le amount                | <i>adj.</i> | unbelievable; enormous   |
| 199. su_____e beforehand              | <i>v.</i>   | to think that something is likely to be actual or possible   |
| 200. in_____t ancestral property      | <i>v.</i>   | to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died   |
| 201. em_____ee benefits               | <i>n.</i>   | a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker   |
| 202. common in_____on                 | <i>n.</i>   | the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing   |

ANSWERS: 191. mutilate, 192. affluence, 193. decision-maker, 194. modern, 195. embedded, 196. infuriate, 197. supple, 198. incredible, 199. suppose, 200. inherit, 201. employee, 202. invention

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| 203. at inc_____le speed          | <i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous   |
| 204. a com_____ed process         | <i>adj.</i> involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze                   |
| 205. moral pa_____is              | <i>n.</i> a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury |
| 206. pr_____le cause of a fire    | <i>adj.</i> likely to happen or likely to be true  |
| 207. sop_____ted look             | <i>adj.</i> having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion                 |
| 208. mo____n poetry               | <i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times  |
| 209. on be____f of our management | <i>n.</i> represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone   |
| 210. su_____ct one from the total | <i>v.</i> to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole       |
| 211. in_____t estate              | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died   |
| 212. et_____l quarreling          | <i>adj.</i> being without beginning or end; lasting forever  |
| 213. di_____y artwork             | <i>v.</i> to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value |
| 214. di_____y merchandise         | <i>v.</i> to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value |

ANSWERS: 203. incredible, 204. complicated, 205. paralysis, 206. probable, 207. sophisticated, 208. modern, 209. behalf, 210. subtract, 211. inherit, 212. eternal, 213. display, 214. display

215. im\_\_\_\_\_e a process                    *v.*    to make or become better
216. su\_\_\_\_\_e leather                    *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
217. re\_\_\_\_\_t all imperfect merchandise                    *v.*    to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
218. li\_\_\_\_\_te people from oppression                    *v.*    to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
219. emotional di\_\_\_\_\_ss                    *n.*    a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort
220. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect                    *v.*    to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
221. pr\_\_\_\_\_le outcome                    *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
222. re\_\_\_\_\_t the proposal                    *v.*    to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone
223. re\_\_\_\_\_nt our life                    *v.*    to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
224. de\_\_\_\_\_t on the mortgage                    *v.*    to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
225. ap\_\_\_\_\_ze for being late                    *v.*    to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

ANSWERS: 215. improve, 216. supple, 217. reject, 218. liberate, 219. distress, 220. amplify, 221. probable, 222. reject, 223. reinvent, 224. default, 225. apologize

226. customer sat\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
227. a first-aid k\_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
228. mu\_\_\_\_\_te a body *v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
229. a lot of ex\_\_\_\_\_ons *n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
230. to es\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
231. co\_\_\_\_\_de a meeting *v.* to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
232. regional au\_\_\_\_\_my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
233. pre\_\_\_\_\_ly refuse the offer *adv.* believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof
234. general sho\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
235. em\_\_\_\_\_ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
236. f\_\_t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

ANSWERS: 226. satisfaction, 227. kit, 228. mutilate, 229. explosion, 230. escalate, 231. conclude, 232. autonomy, 233. presumably, 234. shopkeeper, 235. embedded, 236. feat



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| 237. back f_n                     | <i>n.</i> a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance                          |
| 238. a working dr__t              | <i>n.</i> a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form   |
| 239. es_____al amino acid         | <i>adj.</i> indispensable; fundamental   |
| 240. an int_____nt person         | <i>adj.</i> having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree  |
| 241. collaborate with co_____ues  | <i>n.</i> one of a group of a coworker, especially in a profession or a business   |
| 242. jazz imp_____ion             | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation                     |
| 243. lose ex___s weight           | <i>n.</i> an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable   |
| 244. a selfish de_____on          | <i>n.</i> the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options |
| 245. pre_____ed with other things | <i>adj.</i> having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy   |
| 246. un_____ed resources          | <i>adj.</i> without any limits or restrictions   |
| 247. red_____ute income fairly    | <i>v.</i> to share something among people in a different way   |
| 248. att_____ve men               | <i>adj.</i> immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable |

ANSWERS: 237. fin, 238. draft, 239. essential, 240. intelligent, 241. colleague, 242. improvisation, 243. excess, 244. decision, 245. preoccupied, 246. unlimited, 247. redistribute, 248. attractive

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| 249. the hope of et_____l life        | <i>adj.</i> being without beginning or end; lasting forever  |
| 250. co_____de that he is healthy     | <i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning  |
| 251. em_____er responsibility         | <i>n.</i> a person or organization that pays workers to work for them  |
| 252. an unc_____ble silence           | <i>adj.</i> providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain  |
| 253. ov_____me opponents              | <i>v.</i> to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone                                 |
| 254. continuously sh_____ng landscape | <i>adj.</i> constantly changing or moving  |
| 255. apple cider vi_____r             | <i>n.</i> a sour liquid made by fermenting wine, cider, malt, or other alcoholic liquids, commonly used in cooking, cleaning, and other household applications |
| 256. bl__e the lack of knowledge      | <i>v.</i> to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad  |
| 257. co_____ct a 3D image             | <i>v.</i> to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole   |
| 258. with an unc_____ble face         | <i>adj.</i> providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain  |
| 259. re___e collection                | <i>n.</i> a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking  |

ANSWERS: 249. eternal, 250. conclude, 251. employer, 252. uncomfortable, 253. overcome, 254. shifting, 255. vinegar, 256. blame, 257. construct, 258. uncomfortable, 259. recipe

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| 260. unintended con_____ces        | <i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual  |
| 261. the con_____ce of an argument | <i>n.</i> the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual  |
| 262. my___c vision                 | <i>adj.</i> near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective  |
| 263. share of a mu___l fund        | <i>adj.</i> common to or shared by two or more parties   |
| 264. wor_____le endeavor           | <i>adj.</i> having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration  |
| 265. make dr_____ic changes        | <i>adj.</i> very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement  |
| 266. empty fi_____wl               | <i>n.</i> a round glass or plastic container used for keeping fish or other aquatic animals as pets  |
| 267. z_p code                      | <i>n.</i> a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently |

ANSWERS: 260. consequence, 261. consequence, 262. myopic, 263. mutual, 264. worthwhile, 265. dramatic, 266. fishbowl, 267. zip

268. commit su\_\_\_\_e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
269. re\_\_\_t being so careless *v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
270. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
271. real es\_\_\_e transaction *n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation
272. catch the pl\_\_\_e *n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
273. 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
274. id\_\_\_\_\_ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
275. get inc\_\_\_\_\_ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
276. illegal em\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them

ANSWERS: 268. suicide, 269. regret, 270. industrialize, 271. estate, 272. plague, 273. assume, 274. identity, 275. incredibly, 276. employer

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| 277. wor_____le investment              | <i>adj.</i> having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration        |
| 278. there is no other alt_____ve       | <i>n.</i> one of two or more available possibilities or choice   |
| 279. ta__r the medication slowly        | <i>v.</i> to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end   |
| 280. re___e book                        | <i>n.</i> a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking  |
| 281. a di_____nt person                 | <i>adj.</i> showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties   |
| 282. intellectual va_____rd             | <i>n.</i> the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative |
| 283. ab_____e from work                 | <i>n.</i> the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be  |
| 284. become increasingly com_____ed     | <i>adj.</i> involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze   |
| 285. ind_____ized textile production    | <i>v.</i> to organize the production of something into an industry   |
| 286. re__x a series of muscles          | <i>v.</i> to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer   |
| 287. the root problem of her dep_____on | <i>n.</i> a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market            |

