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Session 1: Word List

moss

n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

synonym: plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

Moss grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

shrub

n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym: bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

comprise

v. to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

synonym: consist of, include, be composed of

(1) **comprise** a large percentage, (2) **comprise** the recent past

The team **comprises** players from different countries.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or

more complex organization

synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

cluster

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

synonym : group, aggregation, array

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

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

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym : heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

packed

adj. extremely full of people; very crowded

synonym : jammed, crowded, consolidated

(1) **packed** audience, (2) a romance- **packed** movie

The drama is fascinating and action- **packed**.

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.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

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

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

parsley

n. a biennial herb with flat or curly green leaves that are commonly used as a garnish or seasoning in cooking often added to dishes for its fresh flavor and decorative purposes

synonym: cilantro, coriander, herb

(1) Italian **parsley**, (2) chopped **parsley**

I added some fresh **parsley** to the dish for added flavor.

biology

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

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

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

continuously

adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly

synonym: constantly, frequently, always

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

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

organism

n. a tiny living thing

synonym: being, creature

(1) aerobic **organism**, (2) group of **organisms**

A diversified plant species generally enhances beneficial **organism** populations.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

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.

quotidian

adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane

synonym: everyday, mundane, routine

(1) **quotidian** chores, (2) **quotidian** life

The artist was famous for capturing the beauty of **quotidian** scenes in her paintings.

timescale

n. a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process

synonym: time frame, schedule, duration

(1) long- **timescale**, (2) realistic **timescale**

The **timescale** for completing the construction project is three years.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

catalyst

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

synonym: accelerator, stimulant, motivation

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

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

agenda

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

synonym: program, schedule, list

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

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

photograph

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

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

churn

v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

synonym: stir, agitate, whirl

(1) **churn** out manufactured goods, (2) **churn** in my stomach

The cream needs to be **churned** for several minutes before it becomes butter.

longstanding

adj. having existed for a long time

synonym: deep-rooted, continuing

(1) **longstanding** relationship, (2) **longstanding** tradition

The **longstanding** trading built mutual reliance.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
synonym: doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

bulb

n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

(1) wet- **bulb** thermometer, (2) a lily **bulb**

The light **bulb** has burned out.

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym: innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym: seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

lichen

n. a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium

synonym : fungus, plant, symbiotic organism

(1) **lichen** fungus, (2) **lichen** families

The **lichen** on the old tree bark was thick and lush, a sign of a healthy ecosystem.

primal

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

synonym : original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

heighten

v. to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

synonym : intensify, enhance, amplify

(1) **heighten** anxiety, (2) **heighten** emotions

The use of bright colors in the painting **heightened** the overall sense of joy and vibrancy.

fjord

n. a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway

synonym : inlet, estuary, bay

(1) spectacular **fjord**, (2) **fjord** tour

The beautiful **fjord** landscape was breathtaking to behold from the ship's deck.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**
She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

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?

nowhere

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

(1) **nowhere** else to go, (2) come out of **nowhere**
I've been thinking all day and getting **nowhere**.

literally

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

synonym: actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**
He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**
I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**
There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

humble

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

synonym: modest, unpretentious, abject

(1) a **humble** cottage, (2) **humble** opinion

The nobler, the more **humble**.

disconnect

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

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply
She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

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.

glacial

adj. relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement

synonym: cold, icy, frozen

(1) **glacial** movements, (2) **glacial** terrain

The **glacial** pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars

Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

campsite

n. a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits

synonym: campground, camping area, outdoor site

(1) **campsite** location, (2) scenic **campsite**

The firewood at the **campsite** was wet and made it hard to start a fire.

abundant

adj. present in great quantity

synonym : ample, plentiful, generative

(1) live an **abundant** life, (2) an **abundant** supply of water

The country has **abundant** oil and natural gas resources.

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?

trout

n. a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes

synonym : salmon

(1) **trout** fishing, (2) grilled **trout**

The river is known for its abundance of wild **trout**.

bare

adj. not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something

synonym : naked, exposed, uncovered

(1) **bare** minimum, (2) **bare** essentials

She wore a simple dress with a **bare** neckline

innocent

adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge

synonym : blameless, honest, harmless

(1) an **innocent** child, (2) thousands of **innocent** people

My husband was found **innocent** of any crime.

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.

centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

lifespan

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

synonym: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

perspective

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

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

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

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

aerial

n. a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air

synonym: antenna, skywire, transmitter

(1) **aerial** antenna, (2) **aerial** photography

The **aerial** view from the airplane showed the beautiful landscape below.

ominous

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

synonym: foreboding, portentous, ill-boding

(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign

The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

killing

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

synonym : slaughter, homicide, assassination

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

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

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym : kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

mushroom

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

synonym : fungus, toadstool

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

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

humongous

adj. extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big
synonym : gigantic, enormous, colossal

(1) **humongous** appetite, (2) **humongous** amount

The new office building was **humongous** and could fit hundreds of employees comfortably.

coordinate

v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship;
(adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

synonym : organize, harmonize, ordinate

(1) **coordinate** a special project, (2) a **coordinate** clause

We want to **coordinate** a schedule for the investigation.

charter

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

synonym : constitution, agreement, pact

(1) a **charter** flight, (2) the **Charter** of the United Nations

The **charter** of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

circular

adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form

synonym : round, loopy, oblique

(1) **circular** economy, (2) non- **circular** orbit

The **circular** shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

bark

n. the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

synonym : skin, husk, crust

(1) trees with rough **bark**, (2) **bark** at the moon

He removed the **bark** from the tree.

mycelium

n. the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae

(1) **mycelium** growth, (2) aerial **mycelium**

The **mycelium** of the mushroom spread through the soil, absorbing nutrients.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym: choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

nutrient

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

synonym: food, vitamin

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

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

strategy

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

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

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

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym: subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

underwater

adv. below or under the surface of the water

synonym : submerged, undersea, submarine

(1) hold my breath **underwater**, (2) seals sleep **underwater**
He is good at swimming **underwater**.

brain

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

synonym : intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage
X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

coral

n. a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry

(1) **coral** island, (2) **coral** ornament

She is wearing a **coral** necklace.

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.

meter

n. a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

synonym : gauge, indicator, rhythm

(1) a gas **meter**, (2) poetic **meter**

The **meter** on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.

depth

n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

synonym : deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

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

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

parrot

n. a tropical bird with a curved beak and the ability to mimic sounds, often kept as a pet and trained to copy the human voice

synonym: copyist, wannabe

(1) repeat like a **parrot**, (2) a talking **parrot**

She keeps a **parrot** in a birdcage as a pet.

spill

v. to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

synonym: slop, drop, scatter

(1) **spill** a bit of wine, (2) **spill** my heart

He was determined to **spill** everything.

