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Session 1: Word List

confer

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

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym : position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

government

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

synonym : administration, regime, state

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

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

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym : helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

homage

n. a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute

synonym : respect, deference, reverence

(1) paying **homage** to tradition, (2) vassal **homage**

The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of **homage** to the retiring athlete.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym : integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

cheetah

n. a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots

synonym : leopard, jaguar, panther

(1) **cheetah** sprint, (2) **cheetah** habitat

The mother **cheetahs** fiercely protect their cubs, teaching them valuable hunting and survival skills before they venture out independently.

generation

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

synonym : cohort, age group, era

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

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

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

brook

n. a small stream

synonym : stream, creek, rivulet

(1) music of the **brook**, (2) **brook** trout

A **brook** babbled through the woods.

nonsense

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

synonym : ludicrousness, gabble, absurdity

(1) talk **nonsense**, (2) sheer **nonsense**

The parents spoke to their children in no- **nonsense** tones.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym : depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

accountability

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

synonym : responsibility, answerability, liability

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

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

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

salvation

n. preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss
synonym: rescue, deliverance, redemption

(1) **salvation** army, (2) the **salvation** of the individual soul
For many, the church was the only source of **salvation** in harsh times.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things
It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

hippopotamus

n. (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

synonym: river horse, water horse, hippo

(1) **hippopotamus** habitat, (2) giant **hippopotamus**
The zoo has a new **hippopotamus** exhibit that popularly attracts families.

ruling

n. a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

synonym: judgment, decision, verdict

(1) legal **ruling**, (2) supreme court **ruling**
The judge's **ruling** was in favor of the defendant.

elite

adj. belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society

synonym: privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete
Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

patch

n. a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

synonym: mend, repair, fix

(1) **patch** of grass, (2) software **patch**

I need to sew a **patch** onto my jeans that ripped.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym: gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

colonial

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

synonym: imperial, immigrant, gregarious

(1) oppressive **colonial** rule, (2) **colonial** style

The city has a rich **colonial** history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

- imp** *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
synonym: demon, sprite, mischievous child
(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**
The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.
- reform** *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
synonym: change, modify, improve
(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement
The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.
- economy** *n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
synonym: finance, trade, business
(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class
The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- rot** *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
synonym: perish, decay, corrode
(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age
Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.
- quo** *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
synonym: status, condition, state
(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto
The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

continent

n. one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex

synonym: landmass, (adjective) chaste, (adjective) pure

(1) the inland of a **continent**, (2) **continent** urinary diversion

Flight across the **continent** was a daring adventure in its day.

mineral

n. a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition

(1) vitamin and **minerals**, (2) **mineral** rights

The robust economy of the country is based on its **mineral** resources.

wealth

n. a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**

The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

utilize

v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way

synonym: employ, use, operate

(1) **utilize** a different approach, (2) **utilize** a catheter

The cook **utilized** the leftover oxtail to make soup.

lift

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

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

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

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

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**
Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

enduring

adj. lasting over a long period of time; able to withstand wear, decay, or damage; continuing or persistent

synonym : lasting, persistent, imperishable

(1) **enduring** pain, (2) **enduring** legacy

The **enduring** love between the couple was evident in their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

organization

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

synonym : association, institution, community

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

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

noble

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

synonym : dignified, aristocratic, benevolent

(1) a **noble** family, (2) **noble** gas

He is a **noble-minded** man

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

clueless

adj. lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation

synonym : uninformed, unaware, ignorant

(1) **clueless** in many ways, (2) **clueless** about the situation
She was completely **clueless** as to how to solve the problem.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement
It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

leak

v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container

synonym : outflow, divulge, disclose

(1) **leak** data, (2) **leak** a classified memo
He **leaked** serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.

invest

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

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital
The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

horrible

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

synonym : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell
The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym : puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

import

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

synonym: bring, spell

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

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

export

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

synonym: ship, send, transfer

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

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

fundamental

adj. forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

synonym: basic, essential, entire

(1) **fundamental** education, (2) **fundamental** rights

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

flip

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

synonym: throw, jump

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

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

chapter

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

synonym : section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.

indicate

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

synonym : hint, suggest, show

(1) **indicate** a preference, (2) **indicate** an error

The data **indicates** that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

abysmal

adj. extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable

synonym : dreadful, terrible, appalling

(1) **abysmal** performance, (2) **abysmal** living conditions

The company's **abysmal** sales performance led to layoffs and budget cuts.

leadership

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

synonym : captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians

The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

characterize

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

synonym : describe, depict, portray

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

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

charitable

adj. giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity

synonym : generous, helping, giving

(1) **charitable** organizations, (2) **charitable** deeds

He is always **charitable** to the poor.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym : fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym : expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

slate

n. a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order

synonym : chalkboard, blackboard, tablet

(1) **slate** tile, (2) **slate** roof

We need to add more names to the **slate** of candidates for the upcoming election.

assortment

n. a variety of different things or individuals; a group of different types of things that have been collected together

synonym : variety, collection, mixture

(1) **assortment** room, (2) whole **assortment**

The store offered an **assortment** of fresh fruits and vegetables.

military

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

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

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

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

socialist

adj. relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

synonym : collectivist, communal, state-owned

(1) **socialist** regime, (2) **socialist** ideology

He is a progressive **socialist** and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.

crocodile

n. a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

synonym : alligator, gator, croc

(1) **crocodile** hide, (2) saltwater **crocodile**

The **crocodile** attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

liberate

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

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

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

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

vampire

n. a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain

synonym: undead, bloodsucker, nosferatu

(1) **vampire** fiction, (2) hunting **vampires**

The **vampire's** pale complexion and sharp fangs made him stand out in the crowd.

quack

n. a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck

synonym: charlatan, impostor, fraud

(1) **quack** doctor, (2) **quack** product

The healthcare industry is cracking down on **quack** remedies and treatments that lack scientific evidence.