ANSWERS: 277. worthwhile, 278. alternative, 279. taper, 280. recipe, 281. diligent, 282. vanguard, 283. absence, 284. complicated, 285. industrialize, 286. relax, 287. depression

288. young people no\_\_\_\_\_ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
289. gi\_\_\_\_\_ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
290. bl\_\_e circumstances for the failure *v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad
291. 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
292. in\_\_\_\_t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
293. a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
294. ma\_\_\_\_\_m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
295. d\_\_n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
296. as\_\_\_\_\_d confidence *adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries
297. nontechnical as\_\_\_\_ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
298. perfect ex\_\_\_\_e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

ANSWERS: 288. nowadays, 289. gigantic, 290. blame, 291. planet, 292. invest, 293. negative, 294. maximum, 295. damn, 296. assured, 297. aspect, 298. excuse

299. res\_\_\_\_\_le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
300. re\_\_\_e after four terms *v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
301. con\_\_\_\_\_or of funds *n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor
302. ex\_\_\_\_\_e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
303. me\_\_\_\_\_or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
304. good source of essential amino  
a\_\_ds *n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials
305. fl\_\_\_\_r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
306. pa\_\_\_\_\_t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
307. re\_\_\_\_\_e a phone *v.* to take the place of something

ANSWERS: 299. responsible, 300. retire, 301. contributor, 302. explode, 303. metaphor, 304. acid, 305. flavor, 306. patient, 307. replace

308. a par\_\_\_\_\_al anecdote *adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true
309. establish au\_\_\_\_\_my *n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently
310. pl\_\_\_\_\_nt news *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
311. co\_\_\_\_\_e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
312. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
313. in\_\_\_\_\_l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
314. thin-and-light la\_\_\_\_p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
315. wall s\_\_d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
316. survival k\_t *n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose
317. dis\_\_\_\_\_fy people with service *v.* to fail to satisfy someone

ANSWERS: 308. paradoxical, 309. autonomy, 310. pleasant, 311. consume, 312. incredibly, 313. install, 314. laptop, 315. stud, 316. kit, 317. dissatisfy



318. 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
319. beginning of the ind\_\_\_\_\_al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
320. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
321. con\_\_\_\_\_ion to society *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
322. write the first dr\_\_t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
323. horse s\_\_d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support
324. pre\_\_\_\_\_ed idea *adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy
325. health 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

ANSWERS: 318. policy, 319. industrial, 320. decide, 321. contribution, 322. draft,

323. stud, 324. preoccupied, 325. policy

326. di\_\_\_\_er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
327. vi\_\_\_\_r sauce *n.* a sour liquid made by fermenting wine, cider, malt, or other alcoholic liquids, commonly used in cooking, cleaning, and other household applications
328. ca\_\_\_\_n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
329. 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
330. feel co\_\_\_\_nt *adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
331. the in\_\_\_\_on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
332. Doppler sh\_\_t *n.* a slight transition in position, direction, or trend
333. boys in the twelfth gr\_\_e *n.* a particular level of quality, size, importance, etc.
334. re\_\_x at home *v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer
335. healing ba\_\_\_\_m *n.* a fragrant resinous substance derived from certain trees or plants, often used in perfumes, ointments, or for medicinal purposes; a soothing or healing substance or preparation

ANSWERS: 326. disaster, 327. vinegar, 328. cartoon, 329. doll, 330. confident, 331. invention, 332. shift, 333. grade, 334. relax, 335. balsam

336. z\_p file *n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently
337. do\_\_\_n of use *n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
338. aut\_\_\_\_\_cal memory *adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative
339. fr\_\_\_\_\_te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
340. spare co\_\_\_\_\_nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
341. participate in cl\_\_\_\_\_al trials *adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies
342. in\_\_\_\_\_te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

ANSWERS: 336. zip, 337. domain, 338. autobiographical, 339. frustrate, 340. component, 341. clinical, 342. indicate