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.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

clone

n. a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation

synonym: duplicate, imitation, reproduction

(1) **clone** embryo, (2) recombinant **clone**

He is like an exact **clone** of his brother.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym: settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

quake

v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

synonym: shake, trembler, tremor

(1) **quake** in his boots, (2) **quake** with cold

The earth began to **quake**, and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.

aspen

n. a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes

synonym: tree, hardwood

(1) **aspen** grove, (2) golden **aspen** leaves

The **aspen** trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.

giant

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

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

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

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

stem

n. the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or

originate in

synonym: branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick
A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment
Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

genetically

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

synonym: hereditary, inherited, family-related

(1) **genetically** inherited traits, (2) **genetically** manipulated plant
The **genetically** modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

identical

adj. being the exact same one

synonym: duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation
Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym: eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love
Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

spruce

n. a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental

tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance

synonym: fir, pine, (verb) clean

(1) **spruce** appearance, (2) **spruce** forest

The **spruce** tree was the perfect addition to the family's Christmas decorations.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym: bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

woods

n. a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver

synonym: forest, woodland, timberland

(1) mystery **woods**, (2) deep **woods**

The **woods** behind the house are a great place to hike and explore.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

spindle

n. a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biology) tiny fibers that are seen in cell division

synonym : shaft, axis, mandrel

(1) a **spindle-shaped** muscle, (2) **spindle** cell cancer

A powerful **spindle** motor is required to process these metal parts.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

vegetation

n. plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot

synonym : flora, leafage, foliage

(1) tropical **vegetation**, (2) dense **vegetation**

The **vegetation** in the area is quite diverse.

zone

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

synonym : area, region, territory

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

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

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym : inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

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.

tortoise

n. a slow-moving, herbivorous reptile characterized by a hard shell that protects its body; many species of tortoise are long-lived and have lifespans of over 100 years

synonym: turtle, chelonian

(1) giant **tortoise**, (2) **tortoise** shell

The Galapagos **tortoise** is a fascinating creature with a long lifespan.

clam

n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**

The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

jellyfish

n. a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging

synonym: medusa, sea nettle, moon jelly

(1) spineless **jellyfish**, (2) **jellyfish** sting

The beach was filled with hundreds of **jellyfish**, so swimming was not recommended.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym: watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

revert

v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

synonym: return, go back, restore

(1) **revert** to a heavy smoker, (2) **revert** to the original subject

After trying the new software, I **reverted** to the old version.

polyp

n. (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract

synonym: polypus, hydra, anemone

(1) the **polyp** on the hydra's tentacle, (2) gastric **polyp**

The coral reef was home to various **polyps** and other sea creatures.

maturity

n. the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions

synonym: adulthood, ripeness, fullness

(1) **maturity** level, (2) financial **maturity**

He showed great **maturity** in handling the difficult situation.

unlikely

adj. not probable or likely to happen

synonym: doubtful, questionable, far-fetched

(1) **unlikely** event, (2) it is **unlikely** that he would win the

game

The passage of the bill is **unlikely**.

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

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

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

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

protective

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

synonym: defensive, safeguarding, shielding

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

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

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym: area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

baobab

n. a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts

synonym: monkey bread tree, cream of tartar tree, bottle tree

(1) **baobab** pulp, (2) ancient **baobab**

The **baobab** tree can grow over 60 feet tall and live for thousands of years.

palimpsest

n. a manuscript or piece of writing material on which the original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing

(1) **palimpsest** parchment, (2) medieval **palimpsest**

The **palimpsest** manuscript he discovered contained layers of text from different centuries, offering a fascinating glimpse into the past.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

trunk

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

synonym: body, chest, torso

(1) the **trunk** of the tree, (2) the **trunk** of the body

Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the **trunk**.

pulp

n. a soft and moist mass of fibers or small pieces, typically produced by grinding, crushing, or shredding plant or

wood material; a type of paper made from wood or plant pulp; the soft fleshy part of a fruit or vegetable

synonym : mush, fiber, paste

(1) **pulp** fiction, (2) orange **pulp**

The recipe called for squeezing the juice out of the fresh **pulp** and using it in the sauce.

hollow

adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

synonym : cavity, depression, concavity

(1) have **hollow** legs, (2) **hollow** sound

The tree had a **hollow** trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.

shelter

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

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

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

They need food and **shelter**.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

dubious

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

synonym : uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

toilet

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

synonym :

bathroom, lavatory, washroom

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

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

uniquely

adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

synonym: singularly, exclusively, distinctively

(1) play a **uniquely** important role, (2) **uniquely** different

The painting is **uniquely** painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

moisture

n. small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance

synonym: dampness, humidity, wetness

(1) **moisture** level, (2) lot of **moisture**

My hair looks greasy because there is too much **moisture** in the air.

mist

n. a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water

synonym: fog, murk, haze

(1) **mist** in the morning, (2) fine **mist**

The sun has risen, and the **mist** has faded.

primitive

adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

synonym: elementary, naive, rudimentary

(1) **primitive** society, (2) artifact of a **primitive** humankind

The industry in this country is still **primitive**.

conifer

n. a type of evergreen tree or shrub belonging to the group of gymnosperms, characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing cones that contain seeds; examples include pine, spruce, and fir trees

synonym: evergreen, pine, fir

(1) **conifer** needle, (2) **conifer** forest

The forest was filled with tall **conifer** trees, providing a green canopy.

bearing

n. the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another

synonym: demeanor, posture, manner

(1) a thrust **bearing**, (2) a military **bearing**

The pilot had to adjust the plane's **bearing** to stay on course.

cone

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

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

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

heap

n. an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something

synonym: pile, accumulation, stack

(1) a **heap** of trash, (2) top of the **heap**

A **heap** of old clothes was lying in the room.

shred

v. to tear or cut something into small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

synonym: rip up, tear up, cut

(1) **shred** paper into little pieces, (2) **shred** lettuce for a salad

There is not a **shred** of evidence that he is guilty.