revolutionary

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

synonym: radical, innovative, groundbreaking

(1) **revolutionary** change, (2) enforce **revolutionary** justice

The **revolutionary** leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

premise

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

synonym : assumption, postulate, supposition

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

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

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.

quotation

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

synonym : excerpt, passage, quote

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

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

chief

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

synonym : essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year

Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

statistics

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

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

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

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

synonym : energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

hijack

v. to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

synonym : commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

phalanx

n. a close and tightly-packed formation of troops, typically in ancient warfare; a united or closely-knit group of individuals working together towards a common purpose or goal

synonym : formation, array, army

(1) finger **phalanx**, (2) finger **phalanx**

The soldiers marched in a **phalanx** formation, ready for battle.

bandit

n. a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others

synonym : robber, thief, outlaw

(1) wilderness **bandit**, (2) notorious **bandit**

A group of armed **bandits** attacked the villagers during the night.

crook

n. a bend or curve, especially in a rod or stick; someone who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym : bend, curve, arc

(1) hi-tech **crook**, (2) a **crook** in a stream

The police caught the **crook** after a string of burglaries.

instrument

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

synonym :

apparatus, tool, device

(1) musical **instruments**, (2) surgical **instruments**

This electronic **instrument** is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

enrich

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

synonym: enhance, improve, augment

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

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

crony

n. a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities

synonym: buddy, pal, friend

(1) a **crony** of the governor, (2) business **crony**

The politician's close **crony** was given a high-ranking job in the administration.

tribesman

n. a member of a tribe (= a group of people who have a common culture and history and who live in the same area)

synonym: member, clan member

(1) **tribesman** culture, (2) **tribesman** tradition

Anyone in the village unmatched the **tribesman's** hunting skills.

exclude

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

synonym: expel, ban, bar

(1) **exclude** a newcomer, (2) **exclude** all other possibilities

The cost for the trip **excludes** food and beverages.

minister

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

synonym: bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**
The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

rake

n. a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess

synonym: scraper, harrow, hoe

(1) bamboo **rake**, (2) **rake's** behavior

The golf course has special **rakes** for smoothing out the sand traps.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

redistribute

v. to share something among people in a different way

synonym: rearrange, readjust, reconstruct

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

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

sector

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

synonym: division, department, branch

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

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

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

informal

adj. relaxed, casual, or unofficial in style or manner; not ceremonious or strict in adherence to rules or conventions; suitable for ordinary or everyday occasions

synonym : casual, relaxed, unofficial

(1) **informal** setting, (2) **informal** attire

The company's casual and **informal** work environment encourages creativity and collaboration.

abode

n. a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters

synonym : dwelling, residence, home

(1) a temporary **abode**, (2) humble **abode**

The small cabin in the woods was his **abode** for many years.

dysfunction

n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

synonym : malfunction, disorder, disfunction

(1) **dysfunction** of kidneys, (2) brain **dysfunction**

The **dysfunction** in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.

meretricious

adj. attractive in a flashy, showy, or superficial way, but lacking real value or sincerity; gaudy or tastelessly embellished

synonym : gaudy, flashy, artificial

(1) **meretricious** ornamentation, (2) **meretricious** advertising

The **meretricious** charm of the salesman convinced many customers to buy unnecessary products.

fandango

n. a lively Spanish dance for two people, usually accompanied by guitar music and castanets; a lively or spirited behavior or activity

synonym : dance, ball, gala

(1) attend a **fandango** festival, (2) energetic **fandango** dance

The dancers twirled and spun during the lively **fandango**

performance.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

emanate

v. to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling

synonym: radiate, exude, give off

(1) **emanate** light, (2) **emanate** happiness

The fragrance of flowers **emanated** from the garden.

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.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

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.

develop

- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

- (1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

ivory

- n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

- (1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

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.

neglect

- v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone

synonym: delinquency, carelessness, decay

- (1) **neglect** to call, (2) **neglect** ethical issues

He **neglected** his health to make the project a success.

agriculture

- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

- (1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

operational

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

synonym : functional, active, working

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

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

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym : domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym : conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym : despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

organ

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

synonym : function, structure

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

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

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

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**.

tyrant

n. a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

synonym : despot, dictator, autocrat

(1) a domestic **tyrant**, (2) **tyrant** regime

The **tyrant's** rule was marked by oppression and fear.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym : board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

concurrence

n. the agreement, cooperation, or simultaneous occurrence of multiple factors, events, or opinions; a coincidence or alignment of interests or viewpoints

synonym : agreement, accord, harmony

(1) in **concurrence** with the law, (2) mutual **concurrence**

The **concurrence** of opinions among the team members led to a successful project.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym : control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

settlement

n. an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

synonym : agreement, accommodation, colonization

(1) the **settlement** of a dispute, (2) **settlement** in a new house

Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful **settlement**.

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.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym : imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

principle

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

synonym : rule, creed, code

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

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

confederacy

n. a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose

synonym : alliance, union, league

(1) urban **confederacy**, (2) the rebelling **confederacy**

The **confederacy** of states was formed to stand against the

federal government's power.

devolve

v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form

synonym: degenerate, drop, decline

(1) **devolve** into chaos, (2) **devolve** his rights

As time has passed, the responsibility has **devolved** to the younger generation.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym: legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

privately

adv. in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

synonym: secretly, in confidence, behind closed doors

(1) a **privately-owned** railway, (2) import things **privately**

The couple **privately** exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.

extended

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

synonym: extensive, prolonged, elongated

(1) **extended** vacation, (2) **extended** payment

The **extended** airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

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.

damn

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

synonym : curse, condemn, denounce

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

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

accent

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

synonym : articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort

She has a thick southern **accent**.