343. im\_\_\_\_\_ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
344. par\_\_\_\_\_te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
345. int\_\_\_\_\_nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
346. bl\_\_s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
347. en\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
348. gi\_\_\_\_\_ic monsters *adj.* extremely large
349. 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
350. ol\_\_e oil *n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows
351. par\_\_\_\_\_te in the program *v.* to take part in something
352. a sense of sat\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
353. pl\_\_\_\_\_nt odor *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
354. the ma\_\_\_\_\_m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

ANSWERS: 343. imaginary, 344. participate, 345. intelligent, 346. bless, 347. enormous, 348. gigantic, 349. generation, 350. olive, 351. participate, 352. satisfaction, 353. pleasant, 354. maximum

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my \_\_\_\_\_ all day.  
*n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
2. Six \_\_\_\_\_ are awaiting trial or verdict.  
*n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
3. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.  
*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
4. The lack of sleep \_\_\_\_\_ both physical and psychological diseases.  
*v.* to persuade someone to do something; to cause to act in a specific manner
5. \_\_\_\_\_ symptoms might include a decrease in appetite and weight loss.  
*n.* a mental condition in which a person feels very unhappy and without hope for the future; a severe recession in an economy or market
6. In an economically prosperous country, most male \_\_\_\_\_ is due to child support problems.  
*n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
7. The wealthy businessman left his entire \_\_\_\_\_ to his children when he died.  
*n.* a large piece of land with an impressive house on it, often owned by a wealthy family; all of a person's possessions and assets at the time of their death; an area of land considered as a unit in terms of ownership, use or taxation

ANSWERS: 1. laptop, 2. suits, 3. amplify, 4. induces, 5. Depression, 6. suicide, 7. estate

8. 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
9. 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
10. The company is at the \_\_\_\_\_ of technological innovation in its industry.
- n.* the leading or forefront position in a movement, campaign, or trend; a person or group that is at the forefront of something new or innovative
11. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ in our victory.
- adj.* feeling sure about your abilities or qualities or having trust in people, plans, or the future
12. The cops \_\_\_\_\_ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
13. It seems \_\_\_\_\_ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
14. I applied a \_\_\_\_\_ ointment to my rash to soothe and heal it.
- n.* a fragrant resinous substance derived from certain trees or plants, often used in perfumes, ointments, or for medicinal purposes; a soothing or healing substance or preparation
15. She lived a life of \_\_\_\_\_ with all the money and possessions she could ever want.
- n.* an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity

ANSWERS: 8. assumes, 9. doll, 10. vanguard, 11. confident, 12. suspected, 13. probable, 14. balsam, 15. affluence,

16. The elderly \_\_\_\_\_ greeted customers and helped them find what they sought.
- n.* a person who owns or manages a shop, especially a small local business
17. 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
18. Trial and error is an \_\_\_\_\_ part of education.
- adj.* indispensable; fundamental
19. She wore her favorite pair of \_\_\_\_\_ to the party.
- n.* a sturdy cotton twill fabric, typically blue, used for jeans and other clothing
20. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will \_\_\_\_\_ to its original settings.
- v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
21. It is an incredible \_\_\_\_\_ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
- n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
22. An \_\_\_\_\_ data plan is a popular option for heavy internet users.
- adj.* without any limits or restrictions

ANSWERS: 16. shopkeeper, 17. generation, 18. essential, 19. jeans, 20. default, 21. feat, 22. unlimited



23. I added a splash of \_\_\_\_\_ to the salad for some extra flavor.  
*n.* a sour liquid made by fermenting wine, cider, malt, or other alcoholic liquids, commonly used in cooking, cleaning, and other household applications
24. The mediated settlement brought \_\_\_\_\_ to both sides.  
*n.* a pleasant feeling you have when you have fulfilled a desire, need, or expectation or have achieved something
25. An \_\_\_\_\_ attitude toward its employees significantly impacts their productivity.  
*n.* a person or organization that pays workers to work for them
26. This fund is responsible for disability and \_\_\_\_\_ benefits.  
*n.* the fact or act of stopping working and leaving one's job
27. The growth of the "sharing economy" is \_\_\_\_\_ for tech companies.  
*adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
28. I must \_\_\_\_\_ the bushes in my front yard before they get too overgrown.  
*v.* to make neat or tidy by clipping, cutting, or pruning away excess or unwanted parts; to adjust or modify to improve efficiency or performance
29. After his death, his sons \_\_\_\_\_ his business.  
*v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
30. His \_\_\_\_\_ view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.  
*adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