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym: brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

shed

v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

synonym: discard, drop, cast off

(1) **shed** an old skin, (2) a cow **shed**

He **shed** a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

synonym: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence

(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**

I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

botanical

adj. relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants

synonym: botanic, plant-based, herbal

(1) **botanical** extract, (2) **botanical** illustrations

The **botanical** gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

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

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

petrify

v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
synonym : fossilize, mineralize, calcify

(1) **petrify** with fear, (2) **petrify** into stone

The thought of public speaking will **petrify** her.

coniferous

adj. relating to or characteristic of cone-bearing trees, typically evergreen, that produce seeds in cones
synonym : evergreen, needle-leaved, piney

(1) **coniferous** forests, (2) **coniferous** habitats

The national park is home to a wide range of **coniferous** species.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

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

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym : adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

botany

n. the scientific study of plants

synonym: phytology, vegetation, horticulture

(1) **botany** professor, (2) geographical **botany**

The study of **botany** can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.

bush

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

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

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

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

prone

adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward

synonym: inclined, susceptible, liable

(1) accident- **prone**, (2) **prone** to diarrhea

He was **prone** to making rash decisions.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

crown

n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

synonym: tiara, headdress, royalty

(1) the imperial **crown**, (2) the **crown** and throne

The bishop bestowed the golden **crown** on the king.

bulk

n. the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

synonym: majority, largeness, amount

(1) buy in **bulk**, (2) **bulk** data transfer

I received a parcel of great **bulk**.

migrate

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

synonym: relocate, emigrate, roam

(1) **migrate** across borders, (2) **migrate** a service

Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.

peep

v. to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound

synonym: glance, peek, spy

(1) make a **peep**, (2) **peep** into the room

I could only **peep** through the keyhole to see what was happening in the room.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

equivalent

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

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

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

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

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

synonym: brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

singe

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

synonym: sear, char, burn

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

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

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.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

outward

adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible

synonym: external, surface, exterior

(1) an **outward** journey, (2) **outward** cheerfulness

The **outward** appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.

yucca

n. a type of plant belonging to the Agave family, typically found in arid regions, with long, pointed leaves and tall stalks of white flowers. Some species of yucca have edible parts and are used for various purposes, including food, medicine, and landscaping

(1) desert **yucca**, (2) ornamental **yucca**

The desert landscape was dotted with **yucca** plants, adding a touch of green to the arid scenery.

dot

n. a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
synonym: drop, dab, fleck

(1) connecting the **dots**, (2) **dot** blot method

The wallpaper had a pattern of pink **dots** on a white surface.

landscape

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

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

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

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

bureau

n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information

synonym: agency, department, office

(1) **bureau** of statistics, (2) travel **bureau**

I went to the **bureau** of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.

nation

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

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

designate

v. to indicate, specify, or name someone or something for a particular purpose or job; to give a name or title to something

synonym: indicate, nominate, label

(1) **designate** a representative, (2) **designated** driver

He was **designated** as the team captain for the upcoming game.

recreational

adj. relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty

synonym: leisure, fun, entertaining

(1) a **recreational** center, (2) **recreational** drugs

I enjoy **recreational** activities such as hiking and swimming.

terrain

n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

synonym: land, geography, topography

(1) **terrain** map, (2) permafrost **terrain**

The mountainous **terrain** was rough and rocky.

bacteria

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

synonym: microorganism, microbe

(1) pathogenic **bacteria**, (2) harmless **bacteria**

Bacteria prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

hop

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

synonym: jump, bounce, skip

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

The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

clue

n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery

synonym : hint, indication, inkling

(1) a **clue** about the crime, (2) a **clue** to the diagnosis

The police couldn't find a **clue** to her whereabouts.

permafrost

n. a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions

(1) **permafrost** area, (2) thawing **permafrost**

Permafrost is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.

dormant

adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

synonym : inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) **dormant** volcano, (2) **dormant** account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

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.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

melt

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

synonym : disintegrate, soften, disappear

(1) **melt** the ice, (2) **melt** down gold

Her resistance **melted** under his persuasion.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

peninsula

n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

synonym: cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**

That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

phase

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

synonym: degree, stage, step

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

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

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

barometer

n. an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment

synonym: indicator, gauge, measure

(1) economic **barometer**, (2) air pressure **barometer**

The number of patients in the hospital is a useful **barometer** of regional health trends.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine
Our world is in the third **millennium**.

withstand

v. to resist the effect or impact of something
synonym: endure, bear, resist

(1) **withstand** pressure, (2) **withstand** temptation
The new phone is waterproof and can **withstand** being dropped in water.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people
The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk
synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**
Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

encroachment

n. an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests

synonym: invasion, intrusion, trespass

(1) **encroachment** of territory, (2) **encroachment** on personal rights
The **encroachment** of the new housing development on the wildlife habitat caused concern among environmentalists.

jeopardy

n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
synonym: danger, risk, peril

(1) put his life in **jeopardy**, (2) tax in **jeopardy**
The project is in **jeopardy** of being canceled due to a lack of

funding.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
synonym: protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges
I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
2. tr__t fishing *n.* a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes
3. an om_____s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
4. chopped pa_____y *n.* a biennial herb with flat or curly green leaves that are commonly used as a garnish or seasoning in cooking often added to dishes for its fresh flavor and decorative purposes
5. ae____l photography *n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air
6. br____h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
7. gastric po__p *n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract

ANSWERS: 1. discovery, 2. trout, 3. ominous, 4. parsley, 5. aerial, 6. branch, 7. polyp

8. a coo_____te clause *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
9. pair of id_____al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
10. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
11. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
12. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
13. pr___l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
14. an ab_____nt supply of water *adj.* present in great quantity
15. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
16. golden as__n leaves *n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
17. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
18. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
19. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 8. coordinate, 9. identical, 10. archaeology, 11. grab, 12. kingdom, 13. primal, 14. abundant, 15. ancient, 16. aspen, 17. literally, 18. ubiquitous, 19. brain

20. bo_____al illustrations *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
21. a c__e about the crime *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
22. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
23. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
24. thawing per_____st *n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
25. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
26. a rec_____nal center *adj.* relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty
27. a hu___e cottage *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
28. s__d an old skin *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
29. sp___e appearance *n.* a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance

ANSWERS: 20. botanical, 21. clue, 22. environment, 23. expand, 24. permafrost, 25. philosophy, 26. recreational, 27. humble, 28. shed, 29. spruce

30. mu____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
31. deep wo__s *n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver
32. enc_____ent on personal rights *n.* an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests
33. medieval pal_____st *n.* a manuscript or piece of writing material on which the original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing
34. st____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
35. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
36. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
37. have ho___w legs *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

ANSWERS: 30. mushroom, 31. woods, 32. encroachment, 33. palimpsest, 34. strangle, 35. damage, 36. perspective, 37. hollow

38. re___t to the original subject *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
39. d_t blot method *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
40. im_____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
41. gen_____ly inherited traits *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
42. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
43. Bengal pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
44. financial ma_____ty *n.* the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions
45. je_____sh sting *n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
46. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
47. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 38. revert, 39. dot, 40. immortal, 41. genetically, 42. planet, 43. province, 44. maturity, 45. jellyfish, 46. recover, 47. church