connote

v. to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning

synonym : imply, suggest, signify

(1) **connote** emotion, (2) **connote** symbolism

The word 'home' **connotes** a sense of warmth and comfort.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

crop

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

synonym : output, produce, product

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

Sow early for an early **crop**.

surplus

n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

synonym : excess, surplusage, remainder

(1) budget **surplus**, (2) **surplus** of exports

The food **surplus** at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.

marketplace

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

synonym : bazaar, mart, emporium

(1) **marketplace** competition, (2) global **marketplace**

The online **marketplace** offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

profit

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

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

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

This business yields little **profit**.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym : isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,
(2) **sequester** myself from the world
He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

nutshell

n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

synonym: summary, essence, covering

(1) move into a **nutshell**, (2) **nutshell** version

Can you explain your argument in a **nutshell**?

steppe

n. a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

synonym: prairie, savannah, grassland

(1) **steppe** climate, (2) barren **steppe**

The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast **steppe**.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym: govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

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.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

capitalism

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

synonym: commercialism

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

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

independence

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

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

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

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

socialism

n. a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole

synonym: communism, collectivism, equality

(1) non-Marxist **socialism**, (2) the rise of **socialism**

The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic **socialism** and its impact on modern European countries.

peculiar

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

synonym : bizarre, abnormal, odd

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

The juice has a **peculiar** taste.

rap

n. a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed

synonym : hip-hop, emceeing, MCing

(1) **rap** music, (2) get a **rap**

The new **rap** album is getting a lot of attention.

plunder

v. to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property

synonym : pillage, loot, despoil

(1) **plunder** the enemy's stronghold, (2) **plunder** his reputation

The pirates could **plunder** the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.

treasury

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

synonym : coffer, exchequer, bank

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

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

deposit

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

synonym : bank, installment, sedimentation

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

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

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint
The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

diaspora

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

synonym : scattering, dispersion, migration

(1) **diaspora** migration, (2) **diaspora** community
The **diaspora** of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

enterprise

n. a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort

synonym : business, company, industry

(1) undertake an **enterprise**, (2) his business **enterprise**
A growing **enterprise** requires a bold leader.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**
Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

assist

v. to help someone in doing anything

synonym : help, support, aid

(1) **assist** a patient, (2) **assist** his goal
Please **assist** her with the furniture relocation.

employ

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

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method
When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

generate

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

synonym : create, yield, produce

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

economical

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

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal
It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

external

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

synonym : outside, exterior, foreign

(1) **external** factors, (2) **external** commerce

When a company discloses information to the market, an **external** auditor verifies them.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym : work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym : surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

efficient

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

synonym : productive, effective, competent

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

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

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

healthcare

n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

(1) **healthcare** agency, (2) rising **healthcare** cost

In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality **healthcare**.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym : tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

treasure

n. a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

synonym : hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

trove

n. a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth

synonym: hoard, collection, assemblage

(1) **trove** of information, (2) stumble on a **trove**

The treasure **trove** of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.

instigate

v. to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior

synonym: provoke, incite, raise

(1) **instigate** a conflict, (2) **instigate** a discussion

The protesters tried to **instigate** change and promote equality in their community.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. su___r bad grades | <i>v.</i> to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant |
| 2. the characters that re_____nt numbers | <i>v.</i> to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute |
| 3. mo___n poetry | <i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times |
| 4. ind_____us peoples | <i>adj.</i> someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place |
| 5. ex_____al commerce | <i>adj.</i> belonging to or situated outside of someone or something |
| 6. v__t majority | <i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity |
| 7. br__d suspicion | <i>v.</i> to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner |
| 8. historical he_____ge | <i>n.</i> the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations |
| 9. humble ab__e | <i>n.</i> a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters |
| 10. dec_____ize organizational structure | <i>v.</i> to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones |
| 11. tra_____lly accepted concept | <i>adv.</i> in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way |

ANSWERS: 1. suffer, 2. represent, 3. modern, 4. indigenous, 5. external, 6. vast, 7. breed, 8. heritage, 9. abode, 10. decentralize, 11. traditionally

12. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
13. ut_____e a catheter *v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
14. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
15. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
16. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
17. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
18. hi___k a helicopter *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
19. co_____nt urinary diversion *n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
20. co_____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
21. f__p over the pork chop *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
22. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
23. qu__k product *n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck

ANSWERS: 12. ancient, 13. utilize, 14. crop, 15. surround, 16. decide, 17. sequester, 18. hijack, 19. continent, 20. contrast, 21. flip, 22. dominate, 23. quack

24. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
25. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
26. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
27. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
28. as___t his goal *v.* to help someone in doing anything
29. r_p music *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
30. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
31. ex___t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
32. tower of iv__y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

ANSWERS: 24. crop, 25. confer, 26. flee, 27. lift, 28. assist, 29. rap, 30. quo, 31. export, 32. ivory

33. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
34. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
35. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
36. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
37. sp__l a bit of wine *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
38. cha_____ize the relationship *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
39. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
40. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
41. cl_____ss about the situation *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
42. a pr_____ly-owned railway *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

ANSWERS: 33. instrument, 34. abuse, 35. struggle, 36. aid, 37. spill, 38. characterize, 39. entrepreneur, 40. ignore, 41. clueless, 42. privately

43. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
44. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
45. li_____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
46. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
47. put the ac___t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
48. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
49. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
50. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
51. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

ANSWERS: 43. tradition, 44. decide, 45. liberate, 46. lift, 47. accent, 48. invest, 49. fundamental, 50. economical, 51. invest

52. the vi____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
53. notorious ba____t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
54. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
55. double qu____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
56. the rebelling con____cy *n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose
57. principles of de____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
58. mer____ous advertising *adj.* attractive in a flashy, showy, or superficial way, but lacking real value or sincerity; gaudy or tastelessly embellished
59. so____st regime *adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)