ANSWERS: 23. vinegar, 24. satisfaction, 25. employer's, 26. retirement, 27. attractive, 28. trim, 29. inherited, 30. myopic

31. People can clone a sheep \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

32. What do you \_\_\_\_\_ the culprit's motive was?

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

33. She received special \_\_\_\_\_ training at the hospital.

*adj.* of or relating to the examination and treatment of patients rather than theoretical or laboratory studies

34. The program is \_\_\_\_\_ so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

*adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

35. Massive demonstrations lead to total \_\_\_\_\_ of transportation.

*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

36. These economic activities had disastrous environmental \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the outcome of a particular action or event, especially relative to an individual

37. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

38. She wore a \_\_\_\_\_ dress to the party, which everyone admired.

*adj.* wonderful and attractive

39. 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

ANSWERS: 31. nowadays, 32. suppose, 33. clinical, 34. voluntary, 35. paralysis, 36. consequences, 37. metaphors, 38. gorgeous, 39. planet

40. He was \_\_\_\_\_ with work and didn't notice me.

*adj.* having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

41. He \_\_\_\_\_ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

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

42. The company's results \_\_\_\_\_ everyone.

*v.* to fail to satisfy someone

43. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the cake is passed down from generation to generation in her family.

*n.* a set of instructions for preparing a dish, including the ingredients and the method of cooking

44. They enjoyed reading under the \_\_\_\_\_ trees.

*n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows

45. Trends in the fashion industry are so \_\_\_\_\_ that it is challenging to keep up with them.

*adj.* constantly changing or moving

46. She couldn't stop \_\_\_\_\_ her husband to take out the trash.

*v.* to annoy or irritate someone persistently with repeated complaints, requests, or criticism; (noun) an old or over-worked horse

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

ANSWERS: 40. preoccupied, 41. constructs, 42. dissatisfy, 43. recipe, 44. olive, 45. shifting, 46. nagging, 47. statistics

48. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the cost of my expenses from my income to see how much money I have left.
- v.* to take away or deduct a quantity or amount from a total; to remove or eliminate something from a larger whole
49. Our farm experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ of locusts this year.
- n.* any epidemic disease with a high death rate; (also called pest) a serious, sometimes fatal, infection spread by rats that causes fever and swellings on the body
50. During debates in the legislature, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the law caused a lot of controversies.
- n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
51. The \_\_\_\_\_ villagers struggled to make ends meet with little access to food and clean water.
- adj.* reduced to poverty or destitution; lacking in resources, means, or vitality; depleted or exhausted
52. She's a \_\_\_\_\_ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
53. The situation quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and turned violent.
- v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
54. The general \_\_\_\_\_ the troops more strategically.
- v.* to share something among people in a different way

ANSWERS: 48. subtract, 49. plague, 50. draft, 51. impoverished, 52. responsible, 53. escalated, 54. redistributed

55. Within a few years, no \_\_\_\_\_ forests will remain.

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

56. Volunteering for a \_\_\_\_\_ cause is important for building a sense of community.

*adj.* having value or benefit; sufficiently important or beneficial to be worthy of time or effort; deserving of attention or consideration

57. The \_\_\_\_\_ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.

*adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

58. Their headquarters are in a \_\_\_\_\_ skyscraper.

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

59. We \_\_\_\_\_ our impeded progress on lack of money.

*v.* to think or say that someone or something did something wrong or is responsible for something bad

60. It is more \_\_\_\_\_ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

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

61. His abusive words made me \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* providing or feeling physical discomfort or slight pain

62. His rude behavior \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.

*v.* to make extremely angry, incite to rage, provoke intense anger or exasperation

ANSWERS: 55. virgin, 56. worthwhile, 57. embedded, 58. modern, 59. blamed, 60. economical, 61. uncomfortable, 62. infuriated

63. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a \_\_\_\_\_ appetite.

*adj.* extremely large

64. The goldfish in the \_\_\_\_\_ looked happy and healthy.

*n.* a round glass or plastic container used for keeping fish or other aquatic animals as pets

65. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

66. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

67. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using \_\_\_\_\_ medicines.

*n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice

68. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his discovery cannot be overstated.

*n.* the importance or value attached to something; the quality of being significant or noteworthy

69. I \_\_\_\_\_ for neglecting your email.

*v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

70. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

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

ANSWERS: 63. gigantic, 64. fishbowl, 65. incredibly, 66. opportune, 67. alternative, 68. significance, 69. apologize, 70. decide

71. The \_\_\_\_\_ detective investigated all clues.

*adj.* showing or characterized by care and effort in your work or duties

72. The view from the top of the mountain was \_\_\_\_\_ with sweeping vistas of the valley below.

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

73. In every civilization, rulers have tried everything possible to obtain \_\_\_\_\_ life.

*adj.* being without beginning or end; lasting forever

74. \_\_\_\_\_ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.

*adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry

75. The terrorist's \_\_\_\_\_ remains unknown.

*n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

76. The company's poor financial performance is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

*v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

77. He created a beautiful piece of music using only \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

78. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 71. diligent, 72. terrific, 73. eternal, 74. Industrial, 75. identity, 76. damn, 77. improvisation, 78. absence

79. Our company suffered \_\_\_\_\_ from incurring a heavy loss.

*n.* a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune

80. Little children tend to have \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

81. A smaller car will \_\_\_\_\_ less fuel.

*v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

82. We need to \_\_\_\_\_ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

*v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

83. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered \_\_\_\_\_ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

84. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

85. I bought a new tool \_\_\_\_ for my home repair projects.

*n.* a set of tools, supplies, or equipment for a particular purpose

86. The company \_\_\_\_\_ the job candidate's application due to a lack of experience.

*v.* to refuse to accept, consider, or use something or someone

ANSWERS: 79. misery, 80. imaginary, 81. consume, 82. display, 83. passe, 84. magical, 85. kit, 86. rejected



87. The cowboys rode their horses through the dusty trails of the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a large farm typically devoted to raising cattle or other livestock; a rural property of considerable size and often featuring a large house
88. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ in the market was expanding to new territories.
- n.* a specific sphere of influence or control; a specific field of knowledge or expertise
89. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
90. We want to \_\_\_\_\_ ties between our two countries.
- v.* to make or become better
91. She is a major \_\_\_\_\_ to the local food bank, volunteering every week.
- n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor
92. The doctor carefully examined the \_\_\_\_\_ medical history.
- n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
93. It is cruel for anyone to \_\_\_\_\_ an animal for any reason.
- v.* to cause severe damage, disfigurement, or injury, usually to a person or an animal; to destroy, alter, or damage something severely or irreparably
94. Shall we \_\_\_\_\_ a bite to eat?
- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 87. ranch, 88. domain, 89. invention, 90. improve, 91. contributor, 92. patient's, 93. mutilate, 94. grab

95. The prisoners were \_\_\_\_\_ after the war ended.

*v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

96. Eventually, the new design will \_\_\_\_\_ all older models.

*v.* to take the place of something

97. \_\_\_\_\_ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.

*adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree

98. The statement had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on house prices.

*adj.* very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

99. All members strictly followed the \_\_\_\_\_ of the organization.

*n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted

100. During pregnancy, the stomach generates less \_\_\_\_\_ than usual.

*n.* sour; water-soluble chemicals with a sour flavor; any of a variety of generally liquid compounds capable of reacting with and occasionally dissolving other materials

101. That car has a low environmental \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

102. 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

ANSWERS: 95. liberated, 96. replace, 97. Intelligent, 98. dramatic, 99. dogma, 100. acid, 101. burden, 102. supple

103. She was \_\_\_\_\_ of a bright future after graduation.

*adj.* confident and sure; having no doubts or worries

104. She was struggling to make a \_\_\_\_\_ between two job offers.

*n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

105. The \_\_\_\_\_ laptop was easy to carry around and perfect for travel.

*adj.* having a slender or thin build, often by design or effort; of small size, amount, or margin; reduced or limited

106. She has been in great \_\_\_\_\_ since she was heartbroken.

*n.* a feeling of great worry, sadness, pain, or discomfort

107. The data \_\_\_\_\_ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

*v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

108. The rules were \_\_\_\_\_ after the new executive arrived.

*v.* to become or cause someone to become less active or tense and calmer

109. Demonstrators strongly demanded immediate \_\_\_\_\_ for their country.

*n.* the right of an organization, country, or region to govern itself independently

110. To expand the company, we must \_\_\_\_\_ new human resources.

*v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 103. assured, 104. decision, 105. slim, 106. distress, 107. indicates, 108. relaxed, 109. autonomy, 110. tap

111. The band played a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ on their instruments.

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

112. 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

113. If necessary, you can \_\_\_\_\_ the front seats forward.

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

114. 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

115. Did this response \_\_\_\_\_ your request?

- v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

116. The \_\_\_\_\_ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

117. The priest \_\_\_\_\_ the couple as they knelt before him.

- v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

118. We \_\_\_\_\_ a cease-fire.

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

ANSWERS: 111. tune, 112. colleague, 113. slide, 114. invest, 115. satisfy, 116. employee, 117. blessed, 118. concluded

119. The road of \_\_\_\_\_ leads to the palace of wisdom.

*n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

120. The juice has a \_\_\_\_\_ taste.

*adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

121. Most of the tree trunks \_\_\_\_\_ toward the top.

*v.* to become or cause something to become gradually narrower at one end

122. He tried to \_\_\_\_\_ a bad reputation and win the election.

*v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone

123. it is \_\_\_\_\_ that the French, who prefer animal foods, live longer than people in other countries.

*adj.* seemingly contradictory or absurd because of having two opposite features or facts, though it is probably true

124. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

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

125. She is still \_\_\_\_\_ from a shot to her shoulder.

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

126. The sound \_\_\_\_\_ well in this theater.

*v.* to be filled with a deep echoing sound

127. I've included the two designs for a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

ANSWERS: 119. excess, 120. peculiar, 121. taper, 122. overcome, 123. paradoxical, 124. individual, 125. recovering, 126. resonates, 127. comparison

128. The new president was \_\_\_\_\_ immediately after the national election.

- v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

129. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

130. She put her phone in the \_\_\_\_ pocket of her backpack.

- n.* a fastener made of interlocking teeth or ridges that is used to join two edges or pieces of fabric; a sound or motion that resembles the sound made by a zipper when it is pulled; (of a computer) a popular file compression and archiving format; (short for Zone Improvement Plan) a system of postal codes used in the United States to help facilitate mail delivery more efficiently

131. The majority of students actively \_\_\_\_\_ in the college's intramural sports program.

- v.* to take part in something

132. The \_\_\_\_\_ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

- adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

133. The researchers try to discover a common \_\_\_\_\_ in all types of successful organizations.

- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

134. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

- n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth

ANSWERS: 128. installed, 129. decision-makers, 130. zip, 131. participated, 132. maximum, 133. component, 134. flavor

135. 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

136. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

137. They have tried to \_\_\_\_\_ their grocery stores.

- v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

138. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.

- n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

139. The coach explained a strategy to \_\_\_\_\_ the opponent's schemes to the players.

- v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

140. He bought a new \_\_\_\_\_ to attach the strap to his watch.

- n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 135. policy, 136. communicate, 137. reinvent, 138. excuse, 139. frustrate, 140. stud

141. She worked very hard not to \_\_\_\_\_ her boss's expectations.  
*v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
142. I \_\_\_\_\_ to say that you did not gain admission to the university.  
*v.* to feel sad, repentant, or disappointed over something you have done or something you have not been able to do
143. A broken gas pipe triggered the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a violent release induced by a chemical or nuclear reaction
144. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.  
*adj.* unbelievable; enormous
145. A good \_\_\_\_\_ is never out of season.  
*n.* a well-known phrase that expresses a general or fundamental truth, principle, or rule for behavior
146. 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
147. The old building \_\_\_\_\_ in a fiery inferno.  
*v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
148. The hotel's staff is very \_\_\_\_\_ and efficient.  
*adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable

ANSWERS: 141. disappoint, 142. regret, 143. explosion, 144. incredible, 145. maxim, 146. fins, 147. exploded, 148. pleasant



149. The little girl practiced her ballet routine until she achieved \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the state or condition of being without any flaws or defects; the highest level of excellence or accomplishment; the act of making something perfect or complete
150. She lived in an \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood surrounded by wealth and luxury.
- adj.* rich and wealthy; having a lot of money and material wealth
151. 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
152. He spent his afternoon watching \_\_\_\_\_ movies on TV.
- n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
153. After working for the company for 30 years, she decided to \_\_\_\_\_ from her job.
- v.* to withdraw from one's position or occupation, especially because of age
154. Please \_\_\_\_\_ a different color to each other kind of item.
- v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
155. They cooperated for their \_\_\_\_\_ benefit.
- adj.* common to or shared by two or more parties
156. Shakespeare's output of poetry was \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 149. perfection, 150. affluent, 151. contribution, 152. cartoon, 153. retire, 154. assign, 155. mutual, 156. enormous

157. She struggled for years to survive without \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the general health, happiness, and prosperous of a person or group

158. 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

159. His professional experience includes all \_\_\_\_\_ of media production.

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

160. I decided to \_\_\_\_ for premature retirement.

*v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities

161. She used an electric \_\_\_\_\_ to light her way through the dark cave.

*n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

162. Her husband's death \_\_\_\_\_ her life entirely.

*v.* to break suddenly into many pieces

163. He dropped his \_\_\_\_ at the unexpected sight.

*n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

164. That adventurer traveled in \_\_\_\_\_ of buried treasure.

*n.* a long or challenging search for something

165. Could you help me \_\_\_\_\_ some furniture?

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

ANSWERS: 157. welfare, 158. electronics, 159. aspects, 160. opt, 161. torch, 162. shattered, 163. jaw, 164. quest, 165. shift

166. I need to refill my \_\_\_\_\_ for allergy medication at the pharmacy.

*n.* a written or spoken instruction that directs a medical practitioner to prescribe a specific treatment or medication for a patient

167. The \_\_\_\_\_ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

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

168. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.

*adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal

169. Departments may set requirements for a higher \_\_\_\_\_ point average.

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

170. Marketing strategies are growing more \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

171. The company has made great strides in its \_\_\_\_\_ toward sustainability.

*n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

172. The nations of South East Asia will quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and catch up with the West.

*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

173. The witness's testimony was \_\_\_\_\_ based on what he had seen and heard.

*adv.* believed to be true or likely based on the available evidence, or supposed to be the case without definite proof

ANSWERS: 166. prescription, 167. disaster, 168. negative, 169. grade, 170. sophisticated, 171. progression, 172. industrialize, 173. presumably

174. The author wrote an \_\_\_\_\_ novel about growing up in a small town.

*adj.* relating to or based on the experiences, thoughts, or life story of oneself; about one's own life history or personal narrative

175. 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

176. I don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ for second best.

*v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

177. I gave witness on her \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone

ANSWERS: 174. autobiographical, 175. complicated, 176. settle, 177. behalf