48. co_____se the recent past *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something
49. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
50. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
51. non-ci_____ar orbit *adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
52. gen_____ly manipulated plant *adv.* in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity
53. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
54. a h__p of trash *n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something
55. lo_____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
56. lo_____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
57. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
58. buy in b__k *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
59. co_____se a large percentage *v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

ANSWERS: 48. comprise, 49. remarkable, 50. photograph, 51. circular, 52. genetically, 53. equivalent, 54. heap, 55. longevity, 56. longevity, 57. mere, 58. bulk, 59. comprise

60. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
61. su____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
62. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
63. artifact of a pr____ve humankind *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
64. ancient pr____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
65. dis____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
66. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
67. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
68. connecting the d_ts *n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
69. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

ANSWERS: 60. damage, 61. suppose, 62. roar, 63. primitive, 64. proverb, 65. disconnect, 66. invade, 67. peril, 68. dot, 69. locate

70. a ch____r flight *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
71. per_____st area *n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
72. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
73. desert yu__a *n.* a type of plant belonging to the Agave family, typically found in arid regions, with long, pointed leaves and tall stalks of white flowers. Some species of yucca have edible parts and are used for various purposes, including food, medicine, and landscaping
74. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
75. oasis in the de____t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
76. profit-ki_____g *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
77. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 70. charter, 71. permafrost, 72. observe, 73. yucca, 74. appropriate, 75. desert, 76. killing, 77. landscape

78. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
79. b__e minimum *adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something
80. b__k at the moon *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
81. put his life in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
82. de_____ted driver *v.* to indicate, specify, or name someone or something for a particular purpose or job; to give a name or title to something
83. a cl_____r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
84. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
85. a sp_____e-shaped muscle *n.* a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biology) tiny fibers that are seen in cell division
86. a co_____y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
87. gl_____l terrain *adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
88. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

ANSWERS: 78. unique, 79. bare, 80. bark, 81. jeopardy, 82. designate, 83. cluster, 84. obvious, 85. spindle, 86. colony, 87. glacial, 88. necessarily

89. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
90. group of or ____sms *n.* a tiny living thing
91. accident-pr__e *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
92. a seafaring na____n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
93. co____r forest *n.* a type of evergreen tree or shrub belonging to the group of gymnosperms, characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing cones that contain seeds; examples include pine, spruce, and fir trees
94. mat____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
95. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
96. a det____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
97. important dis____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
98. tracking de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 89. brain, 90. organism, 91. prone, 92. nation, 93. conifer, 94. mathematics, 95. peril, 96. determinant, 97. distinction, 98. device

99. mil_____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
100. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
101. symbiotic fu____s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
102. ma_____ty level *n.* the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions
103. two-ph__e structure *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
104. thirty cen_____ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
105. co__l ornament *n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry
106. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
107. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

ANSWERS: 99. millennium, 100. photograph, 101. fungus, 102. maturity, 103. phase, 104. centimeter, 105. coral, 106. slide, 107. fir

108. su____e a plane crash
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
109. ho___w sound
adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
110. ou____d cheerfulness
adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
111. pe____y with fear
v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
112. spectacular fj__d
n. a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway
113. travel bu___u
n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
114. pre-Christian an____t
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
115. trees with rough b__k
n. the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
116. vul_____le parts of the body
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
117. develop a st____gy
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
118. qu__e with cold
v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time
119. ba____rd angle
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

ANSWERS: 108. survive, 109. hollow, 110. outward, 111. petrify, 112. fjord, 113. bureau, 114. ancient, 115. bark, 116. vulnerable, 117. strategy, 118. quake, 119. backward

120. hu___e opinion *adj.* having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance
121. realistic ti_____le *n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
122. to___t paper *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
123. re_____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
124. recombinant cl___e *n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation
125. pr_____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
126. na___e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
127. sh___d lettuce for a salad *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
128. ey_____w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
129. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 120. humble, 121. timescale, 122. toilet, 123. relative, 124. clone, 125. predatory, 126. naive, 127. shred, 128. eyebrow, 129. branch

130. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
131. to____se shell *n.* a slow-moving, herbivorous reptile characterized by a hard shell that protects its body; many species of tortoise are long-lived and have lifespans of over 100 years
132. cell and molecular bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
133. sp__l my heart *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
134. cen____er measurement *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
135. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
136. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
137. no____e else to go *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
138. pro____ve coating *adj.* serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury
139. ca____st for reform *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

ANSWERS: 130. carve, 131. tortoise, 132. biology, 133. spill, 134. centimeter, 135. survive, 136. probable, 137. nowhere, 138. protective, 139. catalyst

140. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
141. the st___m of time *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
142. permafrost te_____n *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
143. ornamental yu__a *n.* a type of plant belonging to the Agave family, typically found in arid regions, with long, pointed leaves and tall stalks of white flowers. Some species of yucca have edible parts and are used for various purposes, including food, medicine, and landscaping
144. tree and sh__bs *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
145. a romance-pa___d movie *adj.* extremely full of people; very crowded
146. draw a dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
147. b__e essentials *adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something
148. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
149. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way

ANSWERS: 140. disaster, 141. stream, 142. terrain, 143. yucca, 144. shrub, 145. packed, 146. distinction, 147. bare, 148. remarkable, 149. zone

150. sh__d paper into little pieces *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
151. fo_____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
152. li___n fungus *n.* a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium
153. tax in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
154. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
155. play a un_____ly important role *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
156. fine m__t *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
157. repeat like a pa___t *n.* a tropical bird with a curved beak and the ability to mimic sounds, often kept as a pet and trained to copy the human voice
158. direct a du_____s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
159. a ca_____st in the process of hydrolysis *n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself

ANSWERS: 150. shred, 151. foresee, 152. lichen, 153. jeopardy, 154. moss, 155. uniquely, 156. mist, 157. parrot, 158. dubious, 159. catalyst

160. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
161. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
162. hu_____us appetite *adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big
163. mi_____e across borders *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
164. spineless je_____sh *n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
165. mi_____e a service *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
166. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
167. a cow s__d *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
168. make a p__p *v.* to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound

ANSWERS: 160. geography, 161. suppose, 162. humongous, 163. migrate, 164. jellyfish, 165. migrate, 166. individual, 167. shed, 168. peep

169. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
170. bu___u of statistics *n.* an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
171. m__t the ice *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
172. a lily b__b *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
173. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
174. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
175. pro_____ve measures *adj.* serving to protect or shield from harm or danger; designed to prevent damage or injury
176. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
177. nu_____nt medicine *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
178. small sh__b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

ANSWERS: 169. desire, 170. bureau, 171. melt, 172. bulb, 173. flood, 174. represent, 175. protective, 176. vulnerable, 177. nutrient, 178. shrub

179. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
180. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
181. wi_____nd temptation *v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
182. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
183. rec_____nal drugs *adj.* relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty
184. an un___d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
185. pr_____ve society *adj.* of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style
186. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
187. b__k data transfer *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
188. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
189. raise her ey_____ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans

ANSWERS: 179. underground, 180. desert, 181. withstand, 182. opportune, 183. recreational, 184. untold, 185. primitive, 186. mushroom, 187. bulk, 188. stream, 189. eyebrow

190. a hackneyed pr____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
191. do____t volcano *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
192. traffic c__e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
193. wi_____nd pressure *v.* to resist the effect or impact of something
194. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
195. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
196. orange p__p *n.* a soft and moist mass of fibers or small pieces, typically produced by grinding, crushing, or shredding plant or wood material; a type of paper made from wood or plant pulp; the soft fleshy part of a fruit or vegetable
197. do____t account *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
198. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 190. proverb, 191. dormant, 192. cone, 193. withstand, 194. adaptation, 195. hop, 196. pulp, 197. dormant, 198. philosophy

199. de__h camera *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
200. the tr__k of the tree *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
201. air pressure ba_____er *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
202. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
203. pal_____st parchment *n.* a manuscript or piece of writing material on which the original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing
204. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
205. poetic me__r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
206. enc_____ent of territory *n.* an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests
207. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 199. depth, 200. trunk, 201. barometer, 202. individual, 203. palimpsest, 204. opportune, 205. meter, 206. encroachment, 207. celebrate

208. st____le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
209. ancient ba____b *n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts
210. mo____re level *n.* small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
211. ubi____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
212. li____an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
213. he____en emotions *v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify
214. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
215. electronic de____e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
216. lon____ing relationship *adj.* having existed for a long time
217. key co____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

ANSWERS: 208. strangle, 209. baobab, 210. moisture, 211. ubiquitous, 212. lifespan, 213. heighten, 214. dense, 215. device, 216. longstanding, 217. component

218. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
219. qu_____an chores *adj.* occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane
220. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
221. du_____s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
222. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
223. as__n grove *n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
224. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
225. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
226. scenic ca_____te *n.* a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits

ANSWERS: 218. discovery, 219. quotidian, 220. slide, 221. dubious, 222. hop, 223. aspen, 224. relative, 225. underground, 226. campsite

227. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
228. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
229. hu_____us amount *adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big
230. shuck a c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
231. a gas me__r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
232. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
233. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
234. geographical bo___y *n.* the scientific study of plants
235. a thrust be_____g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
236. home pr_____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

ANSWERS: 227. geography, 228. bush, 229. humongous, 230. clam, 231. meter, 232. millennium, 233. adaptation, 234. botany, 235. bearing, 236. province

237. rainproof sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
238. qu_____an life *adj.* occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane
239. ba___b pulp *n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts
240. the de__h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
241. top of the h__p *n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something
242. it is un_____ly that he would win the game *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
243. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
244. m__t down gold *v.* to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating
245. de_____te a representative *v.* to indicate, specify, or name someone or something for a particular purpose or job; to give a name or title to something

ANSWERS: 237. shelter, 238. quotidian, 239. baobab, 240. depth, 241. heap, 242. unlikely, 243. disaster, 244. melt, 245. designate

246. establish his ki____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
247. pr__e to diarrhea *adj.* inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward
248. sp___e forest *n.* a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance
249. hold my breath und____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
250. co__l island *n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry
251. long-ti____le *n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
252. giant to____se *n.* a slow-moving, herbivorous reptile characterized by a hard shell that protects its body; many species of tortoise are long-lived and have lifespans of over 100 years
253. ambitious ag__a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
254. green m__s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

ANSWERS: 246. kingdom, 247. prone, 248. spruce, 249. underwater, 250. coral, 251. timescale, 252. tortoise, 253. agenda, 254. moss

255. tropical veg_____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
256. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
257. lon_____ing tradition *adj.* having existed for a long time
258. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
259. p__p into the room *v.* to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound
260. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
261. the tr__k of the body *n.* the main stem or body of a tree which its branches grow
262. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
263. ov_____me opponents *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
264. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
265. con_____us habitats *adj.* relating to or characteristic of cone-bearing trees, typically evergreen, that produce seeds in cones

ANSWERS: 255. vegetation, 256. locate, 257. longstanding, 258. invade, 259. peep, 260. agenda, 261. trunk, 262. determinant, 263. overcome, 264. necessarily, 265. coniferous

266. ca_____te location *n.* a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits
267. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
268. re_____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
269. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
270. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
271. sp__l a bit of wine *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
272. co_____r needle *n.* a type of evergreen tree or shrub belonging to the group of gymnosperms, characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing cones that contain seeds; examples include pine, spruce, and fir trees
273. fo_____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
274. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

ANSWERS: 266. campsite, 267. stem, 268. recover, 269. biology, 270. singe, 271. spill, 272. conifer, 273. foresee, 274. perspective

275. in___e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
276. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
277. a talking pa___t *n.* a tropical bird with a curved beak and the ability to mimic sounds, often kept as a pet and trained to copy the human voice
278. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
279. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
280. mystery wo___s *n.* a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver
281. li_____an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
282. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
283. giant c___m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
284. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 275. insure, 276. nation, 277. parrot, 278. predatory, 279. landscape, 280. woods, 281. lifespan, 282. component, 283. clam, 284. environment

285. to___t seat *n.* a bowl-shaped plumbing fixture with a seat for defecation and urination, or a room or building containing one or more of this fixture
286. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
287. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
288. om_____s sign *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
289. s__m from a belief *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
290. grilled tr__t *n.* a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes
291. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
292. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
293. the imperial cr__n *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

ANSWERS: 285. toilet, 286. interconnect, 287. climate, 288. ominous, 289. stem, 290. trout, 291. grab, 292. strategy, 293. crown

294. bo_____al extract *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
295. live an ab_____nt life *adj.* present in great quantity
296. live in a cl_____r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
297. use one thing con_____sly *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
298. he_____en anxiety *v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify
299. the Ch_____r of the United Nations *n.* a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation
300. a un_____e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
301. ci_____ar economy *adj.* shaped like a circle; having a round form
302. coo_____te a special project *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
303. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
304. te_____n map *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

ANSWERS: 294. botanical, 295. abundant, 296. cluster, 297. continuously, 298. heighten, 299. charter, 300. unique, 301. circular, 302. coordinate, 303. giant, 304. terrain

305. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
306. a military be_____g *n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
307. un_____ly different *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
308. bo____y professor *n.* the scientific study of plants
309. ice cream c___e *n.* a geometric shape that tapers to a point at one end and has a circular base at the other end
310. si___e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
311. harmless ba_____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease
312. m___t in the morning *n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
313. nutrient-de___e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
314. plant a co____y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

ANSWERS: 305. equivalent, 306. bearing, 307. uniquely, 308. botany, 309. cone, 310. singe, 311. bacteria, 312. mist, 313. dense, 314. colony

315. dense veg_____on *n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
316. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
317. im_____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
318. aerial my_____um *n.* the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae
319. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
320. gl_____l movements *adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
321. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
322. con_____us forests *adj.* relating to or characteristic of cone-bearing trees, typically evergreen, that produce seeds in cones
323. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
324. pathogenic ba_____ia *n.* single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

ANSWERS: 315. vegetation, 316. represent, 317. immortal, 318. mycelium, 319. mere, 320. glacial, 321. literally, 322. coniferous, 323. resilient, 324. bacteria

325. anti-air raid sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
326. fleshly de____e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
327. ae____l antenna *n.* a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air
328. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
329. con_____sly removed *adv.* without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
330. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
331. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
332. an ou____d journey *adj.* relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
333. enter on the last ph__e *n.* any stage in a series of events, change, or development
334. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
335. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

ANSWERS: 325. shelter, 326. desire, 327. aerial, 328. interconnect, 329. continuously, 330. archaeology, 331. carve, 332. outward, 333. phase, 334. giant, 335. lab

336. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
337. an in____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
338. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
339. pe____y into stone *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
340. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
341. un___d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
342. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
343. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
344. ki____g spree *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
345. cl__e embryo *n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation
346. sp____e cell cancer *n.* a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biology) tiny fibers that are seen in cell division

ANSWERS: 336. zone, 337. innocent, 338. naive, 339. petrify, 340. roar, 341. untold, 342. backward, 343. expand, 344. killing, 345. clone, 346. spindle

347. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
348. ch__n out manufactured goods *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
349. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
350. pa___d audience *adj.* extremely full of people; very crowded
351. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
352. an id_____al equation *adj.* being the exact same one
353. a nu_____nt for hair *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
354. fu___s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
355. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
356. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 347. lab, 348. churn, 349. bush, 350. packed, 351. fir, 352. identical, 353. nutrient, 354. fungus, 355. adapt, 356. observe

357. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
358. economic ba_____er *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
359. the po__p on the hydra's tentacle *n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract
360. lot of mo_____re *n.* small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance
361. aerobic or_____sm *n.* a tiny living thing
362. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
363. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
364. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

ANSWERS: 357. appropriate, 358. barometer, 359. polyp, 360. moisture, 361. organism, 362. resilient, 363. disconnect, 364. adapt

365. 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
366. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
367. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
368. po__c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
369. the tip of the pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
370. seals sleep und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
371. the cr__n and throne *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
372. the Arab pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
373. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
374. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
375. qu__e in his boots *v.* to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

ANSWERS: 365. planet, 366. harsh, 367. flood, 368. poetic, 369. peninsula, 370. underwater, 371. crown, 372. peninsula, 373. harsh, 374. climate, 375. quake

376. ov_____me all difficulties *v.* to succeed in controlling or dealing with something, such as a problem or difficulty; to defeat or overwhelm someone
377. pr____l eras *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
378. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
379. a c__e to the diagnosis *n.* an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
380. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
381. in____e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
382. thousands of in_____nt people *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
383. po____c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
384. re____t to a heavy smoker *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
385. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
386. li____n families *n.* a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium

ANSWERS: 376. overcome, 377. primal, 378. probable, 379. clue, 380. mathematics, 381. insure, 382. innocent, 383. poetic, 384. revert, 385. obvious, 386. lichen

387. wet-b__b thermometer *n.* a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
388. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
389. be___n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
390. p__p fiction *n.* a soft and moist mass of fibers or small pieces, typically produced by grinding, crushing, or shredding plant or wood material; a type of paper made from wood or plant pulp; the soft fleshy part of a fruit or vegetable
391. un_____ly event *adj.* not probable or likely to happen
392. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
393. fj__d tour *n.* a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway
394. ch__n in my stomach *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

ANSWERS: 387. bulb, 388. celebrate, 389. benign, 390. pulp, 391. unlikely, 392. church, 393. fjord, 394. churn

395. come out of no____e *adv.* not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere
396. Italian pa____y *n.* a biennial herb with flat or curly green leaves that are commonly used as a garnish or seasoning in cooking often added to dishes for its fresh flavor and decorative purposes
397. a be____n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
398. my____um growth *n.* the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae

ANSWERS: 395. nowhere, 396. parsley, 397. benign, 398. mycelium

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
 - v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

2. The _____ behind the house are a great place to hike and explore.
 - n. a dense area of trees and shrubs, typically forming a forest or woodland; a place of natural beauty and tranquility; a golf club used for hitting long shots, also known as a driver

3. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
 - v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

4. The number of patients in the hospital is a useful _____ of regional health trends.
 - n. an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment

5. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
 - n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

6. The firewood at the _____ was wet and made it hard to start a fire.
 - n. a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits

ANSWERS: 1. celebrated, 2. woods, 3. strangle, 4. barometer, 5. floods, 6. campsite

7. 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
8. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
9. The pond's _____ was around five feet.
n. the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
10. The country's domestic coal consumption has been _____ declining for decades.
adv. without being interrupted or paused; repeatedly
11. 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
12. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
13. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
14. He was _____ to making rash decisions.
adj. inclined or likely to do something or to show a particular characteristic, especially something bad; lying face downward

ANSWERS: 7. overcome, 8. adapt, 9. depth, 10. continuously, 11. planet, 12. ancient, 13. locate, 14. prone

15. The _____ of the mushroom spread through the soil, absorbing nutrients.
- n.* the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae
16. He _____ a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.
- v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
17. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
18. Our world is in the third _____.
- n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
19. Her research team made an important _____.
- n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
20. The sun has risen, and the _____ has faded.
- n.* a cloud of very small drops of water collecting in the air just above the ground or water
21. The wallpaper had a pattern of pink _____ on a white surface.
- n.* a very small circular mark, especially one that is printed
22. She keeps a _____ in a birdcage as a pet.
- n.* a tropical bird with a curved beak and the ability to mimic sounds, often kept as a pet and trained to copy the human voice

ANSWERS: 15. mycelium, 16. shed, 17. suppose, 18. millennium, 19. discovery, 20. mist, 21. dots, 22. parrot

23. The painting is _____ painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.
adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
24. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
25. She raised an inquiring _____ towards me.
n. the hair arc over each eye in humans
26. The study of _____ can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.
n. the scientific study of plants
27. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
28. I went to the _____ of motor vehicles to renew my driver's license.
n. an office or agency that specializes in a particular type of work, often related to collecting or compiling data or information
29. The _____ trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.
n. a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
30. The tree had a _____ trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.
adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

ANSWERS: 23. uniquely, 24. kingdom, 25. eyebrow, 26. botany, 27. agenda, 28. bureau, 29. aspen, 30. hollow

31. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.

n. serious and great danger or risk

32. The project is in _____ of being canceled due to a lack of funding.

n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

33. The _____ pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.

adj. relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement

34. The _____ of the organization outlines its mission and goals.

n. a document that grants certain rights or privileges; a contract to hire or lease transportation

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

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

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

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

37. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

38. There is not a _____ of evidence that he is guilty.

v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

ANSWERS: 31. peril, 32. jeopardy, 33. glacial, 34. charter, 35. singed, 36. toilet, 37. backward, 38. shred

39. A diversified plant species generally enhances beneficial _____ populations.
n. a tiny living thing
40. The _____ shape of the planet makes it difficult to determine which direction is north.
adj. shaped like a circle; having a round form
41. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.
adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
42. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
43. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things
44. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
45. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
46. The _____ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.
adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
47. The beach was filled with hundreds of _____ so swimming was not recommended.
n. a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging

ANSWERS: 39. organism, 40. circular, 41. harsh, 42. vulnerable, 43. interconnect, 44. remarkable, 45. fir, 46. primal, 47. jellyfish,

48. The _____ modified crops were resistant to pests and required less water.

adv. in a way that relates to or is produced by genes (= the units in the cells of a living thing received by an animal or plant from its parents) or heredity

49. _____ prevalent in hospitals are often resistant to antibiotics.

n. single-celled or noncellular spherical or spiral or rod-shaped organisms that exist in large numbers in the air, water, and soil, and also in living and dead creatures and plants, and are often a cause of disease

50. The passage of the bill is _____.

adj. not probable or likely to happen

51. The thought of public speaking will _____ her.

v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

52. The drama is fascinating and action-_____.

adj. extremely full of people; very crowded

53. I am going to trim this _____ off.

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

54. The coral reef was home to various _____ and other sea creatures.

n. (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract

55. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

ANSWERS: 48. genetically, 49. Bacteria, 50. unlikely, 51. petrify, 52. packed, 53. bush, 54. polyps, 55. foresee

56. The room was only one _____ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.
n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
57. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
58. These are _____ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.
n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
59. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.
v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
60. The _____ of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.
n. the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
61. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
62. 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
63. He showed great _____ in handling the difficult situation.
n. the state of being fully developed, grown, or ripe; the quality or state of being fully developed mentally, emotionally, or intellectually; the ability to make sound and responsible decisions

ANSWERS: 56. centimeter, 57. obvious, 58. shrubs, 59. migrated, 60. killing, 61. recovering, 62. individual, 63. maturity

64. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
65. I received a parcel of great _____.
n. the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
66. This region is predominantly _____.
n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
67. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.
n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
68. The river is known for its abundance of wild _____.
n. a species of freshwater fish, typically found in cold, clear streams, known for its speckled appearance and often favored for sport fishing and culinary purposes
69. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
70. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's _____.
n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
71. He has a flair for _____.
n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
72. _____ is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.
n. a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions

ANSWERS: 64. relatives, 65. bulk, 66. desert, 67. adaptation, 68. trout, 69. branch, 70. lab, 71. mathematics, 72. Permafrost

73. Generally speaking, men have a shorter _____ than women.
n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
74. A powerful _____ motor is required to process these metal parts.
n. a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biology) tiny fibers that are seen in cell division
75. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.
adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
76. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
77. After trying the new software, I _____ to the old version.
v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
78. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
79. The _____ appearance of the building was impressive, but the inside was in dire need of repairs.
adj. relating to the external appearance or surface of something; visible
80. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
81. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.
n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

ANSWERS: 73. lifespan, 74. spindle, 75. naive, 76. equivalent, 77. reverted, 78. environment, 79. outward, 80. desire, 81. brain

82. The country has _____ oil and natural gas resources.

adj. present in great quantity

83. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

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

84. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.

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

85. The industry in this country is still _____.

adj. of or relating to an early stage of society with no industry or technological development; simple, naive, or old-fashioned in style

86. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

87. The artist was famous for capturing the beauty of _____ scenes in her paintings.

adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane

88. The national park is home to a wide range of _____ species.

adj. relating to or characteristic of cone-bearing trees, typically evergreen, that produce seeds in cones

89. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 82. abundant, 83. perspective, 84. cluster, 85. primitive, 86. streams, 87. quotidian, 88. coniferous, 89. represent

90. The global financial crisis acted as a _____ to unite the country.
- n.* a person or thing that causes an important event to happen or changes the current situation rapidly; (chemistry) a substance that initiates or accelerates a chemical reaction without being changed itself
91. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
- adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
92. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
93. The _____ of the new housing development on the wildlife habitat caused concern among environmentalists.
- n.* an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests
94. The _____ in the area is quite diverse.
- n.* plants in general, particularly those indigenous to a particular region or spot
95. She is wearing a _____ necklace.
- n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry
96. I could only _____ through the keyhole to see what was happening in the room.
- v.* to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound

ANSWERS: 90. catalyst, 91. appropriate, 92. damage, 93. encroachment, 94. vegetation, 95. coral, 96. peep

97. The pilot had to adjust the plane's _____ to stay on course.
- n.* the way in which one comports oneself; a posture or stance, especially one indicative of confidence or authority; the horizontal direction or position of a place, object, or person relative to another
98. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
99. She did well on her _____ exam.
- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
100. The _____ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.
- adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
101. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
102. The _____ tree was the perfect addition to the family's Christmas decorations.
- n.* a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance
103. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
- adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

ANSWERS: 97. bearing, 98. church, 99. geography, 100. untold, 101. photograph, 102. spruce, 103. underground

104. He lost the election by _____ votes.

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

105. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

106. Ethics is a branch of _____.

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

107. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

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

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

109. The _____ trading built mutual reliance.

adj. having existed for a long time

110. That _____ was an essential base for the country's defense.

n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

111. He is proud of the _____ of the business.

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

112. The Galapagos _____ is a fascinating creature with a long lifespan.

n. a slow-moving, herbivorous reptile characterized by a hard shell that protects its body; many species of tortoise are long-lived and have lifespans of over 100 years

ANSWERS: 104. mere, 105. resilient, 106. philosophy, 107. landscape, 108. probable, 109. longstanding, 110. peninsula, 111. longevity, 112. tortoise

113. The bishop bestowed the golden _____ on the king.

- n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

114. The disease can remain _____ for years before it presents any symptoms.

- adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

115. He is good at swimming _____.

- adv.* below or under the surface of the water

116. The use of bright colors in the painting _____ the overall sense of joy and vibrancy.

- v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

117. They need food and _____.

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

118. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

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

119. Destructive fungi thrive in moist environments, such as those seen in wounds on the _____.

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

120. A _____ of old clothes was lying in the room.

- n.* an untidy pile or mass of something; a large number or amount or extent of something

ANSWERS: 113. crown, 114. dormant, 115. underwater, 116. heightened, 117. shelter, 118. nation, 119. trunk, 120. heap

121. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

122. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

123. I've been thinking all day and getting _____.

adv. not in, at, or to any place; not anywhere

124. The _____ manuscript he discovered contained layers of text from different centuries, offering a fascinating glimpse into the past.

n. a manuscript or piece of writing material on which the original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing

125. The desert landscape was dotted with _____ plants, adding a touch of green to the arid scenery.

n. a type of plant belonging to the Agave family, typically found in arid regions, with long, pointed leaves and tall stalks of white flowers. Some species of yucca have edible parts and are used for various purposes, including food, medicine, and landscaping

126. The recipe called for squeezing the juice out of the fresh _____ and using it in the sauce.

n. a soft and moist mass of fibers or small pieces, typically produced by grinding, crushing, or shredding plant or wood material; a type of paper made from wood or plant pulp; the soft fleshy part of a fruit or vegetable

127. The beautiful _____ landscape was breathtaking to behold from the ship's deck.

n. a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway

ANSWERS: 121. distinction, 122. survive, 123. nowhere, 124. palimpsest, 125. yucca, 126. pulp, 127. fjord

128. The _____ tree can grow over 60 feet tall and live for thousands of years.

- n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts

129. She teaches _____ at the local university.

- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

130. I enjoy _____ activities such as hiking and swimming.

- adj.* relating to or for leisure or pleasure; done for enjoyment rather than work or duty

131. He was determined to _____ everything.

- v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident

132. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.

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

133. I added some fresh _____ to the dish for added flavor.

- n.* a biennial herb with flat or curly green leaves that are commonly used as a garnish or seasoning in cooking often added to dishes for its fresh flavor and decorative purposes

134. The earth began to _____ and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.

- v.* to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

135. He was _____ as the team captain for the upcoming game.

- v.* to indicate, specify, or name someone or something for a particular purpose or job; to give a name or title to something

ANSWERS: 128. baobab, 129. archaeology, 130. recreational, 131. spill, 132. zone, 133. parsley, 134. quake, 135. designated

136. 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

137. The _____ digs through the sand to a significant depth.

n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

138. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

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

139. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

140. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

141. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.

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

142. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

143. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

ANSWERS: 136. disaster, 137. clam, 138. slide, 139. carved, 140. expand, 141. disconnect, 142. opportune, 143. poetic

144. He is like an exact _____ of his brother.

- n.* a plant or animal whose genetic information is identical to that of a parent organism from which it was created; an unauthorized copy or imitation

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

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

146. My hair looks greasy because there is too much _____ in the air.

- n.* small amounts of liquid, especially water, that are present in or absorbed by a substance

147. The cream needs to be _____ for several minutes before it becomes butter.

- v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

148. The _____ on the old tree bark was thick and lush, a sign of a healthy ecosystem.

- n.* a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium

149. The team _____ players from different countries.

- v.* to include or consist of something; the act of making up or forming something

150. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

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

ANSWERS: 144. clone, 145. protective, 146. moisture, 147. churned, 148. lichen, 149. comprises, 150. hopped

151. The mountainous _____ was rough and rocky.

- n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

152. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

153. _____ cells in the eye's retina are responsible for color vision and visual acuity.

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

154. The _____ for completing the construction project is three years.

- n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process

155. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

- v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

156. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.

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

157. He removed the _____ from the tree.

- n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

158. The _____ on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.

- n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

ANSWERS: 151. terrain, 152. strategy, 153. Cone-shaped, 154. timescale, 155. roared, 156. biology, 157. bark, 158. meter

159. We want to _____ a schedule for the investigation.

- v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

160. She wore a simple dress with a _____ neckline

- adj.* not covered or clothed; lacking embellishment or decoration; mere or basic; undisguised or open; empty or devoid of something

161. Sugar is _____ in food.

- adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

162. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.

- adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

163. A network of railways has developed over the _____.

- n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

164. _____ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

- n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

165. A rose has thorns on its _____.

- n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in

166. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.

- n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

ANSWERS: 159. coordinate, 160. bare, 161. ubiquitous, 162. immortal, 163. province, 164. Moss, 165. stem, 166. colony

167. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

168. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

169. The evidence presented in court had a _____ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

170. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

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

171. The _____ clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

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

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

173. The _____ gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.

adj. relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants

174. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

ANSWERS: 167. device, 168. benign, 169. dubious, 170. grab, 171. ominous, 172. Climate, 173. botanical, 174. dense

175. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

176. Her resistance _____ under his persuasion.

v. to turn from something solid into something soft or liquid as a result of heating

177. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost _____ to a mother's breast milk.

adj. being the exact same one

178. The nobler, the more _____.

adj. having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's quality or importance

179. The era of the industrial revolution was a crucial _____ of history.

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

180. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

181. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

182. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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

183. The new office building was _____ and could fit hundreds of employees comfortably.

adj. extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big

ANSWERS: 175. invade, 176. melted, 177. identical, 178. humble, 179. phase, 180. determinant, 181. necessarily, 182. giant, 183. humongous

184. My husband was found _____ of any crime.
adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
185. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
186. The light _____ has burned out.
n. a rounded underground storage organ of some plants from which the plant grows; the rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
187. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.
adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
188. The _____ view from the airplane showed the beautiful landscape below.
n. a type of acrobatics or gymnastics performed while suspended from hanging fabric or rings; a pass or shot in sports (particularly in soccer or volleyball) that is made while the player is in the air
189. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
190. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

ANSWERS: 184. innocent, 185. fungus, 186. bulb, 187. predatory, 188. aerial, 189. unique, 190. proverb

191. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.
n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
192. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
193. The new phone is waterproof and can _____ being dropped in water.
v. to resist the effect or impact of something
194. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
195. 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
196. The police couldn't find a _____ to her whereabouts.
n. an object, a piece of evidence, or some information that helps someone to find the answer to a problem, question, or mystery
197. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.
v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
198. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.
adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

ANSWERS: 191. nutrients, 192. observe, 193. withstand, 194. mushroom, 195. component, 196. clue, 197. insure, 198. literally

199. The forest was filled with tall _____ trees, providing a green canopy.

- n.* a type of evergreen tree or shrub belonging to the group of gymnosperms, characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing cones that contain seeds; examples include pine, spruce, and fir trees

ANSWERS: 199. conifer