ANSWERS: 52. vitality, 53. bandit, 54. develop, 55. quotation, 56. confederacy, 57. democracy, 58. meretricious, 59. socialist

60. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
61. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
62. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
63. introduce ope_____al software *adj.* relating to a particular process or series of actions for achieving a result
64. pe_____ar people *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
65. bamboo r__e *n.* a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess
66. gross pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
67. ab_____l performance *adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable
68. brain dys_____on *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine

ANSWERS: 60. reform, 61. belong, 62. operate, 63. operational, 64. peculiar, 65. rake, 66. profit, 67. abysmal, 68. dysfunction

69. st__k a key in a lock
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
70. l__k a classified memo
v. to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
71. go___n a public enterprise
v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
72. qu__k doctor
n. a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck
73. tra_____lly sung at a banquet
adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
74. bl__d to the beauties
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
75. ut_____e a different approach
v. to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
76. thousands of in_____nt people
adj. not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
77. supreme court ru___g
n. a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

ANSWERS: 69. stick, 70. leak, 71. govern, 72. quack, 73. traditionally, 74. blind, 75. utilize, 76. innocent, 77. ruling

78. an introductory ch____r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
79. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
80. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
81. fun_____al education *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
82. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
83. ab___d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
84. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
85. iv__y carving *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
86. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
87. tr_____re hunt *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

ANSWERS: 78. chapter, 79. government, 80. empire, 81. fundamental, 82. organization, 83. absurd, 84. honor, 85. ivory, 86. capitalism, 87. treasure

88. private se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
89. et___c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
90. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
91. urban con_____cy *n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose
92. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
93. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
94. co_____e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
95. de_____e his rights *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
96. di_____ra migration *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

ANSWERS: 88. sector, 89. ethnic, 90. mobilize, 91. confederacy, 92. blind, 93. council, 94. connote, 95. devolve, 96. diaspora

97. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
98. he_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
99. individual acc_____ity *n.* the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance
100. hi____k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
101. budget su_____s *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
102. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
103. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
104. a little i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

ANSWERS: 97. decision, 98. heritage, 99. accountability, 100. hijack, 101. surplus, 102. tradition, 103. discuss, 104. imp

105. en_____e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
106. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
107. paying ho_____e to tradition *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
108. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
109. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
110. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
111. the sa_____on of the individual soul *n.* preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss
112. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
113. non-Marxist so_____sm *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole

ANSWERS: 105. enclose, 106. statistics, 107. homage, 108. minister, 109. council, 110. struggle, 111. salvation, 112. claim, 113. socialism

114. tr____ry money *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
115. brutal ty____y *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
116. pe____ar way *adj.* odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way
117. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
118. im____t goods *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
119. import things pr____ly *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
120. cr____le hide *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
121. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
122. a nation's right to go____n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

ANSWERS: 114. treasury, 115. tyranny, 116. peculiar, 117. economy, 118. import, 119. privately, 120. crocodile, 121. collapse, 122. govern

123. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
124. rising hea_____re cost *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession
125. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
126. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
127. giant hip_____mus *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
128. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
129. cha_____le deeds *adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
130. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

ANSWERS: 123. institute, 124. healthcare, 125. poverty, 126. intellect, 127. hippopotamus, 128. breed, 129. charitable, 130. represent

131. ne____t to call *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
132. l__k data *v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
133. dec_____ize authority *v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones
134. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
135. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
136. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
137. musical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
138. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
139. sl__e tile *n.* a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order

ANSWERS: 131. neglect, 132. leak, 133. decentralize, 134. organization, 135. democracy, 136. rank, 137. instrument, 138. independence, 139. slate

140. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
141. red_____ute income fairly *v.* to share something among people in a different way
142. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
143. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
144. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
145. a temporary ab__e *n.* a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters
146. ab_____l living conditions *adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable
147. music of the br__k *n.* a small stream
148. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
149. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
150. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials

ANSWERS: 140. quo, 141. redistribute, 142. military, 143. efficient, 144. generation, 145. abode, 146. abysmal, 147. brook, 148. complain, 149. reform, 150. efficient

151. ab____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
152. dys_____on of kidneys *n.* a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
153. tr_____re island *n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
154. make a pr_____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
155. de_____t accumulation *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
156. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
157. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
158. stumble on a tr__e *n.* a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
159. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

ANSWERS: 151. abandon, 152. dysfunction, 153. treasure, 154. premise, 155. deposit, 156. rot, 157. liberate, 158. trove, 159. honor

160. sl__e roof *n.* a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order
161. a cr__y of the governor *n.* a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities
162. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
163. a foreign ac___t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
164. vitamin and mi_____ls *n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
165. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
166. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
167. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
168. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 160. slate, 161. crony, 162. principle, 163. accent, 164. mineral, 165. aid, 166. belong, 167. recognize, 168. horrible

169. industrial se___r *n.* a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
170. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
171. cha_____le organizations *adj.* giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity
172. set_____nt in a new house *n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.
173. su_____s of exports *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
174. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
175. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
176. nu_____ll version *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something
177. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

ANSWERS: 169. sector, 170. independence, 171. charitable, 172. settlement, 173. surplus, 174. organ, 175. doll, 176. nutshell, 177. damn

178. behave like an i_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
179. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
180. en___h a gas with a balloon *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
181. take a qu_____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
182. tr_____ry bonds *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
183. lea_____ip by politicians *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
184. in_____al attire *adj.* relaxed, casual, or unofficial in style or manner; not ceremonious or strict in adherence to rules or conventions; suitable for ordinary or everyday occasions
185. ass_____nt room *n.* a variety of different things or individuals; a group of different types of things that have been collected together
186. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
187. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
188. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

ANSWERS: 178. imp, 179. ancient, 180. enrich, 181. quotation, 182. treasury, 183. leadership, 184. informal, 185. assortment, 186. collapse, 187. vast, 188. employ

189. get a r_p *n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
190. earn el__e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
191. business cr__y *n.* a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities
192. material we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
193. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
194. hunting va_____es *n.* a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain
195. attend a fa_____go festival *n.* a lively Spanish dance for two people, usually accompanied by guitar music and castanets; a lively or spirited behavior or activity
196. en_____ng pain *adj.* lasting over a long period of time; able to withstand wear, decay, or damage; continuing or persistent

ANSWERS: 189. rap, 190. elite, 191. crony, 192. wealth, 193. statistics, 194. vampire, 195. fandango, 196. enduring

197. ex____ed vacation *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
198. ne____t ethical issues *v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
199. st____e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
200. resident al____ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
201. make a pr____t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
202. do____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
203. im____t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
204. vi____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
205. ex____e a newcomer *v.* to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity
206. in____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly

ANSWERS: 197. extended, 198. neglect, 199. steppe, 200. alien, 201. profit, 202. dominate, 203. import, 204. vitality, 205. exclude, 206. indicate

207. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
208. the problem of drug ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
209. in_____te a discussion *v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
210. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
211. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
212. cha_____ize his work *v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
213. wilderness ba____t *n.* a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
214. em____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
215. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
216. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
217. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

ANSWERS: 207. chief, 208. abuse, 209. instigate, 210. mention, 211. corruption, 212. characterize, 213. bandit, 214. employ, 215. operate, 216. government, 217. rank

218. br__k trout	<i>n.</i>	a small stream
219. advance cap_____sm	<i>n.</i>	an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
220. ge_____te \$100 a month	<i>v.</i>	to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
221. a mi_____ry operation	<i>adj.</i>	relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
222. a domestic ty____t	<i>n.</i>	a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
223. research in_____tes	<i>n.</i>	an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
224. pl_____r the enemy's stronghold	<i>v.</i>	to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
225. the inland of a co_____nt	<i>n.</i>	one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
226. build ope_____al excellence	<i>adj.</i>	relating to a particular process or series of actions for achieving a result
227. pa__h of grass	<i>n.</i>	a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

ANSWERS: 218. brook, 219. capitalism, 220. generate, 221. military, 222. tyrant, 223. institute, 224. plunder, 225. continent, 226. operational, 227. patch

228. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
229. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
230. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
231. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
232. ty____t regime *n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person
233. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
234. mi_____l rights *n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
235. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
236. tr__e of information *n.* a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth

ANSWERS: 228. generation, 229. principle, 230. connote, 231. economy, 232. tyrant, 233. appropriate, 234. mineral, 235. doll, 236. trove

237. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
238. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
239. rev_____ary change *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
240. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
241. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
242. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
243. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
244. de_____t money *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force
245. di_____ra community *n.* the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland
246. ch_____r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
247. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 237. complain, 238. sequester, 239. revolutionary, 240. stick, 241. agriculture, 242. suffer, 243. minister, 244. deposit, 245. diaspora, 246. chapter, 247. tragedy

248. sp__l my heart *v.* to cause or allow liquid to run or flow over the edge of its container by accident
249. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
250. an in_____nt child *adj.* not guilty of a crime, offense, etc.; not having an evil mind or knowledge
251. the rise of so_____sm *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
252. red_____ute data *v.* to share something among people in a different way
253. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
254. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
255. in con_____ce with the law *n.* the agreement, cooperation, or simultaneous occurrence of multiple factors, events, or opinions; a coincidence or alignment of interests or viewpoints
256. ho_____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
257. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

ANSWERS: 248. spill, 249. modern, 250. innocent, 251. socialism, 252. redistribute, 253. empire, 254. medicinal, 255. concurrence, 256. horrible, 257. confer

267. sheer no_____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
268. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
269. tr_____an culture *n.* a member of a tribe (= a group of people who have a common culture and history and who live in the same area)
270. en_____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
271. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
272. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
273. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
274. co_____al style *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
275. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
276. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

ANSWERS: 267. nonsense, 268. individual, 269. tribesman, 270. enclose, 271. alien, 272. flip, 273. communal, 274. colonial, 275. chief, 276. necessarily

277. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
278. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
279. co_____st two things *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
280. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
281. legal ru_____g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
282. vassal ho_____e *n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
283. oppressive co_____al rule *adj.* of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony
284. mar_____ce competition *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
285. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 277. mention, 278. tragedy, 279. contrast, 280. poverty, 281. ruling, 282. homage, 283. colonial, 284. marketplace, 285. medicinal

286. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
287. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
288. barren st___e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
289. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
290. no__e gas *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
291. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
292. government acc_____ity *n.* the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance

ANSWERS: 286. sect, 287. flee, 288. steppe, 289. rely, 290. noble, 291. rot, 292. accountability

293. ch____h habitat *n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
294. di____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
295. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
296. in_____te a conflict *v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
297. majority of his we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
298. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
299. cl____ss in many ways *adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
300. talk no____se *n.* an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable
301. hea_____re agency *n.* the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

ANSWERS: 293. cheetah, 294. discuss, 295. economical, 296. instigate, 297. wealth, 298. elite, 299. clueless, 300. nonsense, 301. healthcare

302. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
303. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
304. energetic fa_____go dance *n.* a lively Spanish dance for two people, usually accompanied by guitar music and castanets; a lively or spirited behavior or activity
305. tr_____an tradition *n.* a member of a tribe (= a group of people who have a common culture and history and who live in the same area)
306. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
307. em_____e light *v.* to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling
308. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
309. his business ent_____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
310. move into a nu_____ll *n.* the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

ANSWERS: 302. sect, 303. corruption, 304. fandango, 305. tribesman, 306. recognize, 307. emanate, 308. necessarily, 309. enterprise, 310. nutshell

311. finger ph____x *n.* a close and tightly-packed formation of troops, typically in ancient warfare; a united or closely-knit group of individuals working together towards a common purpose or goal
312. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
313. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
314. en_____ng legacy *adj.* lasting over a long period of time; able to withstand wear, decay, or damage; continuing or persistent
315. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
316. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
317. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
318. enforce rev_____ary justice *adj.* relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change
319. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
320. ty_____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

ANSWERS: 311. phalanx, 312. appropriate, 313. entrepreneur, 314. enduring, 315. damn, 316. mobilize, 317. individual, 318. revolutionary, 319. indigenous, 320. tyranny

321. enrich my in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
322. em_____e happiness *v.* to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling
323. an ab____d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
324. a no__e family *adj.* having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire
325. under his lea_____ip *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
326. saltwater cr_____le *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
327. va_____e fiction *n.* a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain
328. pl_____r his reputation *v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
329. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
330. in_____al setting *adj.* relaxed, casual, or unofficial in style or manner; not ceremonious or strict in adherence to rules or conventions; suitable for ordinary or everyday occasions

ANSWERS: 321. intellect, 322. emanate, 323. absurd, 324. noble, 325. leadership, 326. crocodile, 327. vampire, 328. plunder, 329. agriculture, 330. informal

331. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
332. de_____e into chaos *v.* to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
333. hi-tech cr__k *n.* a bend or curve, especially in a rod or stick; someone who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
334. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
335. sa_____on army *n.* preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss
336. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
337. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
338. hip_____mus habitat *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

ANSWERS: 331. rely, 332. devolve, 333. crook, 334. export, 335. salvation, 336. generate, 337. abandon, 338. hippopotamus

339. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
340. ex_____ed payment *adj.* longer than usual or anticipated
341. ch_____h sprint *n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
342. mutual con_____ce *n.* the agreement, cooperation, or simultaneous occurrence of multiple factors, events, or opinions; a coincidence or alignment of interests or viewpoints
343. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
344. r__e's behavior *n.* a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess
345. mer_____ous ornamentation *adj.* attractive in a flashy, showy, or superficial way, but lacking real value or sincerity; gaudy or tastelessly embellished
346. a cr__k in a stream *n.* a bend or curve, especially in a rod or stick; someone who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

ANSWERS: 339. decision, 340. extended, 341. cheetah, 342. concurrence, 343. obvious, 344. rake, 345. meretricious, 346. crook

347. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
348. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
349. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
350. undertake an ent____se *n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
351. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
352. the major pr____e *n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn
353. en____h public services *v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
354. ex____al factors *adj.* belonging to or situated outside of someone or something
355. global mar____ce *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
356. software pa__h *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

ANSWERS: 347. obvious, 348. develop, 349. communal, 350. enterprise, 351. surround, 352. premise, 353. enrich, 354. external, 355. marketplace, 356. patch

357. whole ass_____nt

n. a variety of different things or individuals; a group of different types of things that have been collected together

ANSWERS: 357. assortment

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.
 - n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

2. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.
 - n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit

3. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.
 - n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

4. The castle was _____ several years later.
 - v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

5. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
 - v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

6. The book's _____ is that the main character must save the world from an impending disaster.
 - n.* a statement or proposition that is held to be true or from which a conclusion can be drawn

7. The _____ rule was marked by oppression and fear.
 - n.* a ruler who uses their power cruelly and oppressively; a cruel and oppressive person

ANSWERS: 1. quotation, 2. Capitalism, 3. organ, 4. abandoned, 5. flee, 6. premise, 7. tyrant's

8. This accident was something that happened _____.
- adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
9. She was completely _____ as to how to solve the problem.
- adj.* lacking knowledge, understanding, or awareness about a particular subject or situation
10. Reading not only increases knowledge but also _____ life.
- v.* to make better or improve in quality by adding something else
11. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
- v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
12. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.
- v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
13. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
14. The protesters tried to _____ change and promote equality in their community.
- v.* to initiate, start or incite something, often to cause trouble, conflict, or violence; to urge or stir someone to take a particular action or behavior
15. The _____ of states was formed to stand against the federal government's power.
- n.* a union of states or organizations formed for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. necessarily, 9. clueless, 10. enriches, 11. contrast, 12. employ, 13. confer, 14. instigate, 15. confederacy

16. The couple _____ exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.

adv. in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

17. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

adj. extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

18. The juice has a _____ taste.

adj. odd and uncommon, sometimes in an unpleasant way

19. The general _____ the troops more strategically.

v. to share something among people in a different way

20. 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

21. The _____ of the Jewish people has led to a worldwide community.

n. the scattering of a people who have left their traditional homeland

22. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.

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

23. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

24. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

ANSWERS: 16. privately, 17. horrible, 18. peculiar, 19. redistributed, 20. represent, 21. diaspora, 22. liberated, 23. obvious, 24. tyranny

25. The pirates could _____ the ship and steal all of the valuable cargo.
- v.* to rob or steal, especially by force or in times of war or chaos; to pillage or loot a place or property
26. The zoo has a new _____ exhibit that popularly attracts families.
- n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
27. The soldiers marched in a _____ formation, ready for battle.
- n.* a close and tightly-packed formation of troops, typically in ancient warfare; a united or closely-knit group of individuals working together towards a common purpose or goal
28. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
29. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
30. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
31. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.
- adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
32. The pirates searched for buried _____ in the dunes.
- n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

ANSWERS: 25. plunder, 26. hippopotamus, 27. phalanx, 28. collapsed, 29. council, 30. military, 31. chief, 32. treasure

33. He is always _____ to the poor.

adj. giving money, food, or help free to those who are poor or in need; full of love and generosity

34. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

35. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.

n. an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work

36. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

37. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

38. The treasure _____ of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.

n. a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth

39. He could not _____ against temptation.

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

40. The cost for the trip _____ food and beverages.

v. to deny someone or something enter to a place or taking part in an activity

ANSWERS: 33. charitable, 34. abuse, 35. instrument, 36. rely, 37. Democracy, 38. trove, 39. struggle, 40. excludes

41. The food _____ at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.
- n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
42. He _____ serious accounting irregularities that only people in the company's executive could know.
- v.* to allow liquid or gas to get in or out from a hole or crack in a pipe or container
43. I claim on my _____ that it is true.
- n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
44. Pakistan's _____ budget was still being reviewed.
- n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
45. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
- n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
46. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
47. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
- v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
48. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.
- v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

ANSWERS: 41. surplus, 42. leaked, 43. honor, 44. aid, 45. rank, 46. medicinal, 47. breeds, 48. generate

49. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
50. The fragrance of flowers _____ from the garden.
- v. to emit, send out something; to express a quality or feeling
51. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
52. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
- v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
53. As time has passed, the responsibility has _____ to the younger generation.
- v. to transfer or delegate responsibility, power, or authority to someone else, often as a result of a process or procedure; to degrade, deteriorate, or regress to a less advanced or more primitive state or form
54. The _____ pale complexion and sharp fangs made him stand out in the crowd.
- n. a mythical creature, usually depicted as undead and needing to drink the blood of the living to survive; someone who preys on or exploits others, especially for their gain
55. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
- v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

ANSWERS: 49. claim, 50. emanated, 51. mentioned, 52. governing, 53. devolved, 54. vampire's, 55. lifted

56. The _____ in the relationship was causing problems for both partners.
n. a problem or fault in a system, organism, or part of the body or machine
57. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
58. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
59. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.
n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
60. The technology _____ is constantly evolving and innovating.
n. a distinct part or division of something often used to refer to a segment of an economy or industry; an area or field of work or activity
61. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
62. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.
v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
63. Can you explain your argument in a _____
n. the hard, outer covering or protective casing that encloses the kernel or fruit of certain types of nuts, such as walnuts or acorns; a concise and condensed summary or explanation of something

ANSWERS: 56. dysfunction, 57. damn, 58. surround, 59. heritage, 60. sector, 61. decision, 62. complaining, 63. nutshell?

64. My husband was found _____ of any crime.

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

65. The parents spoke to their children in no-_____ tones.

n. an idea, behavior, or something spoken or written that has no meaning or makes no sense or that is silly or unacceptable

66. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

67. She has a thick southern _____.

n. a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance

68. The company's casual and _____ work environment encourages creativity and collaboration.

adj. relaxed, casual, or unofficial in style or manner; not ceremonious or strict in adherence to rules or conventions; suitable for ordinary or everyday occasions

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

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

70. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

71. A _____ babbled through the woods.

n. a small stream

ANSWERS: 64. innocent, 65. nonsense, 66. Communal, 67. accent, 68. informal, 69. stick, 70. appropriate, 71. brook

72. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
- v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
73. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.
- v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
74. The store offered an _____ of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- n.* a variety of different things or individuals; a group of different types of things that have been collected together
75. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
- n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
76. _____ the ceremony was held outdoors.
- adv.* in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way
77. The walls were _____ to create a private outdoor space.
- v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
78. The company _____ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.
- v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
79. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
- v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

ANSWERS: 72. operate, 73. discuss, 74. assortment, 75. principle, 76. Traditionally, 77. enclosed, 78. imports, 79. dominates

80. The crowd gave a standing ovation as a sign of _____ to the retiring athlete.
- n.* a show of respect or honor, often by performing an act of reverence or by paying tribute
81. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
- n.* the condition of being extremely poor
82. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
- v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
83. He made a desperate effort to _____ an airliner.
- v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
84. The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic _____ and its impact on modern European countries.
- n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
85. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.
- n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
86. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.
- n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
87. Anyone in the village unmatched the _____ hunting skills.
- n.* a member of a tribe (= a group of people who have a common culture and history and who live in the same area)

ANSWERS: 80. homage, 81. poverty, 82. ignored, 83. hijack, 84. socialism, 85. wealth, 86. empire, 87. tribesman's

88. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
89. The healthcare industry is cracking down on _____ remedies and treatments that lack scientific evidence.
- n.* a person who pretends to have medical or other skills or credentials that they do not possess; a charlatan or fraud; (verb) to make the sound of a duck
90. The new _____ album is getting a lot of attention.
- n.* a type of music characterized by a strong, repetitive beat and lyrics that often focus on social and political issues; a reproach for some lapse or misdeed
91. The mother _____ fiercely protect their cubs, teaching them valuable hunting and survival skills before they venture out independently.
- n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
92. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
- v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
93. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.
- adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
94. The company's _____ sales performance led to layoffs and budget cuts.
- adj.* extremely bad or unsuccessful, to the degree of being bottomless or unfathomable

ANSWERS: 88. tradition, 89. quack, 90. rap, 91. cheetahs, 92. exports, 93. elites, 94. abysmal

95. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
96. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
97. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
98. A group of armed _____ attacked the villagers during the night.
n. a person who robs or steals, often while using violence or threats; a criminal who operates outside the law and steals from others
99. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
100. The _____ of opinions among the team members led to a successful project.
n. the agreement, cooperation, or simultaneous occurrence of multiple factors, events, or opinions; a coincidence or alignment of interests or viewpoints
101. We need to add more names to the _____ of candidates for the upcoming election.
n. a flat piece of rock or stone that is typically used as a roofing or flooring material; a list of candidates for an election arranged in a specific order
102. In an aging population, citizens must pay more to maintain quality _____.
n. the organized activity or business of preserving mental and physical health by preventing or treating illness through services offered by the health profession

ANSWERS: 95. decide, 96. independence, 97. profit, 98. bandits, 99. modern, 100. concurrence, 101. slate, 102. healthcare

103. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

- n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

104. 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

105. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.

- adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

106. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

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

107. I made a _____ at the bank to add money to my account.

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

108. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

- adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected

109. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 103. institutes, 104. individual, 105. ethnic, 106. economy, 107. deposit, 108. fundamental, 109. suffers

110. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
111. The online _____ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.
n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
112. The _____ attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear
n. a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
113. The mischievous ____ caused trouble wherever it went.
n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
114. The politician's close _____ was given a high-ranking job in the administration.
n. a close friend or companion; a longtime associate who is often involved in one's questionable or shady dealings or activities
115. The robust economy of the country is based on its _____ resources.
n. a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
116. The police caught the _____ after a string of burglaries.
n. a bend or curve, especially in a rod or stick; someone who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
117. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 110. government, 111. marketplace, 112. crocodile, 113. imp, 114. crony, 115. mineral, 116. crook, 117. tragedy

118. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

- n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

119. Activists questioned the company's _____ for the environmental impact of its operations.

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

120. The nomadic tribes set up camp on the vast _____.

- n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America

121. We need to _____ our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

- v.* to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

122. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

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

123. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

- n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

124. Our goal must be to achieve a peaceful _____.

- n.* an official agreement that brings an argument to a close; the process of establishing permanent residence in a place.

ANSWERS: 118. doll, 119. accountability, 120. steppe, 121. decentralize, 122. minister, 123. reform, 124. settlement

125. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
126. The cook _____ the leftover oxtail to make soup.
- v.* to use something for a practical purpose in an effective way
127. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.
- v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
128. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.
- adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
129. A growing _____ requires a bold leader.
- n.* a business or company; a purposeful or industrious undertaking, especially one that requires effort
130. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
- n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
131. He _____ his health to make the project a success.
- v.* to not give enough care or attention to something; to leave something undone
132. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

ANSWERS: 125. belong, 126. utilized, 127. connotes, 128. indigenous, 129. enterprise, 130. Agriculture, 131. neglected, 132. recognize

133. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
- n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
134. The machine should be _____ by Friday afternoon.
- adj.* relating to a particular process or series of actions for achieving a result
135. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
136. Their love of discovery and exploration often _____ the adventurous spirit of the explorer.
- v.* to describe the distinctive nature or features of someone or something; to be a distinguishing feature of
137. Please _____ her with the furniture relocation.
- v.* to help someone in doing anything
138. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
139. I need to sew a _____ onto my jeans that ripped.
- n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

ANSWERS: 133. Entrepreneurs, 134. operational, 135. develop, 136. characterizes, 137. assist, 138. invest, 139. patch

140. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
141. He is a progressive _____ and believes in the equal distribution of wealth.
- adj.* relating to or supporting socialism (= the idea that the wealth and resources of a society should be shared among all members rather than being concentrated in the hands of a small group of individuals or corporations)
142. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
143. The dancers twirled and spun during the lively _____ performance.
- n.* a lively Spanish dance for two people, usually accompanied by guitar music and castanets; a lively or spirited behavior or activity
144. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.
- adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
145. The military _____ troops to the border.
- v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
146. Flight across the _____ was a daring adventure in its day.
- n.* one of the earth's large landmasses; (adjective) abstaining from your feelings, especially your desire to have sex
147. For many, the church was the only source of _____ in harsh times.
- n.* preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss

ANSWERS: 140. statistics, 141. socialist, 142. intellect, 143. fandango, 144. absurd, 145. mobilized, 146. continent, 147. salvation

148. The small cabin in the woods was his _____ for many years.

n. a place where one lives; a dwelling; a house, or other shelters

149. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will _____.

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

150. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

151. The judge's _____ was in favor of the defendant.

n. a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

152. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

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

153. The _____ airport runways may accommodate larger jets.

adj. longer than usual or anticipated

154. The intricate carvings on the _____ tusk were a work of art.

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

155. She is the president of a large international _____.

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

ANSWERS: 148. abode, 149. rot, 150. corruption, 151. ruling, 152. generation, 153. extended, 154. ivory, 155. organization

156. Sow early for an early _____.

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

157. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

158. The final _____ provides a summary of the discussion.

n. a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

159. The new washing machine is much more _____ than the old one.

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

160. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

161. The _____ love between the couple was evident in their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

adj. lasting over a long period of time; able to withstand wear, decay, or damage; continuing or persistent

162. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

163. The data _____ that the company's profits have steadily increased over the past quarter.

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

ANSWERS: 156. crop, 157. Alien, 158. chapter, 159. efficient, 160. sequester, 161. enduring, 162. sect, 163. indicates

164. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

165. He was determined to _____ everything.

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

166. The country's _____ has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

167. The _____ charm of the salesman convinced many customers to buy unnecessary products.

adj. attractive in a flashy, showy, or superficial way, but lacking real value or sincerity; gaudy or tastelessly embellished

168. The protracted war nearly depleted the country's _____.

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

169. The golf course has special _____ for smoothing out the sand traps.

n. a garden tool with a long handle and curved, pointed teeth used for gathering fallen leaves, grass clippings, and other debris from lawns and gardens; a dissolute or immoral person, often one who pursues pleasure and debauchery to excess

170. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

171. The _____ leader inspired others to join the fight for freedom and democracy.

adj. relating to or characterized by a complete or dramatic change

ANSWERS: 164. quo, 165. spill, 166. leadership, 167. meretricious, 168. treasury, 169. rakes, 170. vast, 171. revolutionary

172. He is a _____ man

adj. having or showing excellent personal qualities or high moral principles that people admire

173. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

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

174. 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

175. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

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

176. The city has a rich _____ history, with many historic buildings and landmarks.

adj. of or relating to a colony (= a territory that is controlled by a more powerful country); to the period of time during which a country or region was a colony

177. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

178. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

179. When a company discloses information to the market, an _____ auditor verifies them.

adj. belonging to or situated outside of someone or something

ANSWERS: 172. noble-minded, 173. economical, 174. ancient, 175. flipped, 176. colonial, 177. vitality, 178. blind, 179. external

ANSWERS: