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Session 1: Word List

culinary

adj. of or relating to cooking and the kitchen

synonym: gastronomic, cooking

(1) **culinary** skill, (2) **culinary** tradition

The **culinary** arts program at the school was highly regarded for its innovative curriculum.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym: confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal

The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

malign

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

synonym: defame, vilify, (adjective) evil

(1) **malign** influence, (2) **malign** the politician in the media
The article **maligned** the company's reputation with false accusations.

crucify

v. to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die

synonym: execute, martyr, nail to cross

(1) **crucify** a criminal, (2) **crucify** him for their actions

The religious leaders wanted to **crucify** the heretic for his teachings.

outlaw

v. to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

synonym: ban, prohibit, (noun) bandit

(1) **outlaw** racial discrimination, (2) **outlaw** cloning of human cells

Some communities began to **outlaw** alcohol consumption.

pending

adj. awaiting a decision or resolution; yet to be resolved

synonym: waiting, undetermined, forthcoming

(1) **pending** approval, (2) patent **pending**

I had a **pending** transaction on my credit card.

chef

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

synonym: cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

rationale

n. the fundamental reason or underlying logic, principle, or justification behind a decision, action, or belief; the explanation or logical basis that supports or provides reasoning for something

synonym: justification, reasoning, explanation

(1) logical **rationale**, (2) scientific **rationale**

The **rationale** behind the decision was to ensure fairness and equality.

opposed

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

synonym: anti, averse, hostile

(1) two **opposed** characters, (2) absolutely **opposed** to abortion

I'm strongly **opposed** to that plan.

gavage

n. a medical procedure or technique involving the feeding of a person or animal through a tube inserted into the stomach; the forced feeding of animals for specific purposes, such as animal testing or the production of foie gras

synonym: tube feeding, forced feeding

(1) **gavage** tube, (2) forceful **gavage**

Due to his difficulty swallowing, the patient required **gavage** feeding until he recovered.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym: charge, cost, expense

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

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

grain

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

synonym: seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**

Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

lifetime

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

synonym: lifespan, duration

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

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

liver

n. a large organ in the body, involved in many metabolic processes, such as detoxification of the organism, and the synthesis of proteins

(1) **liver** disease, (2) fatty **liver**

The patient will undergo **liver** transplant surgery tomorrow.

expand

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

synonym: extend, grow, boost

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

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

suffice

v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

synonym: satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, enduring, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

(1) a rock **freak**, (2) **freak** weather

The **freak** accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

delicious

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

synonym: appetizing, mouthwatering, delectable

(1) **delicious** breeze, (2) variety of **delicious** foods
We could grill the meat in a **delicious** way.

fatty

adj. containing a lot of fat

synonym: greasy, oily

(1) less **fatty** meat, (2) **fatty** acid

You should keep away from **fatty** foods.

silk

n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

synonym: satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) **silk** road, (2) **silk** fabric

She wore a **silk** dress to the party.

unctuous

adj. excessively or insincerely flattering; oily or greasy in texture or appearance; smooth and sleek in manner or expression

synonym: oily, smarmy, slick

(1) **unctuous** smile, (2) have an **unctuous** attitude

The salesperson's **unctuous** behavior made me distrustful of their intentions.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

steroid

n. any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs

(1) **steroid** abuse, (2) a **steroid** hormone

Some **steroids** are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that

someone or something has

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

temperature

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

synonym: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

gorge

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

synonym: canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River

We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

harsh

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

synonym: brutal, severe, backbreaking

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

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

cruel

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

synonym : heartless, sadistic, vicious

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

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

shocking

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

synonym : startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

coup

n. a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

synonym : revolution, overthrow, takeover

(1) **coup** plotters, (2) military **coup**

The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the **coup**.

covet

v. to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

synonym : desire, yearn, crave

(1) **covet** wealth, (2) **covet** fame

She couldn't help but **covet** her friend's designer handbag.

gastronomy

n. the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society

synonym : culinary art, cuisine

(1) **gastronomy** tour, (2) French **gastronomy**

The city has many restaurants that showcase the diversity of **gastronomy** worldwide.

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held

every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

glee

n. a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

synonym: delight, happiness, joy

(1) jumping for **glee**, (2) **glee** club

The children's faces were filled with **glee** as they ran around the playground.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**

He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

cheat

v. to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

synonym: deceive, swindle, defraud

(1) **cheat** on my taxes, (2) **cheat** in a game

Even though he knew it was wrong, he **cheated** on the exam.

judge

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

synonym : arbiter, justice, (verb) deduce

(1) **judge** a competition, (2) an associate **judge**

The strict **judge** ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

imply

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

synonym : hint, indicate, denote

(1) **imply** a strong correlation, (2) **imply** the presence of alien

The salespeople speak in technical terms to **imply** that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

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.

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym : exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

scandal

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

synonym : controversy, outrage, uproar

(1) **scandal** magazine, (2) a corruption **scandal**

The political **scandal** rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

shred

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

synonym : rip up, tear up, cut

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

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

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym : disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

disqualify

v. to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something

synonym : disbar, invalidate, exclude

(1) **disqualify** a candidate, (2) **disqualify** from the election

The athlete's lousy behavior was enough to **disqualify** him from the competition.

articulate

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

synonym :

express, state, utter

(1) **articulate** his position, (2) eloquently **articulate**
She was able to **articulate** her argument in the debate clearly.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

utterly

adv. completely or absolutely

synonym: absolutely, completely, perfectly

(1) **utterly** changed, (2) **utterly** ignorant

We are **utterly** opposed to any form of terrorism.

whisper

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

synonym: murmur, rumor, mutter

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

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something
synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness
That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news
The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

aggressive

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
synonym: assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor
An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

hush

v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
synonym: clam up, quieten, settle down

(1) **hush** for a while, (2) **hush** up a case
Please **hush** your voice so that the baby can sleep.

translator

n. a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
synonym: interpreter

(1) electronic **translator**, (2) professional **translator**

The author discovered that the **translator** had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.

paddock

n. a small enclosed field or pasture, especially one used for grazing or exercising horses

synonym: enclosure, pen, corral

(1) **paddock** fencing, (2) grazing **paddock**

The horses were kept in the **paddock** while their stalls were being cleaned.

hell

n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

(1) run like **hell**, (2) **hell** broke loose

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

fence

n. a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property

synonym: barrier, wall, hedge

(1) **fence** post, (2) a brushwood **fence**

She planted a hedge to serve as a natural **fence** around her garden.

conception

n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

synonym: notion, abstraction, cogitation

(1) a grand **conception**, (2) the **conception** of the good

I have no **conception** of what you intend.

backward

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

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

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

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

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

fiber

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

synonym: yarn, thread, wool

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

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

rewire

v. to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

synonym: reconfigure, renovate, upgrade

(1) **rewire** a house, (2) **rewire** a program

I need to **rewire** the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

conceit

n. an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance

synonym: vanity, egotism, self-importance

(1) full of **conceit**, (2) puffed up with **conceit**

His vain **conceit** made it difficult for him to work well with others.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym : control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

imprison

v. to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

synonym : incarcerate, detain, confine

(1) **imprison** illegal immigrant, (2) **imprison** myself within the room

He was **imprisoned** for embezzlement.

fig

n. a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

(1) **fig** marigold, (2) **fig** tree

He ate the dried **figs** he had preserved.

rid

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

synonym : do away with, free, clear

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

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

chart

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

synonym : diagram, graph, map

(1) a weather **chart**, (2) a statistical **chart**

This pie **chart** represents our market share.

landscape

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

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

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

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

irony

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

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.

literally

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

synonym: actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

upgrade

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with

something newer or of a higher standard

synonym : improve, boost, enrich

(1) **upgrade** a product, (2) **upgrade** work performance

It's an excellent opportunity to **upgrade** our networking.

olive

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

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

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

obstacle

n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress

synonym : hindrance, barrier, block

(1) an **obstacle** to progress, (2) **obstacle** avoidance

The **obstacle** course was challenging but fun.

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.

indication

n. a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

synonym : clue, hint, inkling

(1) **indication** of inflation, (2) environmental **indication**

Faces are a good **indication** of age.

bush

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

synonym : copse, scrub, brushwood

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

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

seed

n. a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

synonym : germ, kernel, ovule

(1) a **seed** coat, (2) **seed** money

He planted the **seed** in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

radioactive

adj. emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up

synonym : dangerous, contaminated, emanating

(1) **radioactive** decay, (2) **radioactive** isotope

The **radioactive** material was carefully stored in a lead-lined container.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

deflect

v. to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone

synonym : deter, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **deflect** a blow, (2) **deflect** his criticism

The soccer player was able to **deflect** the ball away from the goal.

ingenuity

n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways

synonym : creativity, invention, originality

(1) the infinite **ingenuity** of man, (2) abound in **ingenuity**

Creativity and **ingenuity** are often brought about by extreme

concentration.

increasingly

adv. more and more

synonym : more and more, progressively

(1) **increasingly** become common, (2) face **increasingly** complicated challenges

Our company found it **increasingly** difficult to keep up with the competition.

clap

v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise

synonym : applaud, spat, acclaim

(1) **clap** my hands, (2) **clap** a book shut

We **clapped** along with the singer's song.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym : space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

grab

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

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

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

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

shush

v. to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound

synonym : silence, hush, quiet

(1) **shush** the baby, (2) **shush** the crowd

I had to **shush** my chatty friend during the movie.

squadron

n. a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft

synonym: flight, air wing, air group

(1) **squadron** leader, (2) bomber **squadron**

The combined **squadron** was responsible for protecting the airspace of the country.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

conducive

adj. tending to make something likely or possible

synonym: beneficial, advantageous, helpful

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

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

mate

n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

synonym: companion, partner, spouse

(1) smoking **mate**, (2) dog-loving **mate**

I need to find a **mate** for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

domesticate

v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

synonym: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

flock

n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds

synonym: herd, crowd, assembly

(1) **flock** of sheep, (2) **flock** of spectator

When a **flock** of birds flies in, the hunt begins.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

hog

n. a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others

synonym: pig, swine, boar

(1) **hog** farming, (2) **hog** all the glory

The farmer raised his **hogs** for meat and sold them at a local market.

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.

confit

n. a traditional French cooking technique involving slow-cooking food, typically meat (such as duck or pork), in its fat or oil until it becomes tender and preserved

synonym: preserved

(1) fruit **confit**, (2) salmon **confit**

The chef prepared a delicious duck **confit** for the special dinner.

hyperbole

n. exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point

synonym: exaggeration, overstatement, embellishment

(1) escalate the **hyperbole**, (2) avoid **hyperbole** in writing
The marketing campaign relied heavily on **hyperbole** to sell the product.

metaphor

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

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**
She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

genius

n. someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

synonym: brilliance, brainiac, acumen

(1) a person of **genius**, (2) a **genius** for music
Mozart was a musical **genius**.

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.

integrity

n. the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

synonym: honesty, honor, morality

(1) a person of **integrity**, (2) **integrity** of data
The company's reputation for honesty and **integrity** is highly valued among its customers.

honesty

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

synonym: sincerity, integrity, truthfulness

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

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

herb

n. a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes

synonym: plant, weed, shrub

(1) **herb** garden, (2) **herb** spices

Rosemary is a fragrant **herb** commonly used in cooking.

spice

n. a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food

synonym: seasoning, flavoring, condiment

(1) **spice** recipe, (2) **spice** flavor

He added a pinch of **spice** to the stew to flavor it.

swear

v. to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language

synonym: declare, assert, curse

(1) **swear** an oath, (2) **swear** a blue streak

I **swear** I didn't mean to break your vase.

pep

n. energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness

synonym: energy, enthusiasm, liveliness

(1) **pep** me up, (2) have a lot of **peps**

The coach gave a **pep** talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.

harvest

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

synonym: crop, reaping, yield

(1) a scanty **harvest**, (2) reap a **harvest**

During **harvest**, farmers are incredibly busy.

jar

n. a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid,

used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

synonym : container, vessel, pot

(1) a **jar** of jam, (2) a water **jar**

He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.

salinity

n. the presence or amount of salt in a substance, especially in water or soil; the measure of the concentration of dissolved salts in a liquid

synonym : saltiness, brackishness

(1) marine **salinity**, (2) **salinity** intrusion

The **salinity** levels in the ocean have been increasing due to climate change.

potpourri

n. a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas

synonym : mixture, blend, assortment

(1) aromatic **potpourri**, (2) floral **potpourri**

The gift basket was filled with a delightful **potpourri** of scented candles, bath bombs, and chocolates.

flavor

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

synonym : taste, savor, essence

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

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

preeminent

adj. superior in rank, status, or quality; surpassing all others

synonym : supreme, dominant, leading

(1) **preeminent** leader, (2) **preeminent** position

He was considered the **preeminent** expert in his field.

excitement

n. a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

synonym : thrill, exhilaration, incitement

(1) the **excitement** in the business world, (2) aesthetic

excitement

The **excitement** of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym: merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

vector

n. a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease

synonym: carrier, transporter, conveyor

(1) disease **vector**, (2) a **vector** operation

The mosquito is a common **vector** for many diseases, including malaria and Zika.

expression

n. the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood

synonym: statement, utterance, remark

(1) artistic **expression**, (2) **expression** of interest

His facial **expression** showed a mix of surprise and confusion.

fittingly

adv. in a manner that is suitable, appropriate, or befitting the situation or context; in a way that aligns with expectations or standards

synonym: appropriately, suitably, aptly

(1) **fittingly** dressed, (2) **fittingly** decorated

He was named the MVP of the game, **fittingly** honoring his remarkable performance.

- 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.
- conventional** *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
synonym : ancestral, customary, established
(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan
She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.
- insult** *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect;
(verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
synonym : affront, slight, offense
(1) an intentional **insult**, (2) **insult** each other
His **insult** toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.
- Jewish** *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
synonym : Judaic
(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture
My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
- accident** *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
synonym : calamity, casualty, chance
(1) cause an **accident**, (2) injury in a car **accident**
The **accident** partially destroyed my vehicle.
- alternative** *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
synonym : choice, option
(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**
Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using

alternative medicines.

slaughter

n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

synonym: thrashing, massacre, carnage

(1) **slaughter** of animals, (2) senseless **slaughter**

The **slaughter** of endangered animals must be stopped.

Pharaoh

n. the title of the ancient Egyptian kings

(1) a young **Pharaoh**, (2) Egyptian **Pharaoh**

The **Pharaoh** Khufu had his people build the most famous pyramids in the world.

supple

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

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

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

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

ingenious

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

synonym: creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

satisfy

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

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

supposedly

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

synonym: seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

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

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

industrial

adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

synonym: manufacturing, mechanical

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

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

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.

megafarm

n. a large-scale agricultural operation that covers an extensive acreage and produces crops, livestock, or both on a commercial level

synonym: factory farm, agribusiness, industrial farm

(1) **megafarm** industry, (2) **megafarm** production

The government's new policy encourages the establishment of **megafarms** to boost agricultural production.

chemical

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

synonym: chemic, synthetic

(1) toxic **chemicals**, (2) a **chemical** compound

The firm has grown into a large **chemical** manufacturing.

amendment

n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law

synonym: modification, revision, emendation

(1) constitutional **amendment**, (2) make an **amendment** to a contract

The opposition politicians jointly proposed an **amendment** to

that law.

process

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

synonym : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

biology

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

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

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

cattle

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

synonym : cows, herd, oxen

(1) **cattle** barn, (2) **cattle** hide

The **cattle** are on the grassland and grazing.

chick

n. a baby bird, especially a young chicken

synonym : biddy, fledgling, nestling

(1) baby **chick**, (2) **chick** sorting

The majority of the **chicks** are raised on local family farms.

broccoli

n. a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family

(1) frozen **broccoli**, (2) **broccoli** sprout

He didn't like **broccoli** floret and avoided eating it.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly; (noun) a young shoot or plant that emerges

from a seed and starts to grow

synonym : germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

catfish

n. a type of fish that has whisker-like barbels around its mouth and can often be found in freshwater habitats; (verb) to create a fake persona online and use it to deceive others, typically for personal gain or attention

synonym : bullhead, mudcat, cobbler

(1) **catfish** farm, (2) **catfish** people on the Internet

My grandfather's favorite way to spend time was fishing for **catfish** in the nearby river.

wholesale

n. the sale of goods in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers; of or relating to goods or services that are sold in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers or other intermediaries

synonym : bulk, quantity, mass

(1) **wholesale** business, (2) **wholesale** dealer in fish

Our company specializes in the **wholesale** of office supplies.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

reminiscent

adj. making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests

synonym : evocative, remindful, redolent

(1) **reminiscent** of ancient times, (2) **reminiscent** smile

His painting style is **reminiscent** of Monet's

motor

n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work

synonym: actuator, engine, machine

(1) a **motor** mechanic, (2) DC **motor** control

Energy-efficient **motors** are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym: excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

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.

insect

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

adopt

v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own

synonym : accept, assume, take on

(1) **adopt** a child, (2) **adopt** a bill

The national assembly has **adopted** the budget.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

liquidate

v. to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely

synonym : sell off, close down, dispose of

(1) **liquidate** debt, (2) **liquidate** a company

The company had to **liquidate** its assets due to bankruptcy.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

guise

n. the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

synonym : appearance, pretense, masquerade

(1) in the **guise** of a woman, (2) under the **guise** of friendship

They operated an illegal business under the **guise** of an

employment agency.

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.

imposing *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
synonym : grand, impressive, majestic
(1) **imposing** figure, (2) **imposing** mansion
The **imposing** building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.

writ *n.* a written legal order or command
synonym : legal document, order, legal process
(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**
He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

topic *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
synonym : subject, theme, issue
(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book
The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

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.

instruction *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
synonym :

education, direction, guidance

(1) individual **instruction**, (2) follow his **instructions**

They needed further **instruction** to perform their duties efficiently.

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym: brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

blessing

n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune

synonym: favor, benediction, boon

(1) count your **blessings**, (2) bestowed **blessings**

Receiving support from his friends was a great **blessing** in his time of need.

ecology

n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

ethical

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

synonym: honorable, moral, virtuous

(1) an **ethical** doctrine, (2) shoulder **ethical** responsibility

The president must have the highest **ethical** standards.

serendipity

n. the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

synonym: luck, chance, fortune

(1) **serendipity** moment, (2) **serendipity** discovery

The discovery of penicillin was a result of **serendipity**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. up_____e a product
v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
2. abound in in_____ty
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
3. com_____ty theory
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
4. botanical ex_____t
n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
5. frozen br_____li
n. a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
6. floral po_____ri
n. a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas
7. fa__y acid
adj. containing a lot of fat
8. an a__e of forest
n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

ANSWERS: 1. upgrade, 2. ingenuity, 3. complexity, 4. extract, 5. broccoli, 6. potpourri, 7. fatty, 8. acre

9. dog-loving m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
10. li__r disease *n.* a large organ in the body, involved in many metabolic processes, such as detoxification of the organism, and the synthesis of proteins
11. li_____me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
12. a ve___r operation *n.* a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease
13. carbon fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
14. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
15. sl_____er of animals *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
16. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service

ANSWERS: 9. mate, 10. liver, 11. lifetime, 12. vector, 13. fiber, 14. whisper, 15. slaughter, 16. fee

17. military c__p *n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
18. a young Ph____h *n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
19. rad____ve decay *adj.* emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up
20. visual me____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
21. ol__e branch *n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows
22. sw__r a blue streak *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
23. constitutional am____nt *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
24. un____us smile *adj.* excessively or insincerely flattering; oily or greasy in texture or appearance; smooth and sleek in manner or expression
25. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
26. a j_r of jam *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

ANSWERS: 17. coup, 18. Pharaoh, 19. radioactive, 20. metaphor, 21. olive, 22. swear, 23. amendment, 24. unctuous, 25. rid, 26. jar

27. in_____ty of data *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
28. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
29. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
30. bri_____ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
31. have a lot of p_ps *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
32. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
33. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
34. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
35. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
36. cr_____y him for their actions *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
37. the go__es of the Yangtse River *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
38. jumping for g__e *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment

ANSWERS: 27. integrity, 28. harsh, 29. firsthand, 30. brilliantly, 31. pep, 32. operate, 33. excite, 34. fee, 35. span, 36. crucify, 37. gorge, 38. glee

39. st____d abuse *n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
40. pre_____nt leader *adj.* superior in rank, status, or quality; surpassing all others
41. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
42. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
43. full of co_____t *n.* an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance
44. dis_____fy from the election *v.* to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
45. injury in a car ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
46. ch__k sorting *n.* a baby bird, especially a young chicken
47. cu_____ry tradition *adj.* of or relating to cooking and the kitchen
48. a water j_r *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

ANSWERS: 39. steroid, 40. preeminent, 41. degrade, 42. supposedly, 43. conceit, 44. disqualify, 45. accident, 46. chick, 47. culinary, 48. jar

49. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
50. im__y a strong correlation *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
51. a brushwood fe__e *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
52. ho_____y policy *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
53. sp____t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly; (noun) a young shoot or plant that emerges from a seed and starts to grow
54. ou____w racial discrimination *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
55. sa_____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
56. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
57. disease ve____r *n.* a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease

ANSWERS: 49. brilliant, 50. imply, 51. fence, 52. honesty, 53. sprout, 54. outlaw, 55. satisfy, 56. chart, 57. vector

58. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
59. sp__e recipe *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
60. a delicate fl___r *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
61. grazing pa____k *n.* a small enclosed field or pasture, especially one used for grazing or exercising horses
62. de____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
63. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
64. senseless sl____er *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
65. c__p my hands *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
66. su____e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
67. de____us breeze *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
68. 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

ANSWERS: 58. weird, 59. spice, 60. flavor, 61. paddock, 62. deserve, 63. flee, 64. slaughter, 65. clap, 66. suffice, 67. delicious, 68. marketplace

69. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
70. patent pe_____g *adj.* awaiting a decision or resolution; yet to be resolved
71. have an un_____us attitude *adj.* excessively or insincerely flattering; oily or greasy in texture or appearance; smooth and sleek in manner or expression
72. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
73. co__t wealth *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
74. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
75. li_____me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
76. flexible mi_____t *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
77. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
78. ob_____le avoidance *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
79. ir__y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

ANSWERS: 69. advantage, 70. pending, 71. unctuous, 72. freak, 73. covet, 74. flee, 75. lifetime, 76. mindset, 77. government, 78. obstacle, 79. irony

80. ser_____ty moment *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
81. in the gu__e of a woman *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
82. follow his ins_____ons *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
83. ga___e tube *n.* a medical procedure or technique involving the feeding of a person or animal through a tube inserted into the stomach; the forced feeding of animals for specific purposes, such as animal testing or the production of foie gras
84. make an am_____nt to a contract *n.* the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
85. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
86. cr_____y a criminal *v.* to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die
87. bomber sq_____on *n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft
88. dis_____fy a candidate *v.* to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something

ANSWERS: 80. serendipity, 81. guise, 82. instruction, 83. gavage, 84. amendment, 85. disappear, 86. crucify, 87. squadron, 88. disqualify

89. toxic ch____als *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
90. ju__e a competition *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
91. professional tra____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
92. a rid____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
93. a peaceful la____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
94. the modern ol____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
95. ind____on of inflation *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
96. 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.
97. reap a ha____t *n.* yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm
98. h__b spices *n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes

ANSWERS: 89. chemical, 90. judge, 91. translator, 92. ridiculous, 93. landscape, 94. olympiad, 95. indication, 96. rely, 97. harvest, 98. herb

99. cr__l joke	<i>adj.</i> feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
100. issue a w__t	<i>n.</i> a written legal order or command
101. co_____ve to growth	<i>adj.</i> tending to make something likely or possible
102. s__k road	<i>n.</i> a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
103. master c__f	<i>n.</i> a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
104. co_____ed of the idea	<i>adj.</i> completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
105. de___e a question	<i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
106. get inc_____ly insecure	<i>adv.</i> in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
107. fl__k of spectator	<i>n.</i> a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
108. h_g farming	<i>n.</i> a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
109. get a con_____nal loan	<i>adj.</i> based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

ANSWERS: 99. cruel, 100. writ, 101. conducive, 102. silk, 103. chef, 104. convinced, 105. decide, 106. incredibly, 107. flock, 108. hog, 109. conventional

110. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
111. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
112. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
113. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
114. face inc_____gly complicated challenges *adv.* more and more
115. art_____te his position *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
116. an associate ju__e *n.* a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something
117. principles of sus_____le development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
118. variety of de_____us foods *adj.* exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell
119. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
120. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
121. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
122. eloquently art_____te *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

ANSWERS: 110. aggressive, 111. fig, 112. transform, 113. flourish, 114. increasingly, 115. articulate, 116. judge, 117. sustainable, 118. delicious, 119. accuse, 120. government, 121. brilliant, 122. articulate

123. logical ra_____le *n.* the fundamental reason or underlying logic, principle, or justification behind a decision, action, or belief; the explanation or logical basis that supports or provides reasoning for something
124. two op_____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
125. the ec_____y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
126. g__e club *n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
127. ca___e barn *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
128. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
129. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
130. baby ch__k *n.* a baby bird, especially a young chicken
131. rem_____nt of ancient times *adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
132. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

ANSWERS: 123. rationale, 124. opposed, 125. ecology, 126. glee, 127. cattle, 128. biology, 129. Jewish, 130. chick, 131. reminiscent, 132. ridiculous

133. aromatic po_____ri *n.* a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas
134. ca_____h people on the Internet *n.* a type of fish that has whisker-like barbels around its mouth and can often be found in freshwater habitats; (verb) to create a fake persona online and use it to deceive others, typically for personal gain or attention
135. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
136. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
137. im_____ng figure *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
138. ut_____y ignorant *adv.* completely or absolutely
139. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
140. a corruption sc_____l *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
141. the con_____on of the good *n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

ANSWERS: 133. potpourri, 134. catfish, 135. hell, 136. incredibly, 137. imposing, 138. utterly, 139. alternative, 140. scandal, 141. conception

142. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
143. go there af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
144. cause an ac_____nt *n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
145. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
146. a grand con_____on *n.* a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle
147. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
148. ca___e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
149. li_____te a company *v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
150. ser_____ty discovery *n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery
151. common in _____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
152. less fa__y meat *adj.* containing a lot of fat
153. fatty li__r *n.* a large organ in the body, involved in many metabolic processes, such as detoxification of the organism, and the synthesis of proteins

ANSWERS: 142. deserve, 143. afterward, 144. accident, 145. mindset, 146. conception, 147. manipulate, 148. cattle, 149. liquidate, 150. serendipity, 151. invention, 152. fatty, 153. liver

154. im__y the presence of alien *v.* to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it
155. sa____ty intrusion *n.* the presence or amount of salt in a substance, especially in water or soil; the measure of the concentration of dissolved salts in a liquid
156. puffed up with co____t *n.* an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance
157. cast the go__e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
158. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
159. di____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
160. a con____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
161. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
162. a person of in____ty *n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided
163. pe____g approval *adj.* awaiting a decision or resolution; yet to be resolved
164. half-a__e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

ANSWERS: 154. imply, 155. salinity, 156. conceit, 157. gorge, 158. rid, 159. disappear, 160. conventional, 161. quest, 162. integrity, 163. pending, 164. acre

175. summer ol ____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
176. op ____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
177. sp ____t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly; (noun) a young shoot or plant that emerges from a seed and starts to grow
178. in ____t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
179. a precise def ____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
180. c __p plotters *n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
181. pa ____k fencing *n.* a small enclosed field or pasture, especially one used for grazing or exercising horses
182. me ____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
183. ch __t on my taxes *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

ANSWERS: 175. olympiad, 176. operate, 177. sprout, 178. insect, 179. definition, 180. coup, 181. paddock, 182. metaphor, 183. cheat

184. ad__t a child *v.* to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
185. fl__k of sheep *n.* a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
186. a s__d coat *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
187. sh_____ng revelation *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
188. the infinite in_____ty of man *n.* the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
189. sh__d paper into little pieces *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
190. co_____ed criminal *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
191. absolutely op_____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
192. c__f knife *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
193. synthetic fi__r *n.* thread or filament used to make a vegetable tissue, mineral material, or textile
194. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

ANSWERS: 184. adopt, 185. flock, 186. seed, 187. shocking, 188. ingenuity, 189. shred, 190. convinced, 191. opposed, 192. chef, 193. fiber, 194. temperature

195. ol__e oil *n.* a small green or black fruit with a bitter taste that is eaten or used to produce oil or a tree on which this fruit grows
196. ou___w cloning of human cells *v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime
197. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
198. fl___r enhancer *n.* the taste sensation produced by a substance in the mouth
199. ex___d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
200. a few years af_____rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
201. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
202. wh_____le dealer in fish *n.* the sale of goods in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers; of or relating to goods or services that are sold in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers or other intermediaries
203. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
204. a ch_____al compound *adj.* relating to or connected with chemistry;
205. in_____us device *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill

ANSWERS: 195. olive, 196. outlaw, 197. firsthand, 198. flavor, 199. expand, 200. afterward, 201. distance, 202. wholesale, 203. topic, 204. chemical, 205. ingenious

206. su____e to live *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
207. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
208. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
209. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
210. sh__h the crowd *v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound
211. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
212. br____li sprout *n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
213. h__h up a case *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential
214. individual ins____on *n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
215. a ge___s for music *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
216. use of ha__h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
217. an intentional in____t *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely

ANSWERS: 206. suffice, 207. roam, 208. fig, 209. weird, 210. shush, 211. grab, 212. broccoli, 213. hush, 214. instruction, 215. genius, 216. harsh, 217. insult

218. sc_____l magazine *n.* an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage
219. pre_____nt position *adj.* superior in rank, status, or quality; surpassing all others
220. flour made from gr__n *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
221. ma___n the politician in the media *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
222. a cr__l and unusual punishment *adj.* feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
223. fruit co___t *n.* a traditional French cooking technique involving slow-cooking food, typically meat (such as duck or pork), in its fat or oil until it becomes tender and preserved
224. c__p a book shut *v.* to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
225. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
226. sp__e flavor *n.* a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food
227. heavy tr_____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 218. scandal, 219. preeminent, 220. grain, 221. malign, 222. cruel, 223. confit, 224. clap, 225. supple, 226. spice, 227. traffic

228. re___e a program *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
229. Egyptian Ph____h *n.* the title of the ancient Egyptian kings
230. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
231. li_____te debt *v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely
232. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
233. sa_____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
234. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
235. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
236. DC mo__r control *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
237. science of ec_____y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
238. gas_____my tour *n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society

ANSWERS: 228. rewire, 229. Pharaoh, 230. flourish, 231. liquidate, 232. sustainable, 233. satisfy, 234. amazing, 235. predator, 236. motor, 237. ecology, 238. gastronomy

239. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
240. under the gu__e of friendship *n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature
241. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
242. dom_____te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
243. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
244. cu_____ry skill *adj.* of or relating to cooking and the kitchen
245. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
246. ma___n influence *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence
247. shoulder et_____l responsibility *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
248. rad_____ve isotope *adj.* emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up

ANSWERS: 239. bush, 240. guise, 241. writ, 242. domesticate, 243. traffic, 244. culinary, 245. landscape, 246. malign, 247. ethical, 248. radioactive

249. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
250. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
251. co_____ve question *adj.* tending to make something likely or possible
252. a brief ex_____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
253. 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
254. h_g all the glory *n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
255. re___e a house *v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns

ANSWERS: 249. agriculture, 250. process, 251. conducive, 252. extract, 253. decide, 254. hog, 255. rewire

256. count your bl_____ngs *n.* a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
257. 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
258. ho_____y box *n.* the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
259. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
260. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
261. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
262. avoid hy_____le in writing *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
263. environmental ind_____on *n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur
264. exp_____on of interest *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
265. sq_____on leader *n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft

ANSWERS: 256. blessing, 257. stick, 258. honesty, 259. transform, 260. literally, 261. biology, 262. hyperbole, 263. indication, 264. expression, 265. squadron

266. beginning of the ind_____al revolution	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to or resulting from industry
267. a gr__n of sand	<i>n.</i> wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
268. ba_____rd angle	<i>adv.</i> at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
269. bitter ir__y	<i>n.</i> the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
270. de_____e environmental quality	<i>v.</i> to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
271. bestowed bl_____ngs	<i>n.</i> a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
272. Je___h culture	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
273. an alt_____ve plan	<i>n.</i> one of two or more available possibilities or choice
274. ad__t a bill	<i>v.</i> to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
275. r__m freely	<i>v.</i> to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

ANSWERS: 266. industrial, 267. grain, 268. backward, 269. irony, 270. degrade, 271. blessing, 272. Jewish, 273. alternative, 274. adopt, 275. roam

276. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
277. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
278. in___t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
279. sh__d lettuce for a salad *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
280. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
281. de_____t a blow *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
282. artistic exp_____on *n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
283. im_____on myself within the room *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
284. im_____on illegal immigrant *v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement

ANSWERS: 276. hell, 277. literally, 278. insect, 279. shred, 280. freak, 281. deflect, 282. expression, 283. imprison, 284. imprison

285. in___t each other *n.* a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
286. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
287. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
288. bri_____ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
289. im_____ng mansion *adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
290. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
291. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
292. 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
293. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
294. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
295. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
296. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 285. insult, 286. agriculture, 287. amazing, 288. brilliantly, 289. imposing, 290. definition, 291. accuse, 292. stick, 293. aggressive, 294. exciting, 295. exciting, 296. span

297. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
298. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
299. wh_____le business *n.* the sale of goods in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers; of or relating to goods or services that are sold in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers or other intermediaries
300. rem_____nt smile *adj.* making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
301. a mo___r mechanic *n.* a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
302. sh_____ng response *adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust
303. salmon co___t *n.* a traditional French cooking technique involving slow-cooking food, typically meat (such as duck or pork), in its fat or oil until it becomes tender and preserved
304. up_____e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

ANSWERS: 297. planet, 298. expand, 299. wholesale, 300. reminiscent, 301. motor, 302. shocking, 303. confit, 304. upgrade

305. fi_____ly dressed *adv.* in a manner that is suitable, appropriate, or befitting the situation or context; in a way that aligns with expectations or standards
306. s__d money *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
307. p_p me up *n.* energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness
308. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
309. ch__t in a game *v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws
310. a person of ge____s *n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality
311. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
312. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
313. scientific ra_____le *n.* the fundamental reason or underlying logic, principle, or justification behind a decision, action, or belief; the explanation or logical basis that supports or provides reasoning for something

ANSWERS: 305. fittingly, 306. seed, 307. pep, 308. electrify, 309. cheat, 310. genius, 311. chart, 312. advantage, 313. rationale

314. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
315. 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
316. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
317. electronic tra_____or *n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another
318. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
319. me_____rm production *n.* a large-scale agricultural operation that covers an extensive acreage and produces crops, livestock, or both on a commercial level
320. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
321. fe__e post *n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
322. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
323. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

ANSWERS: 314. excite, 315. marketplace, 316. incredible, 317. translator, 318. generation, 319. megafarm, 320. planet, 321. fence, 322. complexity, 323. supposedly

324. 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
325. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
326. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
327. forceful ga____e *n.* a medical procedure or technique involving the feeding of a person or animal through a tube inserted into the stomach; the forced feeding of animals for specific purposes, such as animal testing or the production of foie gras
328. smoking m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
329. a st_____d hormone *n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
330. 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.
331. me_____rm industry *n.* a large-scale agricultural operation that covers an extensive acreage and produces crops, livestock, or both on a commercial level

ANSWERS: 324. quotation, 325. predator, 326. topic, 327. gavage, 328. mate, 329. steroid, 330. rely, 331. megafarm

332. arouse con_____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
333. marine sa_____ty *n.* the presence or amount of salt in a substance, especially in water or soil; the measure of the concentration of dissolved salts in a liquid
334. ca_____h farm *n.* a type of fish that has whisker-like barbels around its mouth and can often be found in freshwater habitats; (verb) to create a fake persona online and use it to deceive others, typically for personal gain or attention
335. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
336. an et_____l doctrine *adj.* of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these
337. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
338. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
339. ind_____al alcohol *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
340. sh__h the baby *v.* to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound

ANSWERS: 332. controversy, 333. salinity, 334. catfish, 335. whisper, 336. ethical, 337. grab, 338. distance, 339. industrial, 340. shush

341. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
342. sw__r an oath *v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
343. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
344. aesthetic exc_____nt *n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness
345. escalate the hy_____le *n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
346. in_____us idea *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
347. an ob_____le to progress *n.* a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
348. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
349. co__t fame *v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for
350. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
351. h__h for a while *v.* to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

ANSWERS: 341. backward, 342. swear, 343. temperature, 344. excitement, 345. hyperbole, 346. ingenious, 347. obstacle, 348. electrify, 349. covet, 350. bush, 351. hush

352. h__b garden *n.* a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes
353. inc_____gly become common *adv.* more and more
354. ut_____y changed *adv.* completely or absolutely
355. 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
356. 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
357. s__k fabric *n.* a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric
358. de_____t his criticism *v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone
359. French gas_____my *n.* the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society
360. fi_____ly decorated *adv.* in a manner that is suitable, appropriate, or befitting the situation or context; in a way that aligns with expectations or standards

ANSWERS: 352. herb, 353. increasingly, 354. utterly, 355. generation, 356. quotation, 357. silk, 358. deflect, 359. gastronomy, 360. fittingly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

2. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry

3. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

4. 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

5. The city has many restaurants that showcase the diversity of _____ worldwide.
n. the art or science of preparing and serving good food; the study of food and its relationship to culture and society

6. The lawyer's _____ for the case was \$10,000.
n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

7. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 1. supple, 2. Industrial, 3. acres, 4. stick, 5. gastronomy, 6. fee, 7. electrify

8. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

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

9. 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

10. The political _____ rocked the nation and led to the resignation of several high-ranking officials.

n. an action or event regarded as morally or legally wrong and causing general public outrage

11. We are _____ opposed to any form of terrorism.

adv. completely or absolutely

12. The firm has grown into a large _____ manufacturing.

adj. relating to or connected with chemistry;

13. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

adj. behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly

14. I have no _____ of what you intend.

n. a general idea or belief of what something or someone is like or should be; an understanding of a situation or a principle

15. The _____ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

n. a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

ANSWERS: 8. grab, 9. marketplace, 10. scandal, 11. utterly, 12. chemical, 13. aggressive, 14. conception, 15. chef

16. The national assembly has _____ the budget.
v. to choose to follow something; to legally take a child from another family and care for them as if they were one's own
17. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
18. The _____ course was challenging but fun.
n. a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress
19. The dictator was known for his _____ and oppressive regime.
adj. feeling or showing pleasure in causing pain or suffering to others
20. The chef prepared a delicious duck _____ for the special dinner.
n. a traditional French cooking technique involving slow-cooking food, typically meat (such as duck or pork), in its fat or oil until it becomes tender and preserved
21. The mosquito is a common _____ for many diseases, including malaria and Zika.
n. a quantity that has both magnitude and direction, often used in mathematics, physics, and engineering to describe forces, velocities, or other physical phenomena; any agent (person or animal, or microorganism) that carries and transmits a disease
22. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
23. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 16. adopted, 17. biology, 18. obstacle, 19. cruel, 20. confit, 21. vector, 22. temperatures, 23. flourished

24. The majority of the _____ are raised on local family farms.

n. a baby bird, especially a young chicken

25. Please _____ your voice so that the baby can sleep.

v. to make or become silent, especially by urging or persuading others to be quiet or by speaking softly or gently; to keep something secret or confidential

26. The salespeople speak in technical terms to _____ that they are more knowledgeable than the customer.

v. to indicate the truth or existence of something without referring to it

27. The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the _____.

n. a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

28. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

29. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

30. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

31. The religious leaders wanted to _____ the heretic for his teachings.

v. to execute someone by nailing or binding them to a cross, leaving them there to die

ANSWERS: 24. chicks, 25. hush, 26. imply, 27. coup, 28. amazing, 29. brilliant, 30. ridiculous, 31. crucify

32. The children's faces were filled with _____ as they ran around the playground.
- n.* a feeling of great happiness, joy, or pleasure, often accompanied by laughter or exuberance; a sense of delighted satisfaction from a positive result or accomplishment
33. His facial _____ showed a mix of surprise and confusion.
- n.* the act of conveying thoughts, feelings, or ideas using words, facial expressions, body language, or art; a look or gesture that conveys a particular emotion or mood
34. The combined _____ was responsible for protecting the airspace of the country.
- n.* a military unit consisting of a headquarters and several units or subunits, typically composed of two or more flights of aircraft
35. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
36. They needed further _____ to perform their duties efficiently.
- n.* detailed direction, order, etc., on how to do or use something
37. There is not a _____ of evidence that he is guilty.
- v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
38. I _____ I didn't mean to break your vase.
- v.* to make a solemn promise or vow; to use rude or offensive language
39. My grandfather's favorite way to spend time was fishing for _____ in the nearby river.
- n.* a type of fish that has whisker-like barbels around its mouth and can often be found in freshwater habitats; (verb) to create a fake persona online and use it to deceive others, typically for personal gain or attention

ANSWERS: 32. glee, 33. expression, 34. squadron, 35. writ, 36. instruction, 37.

shred, 38. swear, 39. catfish

40. Even though he knew it was wrong, he _____ on the exam.

- v.* to act dishonestly or unfairly to gain an advantage or to deceive someone; to break the rules or laws

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

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

42. We _____ cows to gain milk and meat.

- v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

43. You should keep away from _____ foods.

- adj.* containing a lot of fat

44. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

- n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

45. He was named the MVP of the game, _____ honoring his remarkable performance.

- adv.* in a manner that is suitable, appropriate, or befitting the situation or context; in a way that aligns with expectations or standards

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

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

47. The _____ of the upcoming concert was palpable among the crowd.

- n.* a feeling of great enthusiasm and eagerness

ANSWERS: 40. cheated, 41. backward, 42. domesticate, 43. fatty, 44. insects, 45. fittingly, 46. process, 47. excitement

48. He placed the coins in a ____ to save for a trip.

- n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials

49. The news of her promotion _____ her.

- v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

50. She couldn't help but _____ her friend's designer handbag.

- v.* to strongly desire or crave something, particularly something that belongs to someone else; to have an excessive or envious desire for

51. Faces are a good _____ of age.

- n.* a sign or remark that something exists, is real, or is likely to occur

52. The soccer player was able to _____ the ball away from the goal.

- v.* to cause something, especially a criticism or attack, to be directed away from someone

53. Did this response _____ your request?

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

54. Mozart was a musical _____.

- n.* someone who has exceptional intellectual ability and originality

55. He ate the dried ____ he had preserved.

- n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow

56. The _____ are on the grassland and grazing.

- n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

ANSWERS: 48. jar, 49. excited, 50. covet, 51. indication, 52. deflect, 53. satisfy, 54. genius, 55. figs, 56. cattle

57. I need to _____ the faulty electrical system in my house to prevent a fire.
- v.* to replace or repair the wiring of something, especially an electrical system; to make significant changes in one's thoughts or behavior patterns
58. The marketing campaign relied heavily on _____ to sell the product.
- n.* exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken used to create emphasis or to make a point
59. He was _____ for embezzlement.
- v.* to confine a person to a prison, a detention facility, or a place of involuntary confinement
60. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem _____.
- adv.* after the time mentioned
61. He was considered the _____ expert in his field.
- adj.* superior in rank, status, or quality; surpassing all others
62. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
63. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
64. The _____ partially destroyed my vehicle.
- n.* an unfortunate event, especially one causing damage or injury
65. The _____ behind the decision was to ensure fairness and equality.
- n.* the fundamental reason or underlying logic, principle, or justification behind a decision, action, or belief; the explanation or logical basis that supports or provides reasoning for something

ANSWERS: 57. rewire, 58. hyperbole, 59. imprisoned, 60. afterward, 61. preeminent, 62. expand, 63. complexity, 64. accident, 65. rationale

66. We _____ along with the singer's song.
- v. to hit your hands together and make a short and loud noise, mainly to show your approval or praise
67. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of _____ for sustainable development.
- n. the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
68. The athlete's lousy behavior was enough to _____ him from the competition.
- v. to declare someone or something ineligible or unfit for a particular role or activity; to exclude or bar someone from participation in something
69. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.
- v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
70. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
71. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.
- n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
72. The _____ arts program at the school was highly regarded for its innovative curriculum.
- adj. of or relating to cooking and the kitchen
73. The _____ levels in the ocean have been increasing due to climate change.
- n. the presence or amount of salt in a substance, especially in water or soil; the measure of the concentration of dissolved salts in a liquid

ANSWERS: 66. clapped, 67. ecology, 68. disqualify, 69. deserved, 70. planet, 71. controversy, 72. culinary, 73. salinity

74. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
- n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
75. She planted a hedge to serve as a natural _____ around her garden.
- n.* a structure, usually made of wood or metal, that encloses an area, typically for protection or to keep animals or people in or out; a dealer in stolen property
76. 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.
77. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.
- n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
78. Some _____ are banned for use by athletes because of their muscle-building effects.
- n.* any of several organic compounds that are produced in the body and have important physiological effects and affect the development and growth of sex organs
79. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
- v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
80. He didn't like _____ floret and avoided eating it.
- n.* a green vegetable with a bunch of small, tight florets on a thick stem that belongs to the cabbage family
81. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

ANSWERS: 74. landscape, 75. fence, 76. rely, 77. irony, 78. steroids, 79. roam, 80. broccoli, 81. advantages

82. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

83. He played the piano _____ at the concert.

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

84. She was able to _____ her argument in the debate clearly.

v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

85. Due to his difficulty swallowing, the patient required _____ feeding until he recovered.

n. a medical procedure or technique involving the feeding of a person or animal through a tube inserted into the stomach; the forced feeding of animals for specific purposes, such as animal testing or the production of foie gras

86. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly; (noun) a young shoot or plant that emerges from a seed and starts to grow

87. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

88. The news of the accident was _____ and left many in shock.

adj. extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

89. His painting style is _____ of Monet's

adj. making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests

ANSWERS: 82. incredibly, 83. brilliantly, 84. articulate, 85. gavage, 86. sprout, 87. accused, 88. shocking, 89. reminiscent

90. Would one cup of flour _____ for this recipe?

- v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

91. The article _____ the company's reputation with false accusations.

- v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a harmful or critical way; (adjective) evil or harmful in nature or influence

92. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

- adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

93. The _____ building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.

- adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size

94. The company's reputation for honesty and _____ is highly valued among its customers.

- n.* the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; the state of being whole and undivided

95. The author discovered that the _____ had inserted several unique interpretations into his book.

- n.* a person whose job is restating written messages from one language to another

96. Some communities began to _____ alcohol consumption.

- v.* to make something illegal; (noun) a person who has committed a crime or has been legally convicted of a crime

97. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 90. suffice, 91. maligned, 92. Jewish, 93. imposing, 94. integrity, 95. translator, 96. outlaw, 97. invention

98. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.

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

99. 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

100. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

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

101. He added a pinch of _____ to the stew to flavor it.

n. a dried seed, fruit, root, bark, or vegetable substance primarily used to season or flavor food

102. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

103. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.

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

104. His vain _____ made it difficult for him to work well with others.

n. an excessively high opinion of oneself; self-importance

105. The _____ material was carefully stored in a lead-lined container.

adj. emitting powerful and dangerous energy when the nuclei (= central parts) of atoms are broken up

ANSWERS: 98. supposedly, 99. decide, 100. literally, 101. spice, 102. manipulate, 103. harsh, 104. conceit, 105. radioactive

106. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
107. The battlefield became _____ on earth.
n. the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
108. Receiving support from his friends was a great _____ in his time of need.
n. a gift or favor from a higher power or force; an act or expression of approval, encouragement, or gratitude; something that brings happiness or good fortune
109. The quiet and peaceful environment was _____ to concentration and productivity.
adj. tending to make something likely or possible
110. 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
111. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.
n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice
112. She had lived through two world wars in her _____.
n. the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
113. I had to _____ my chatty friend during the movie.
v. to silence or quiet someone or something, particularly by making a "shh" or "hush" sound

ANSWERS: 106. topic, 107. hell, 108. blessing, 109. conducive, 110. generation, 111. alternative, 112. lifetime, 113. shush

114. The discovery of penicillin was a result of _____.

- n.* the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way; a fortunate accident or discovery

115. The gift basket was filled with a delightful _____ of scented candles, bath bombs, and chocolates.

- n.* a mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant materials; a mixture or medley of different things, especially a collection or assortment of various pleasant or interesting elements, such as smells, colors, or ideas

116. He planted the _____ in the soil and waited for it to sprout.

- n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

117. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

- adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time

118. The company had to _____ its assets due to bankruptcy.

- v.* to settle accounts and pay off debts, often by selling off assets; to eliminate or get rid of something completely

119. I had a _____ transaction on my credit card.

- adj.* awaiting a decision or resolution; yet to be resolved

120. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.

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

121. They operated an illegal business under the _____ of an employment agency.

- n.* the outward appearance or aspect of someone or something, especially in a way that is different from usual or concealing the true nature

ANSWERS: 114. serendipity, 115. potpourri, 116. seed, 117. sustainable, 118. liquidate, 119. pending, 120. metaphors, 121. guise

122. His _____ toward her was unacceptable and resulted in his being fired.
n. a remark or action that causes offense or disrespect; (verb) to treat, mention, or speak to rudely
123. Energy-efficient _____ are needed to maximize the cruising distance of electric vehicles.
n. a device that converts electricity, fuel, etc. into movement and makes a machine, vehicle, etc. work
124. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
125. We must pass through the narrow _____ with a stream running through it.
n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
126. The opposition politicians jointly proposed an _____ to that law.
n. the act or the process of changing something, especially a document or proposed new law
127. The _____ of endangered animals must be stopped.
n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
128. When a _____ of birds flies in, the hunt begins.
n. a gathering of sheep, goats, or birds
129. The _____ Khufu had his people build the most famous pyramids in the world.
n. the title of the ancient Egyptian kings

ANSWERS: 122. insult, 123. motors, 124. definition, 125. gorge, 126. amendment, 127. slaughter, 128. flock, 129. Pharaoh

130. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
131. Our company specializes in the _____ of office supplies.
n. the sale of goods in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers; of or relating to goods or services that are sold in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers or other intermediaries
132. Creativity and _____ are often brought about by extreme concentration.
n. the quality of inventing things or solving problems in clever new ways
133. Our company found it _____ difficult to keep up with the competition.
adv. more and more
134. A culture of _____ in the workplace leads to better communication and productivity.
n. the quality of being truthful, sincere, and morally upright; adherence to moral and ethical principles
135. The salesperson's _____ behavior made me distrustful of their intentions.
adj. excessively or insincerely flattering; oily or greasy in texture or appearance; smooth and sleek in manner or expression
136. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
137. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 130. distance, 131. wholesale, 132. ingenuity, 133. increasingly, 134. honesty, 135. unctuous, 136. disappear, 137. span

138. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

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

139. She wore a _____ dress to the party.

n. a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

140. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

141. _____ is the foundation of our economy.

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

142. We must _____ ourselves of pollution.

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

143. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

144. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

145. I am going to trim this _____ off.

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

ANSWERS: 138. flee, 139. silk, 140. incredible, 141. Agriculture, 142. rid, 143. convinced, 144. traffic, 145. bush

146. We could grill the meat in a _____ way.

adj. exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell

147. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

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

148. They enjoyed reading under the _____ trees.

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

149. We must consume dietary _____ to maintain good health.

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

150. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.

adj. being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something

151. I need to find a _____ for my female guinea pig so she doesn't get lonely.

n. a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game

152. This pie _____ represents our market share.

n. a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea

153. 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

ANSWERS: 146. delicious, 147. operate, 148. olive, 149. fiber, 150. opposed, 151. mate, 152. chart, 153. quotation

154. The strict _____ ruled in favor of the plaintiff in the case.

n. a person who makes decisions in a court of law; (verb) to determine the result of or form a critical opinion of something

155. It's an excellent opportunity to _____ our networking.

v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard

156. The coach gave a ___ talk to the team before the game to boost their spirits.

n. energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness; (verb) to give someone energy, enthusiasm, or liveliness

157. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

158. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

159. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

160. The president must have the highest _____ standards.

adj. of or relating to principles about what is right and wrong, or the branch of knowledge dealing with these

161. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 154. judge, 155. upgrade, 156. pep, 157. freak, 158. mindset, 159. predator's, 160. ethical, 161. extracting

162. The government's new policy encourages the establishment of _____ to boost agricultural production.
- n.* a large-scale agricultural operation that covers an extensive acreage and produces crops, livestock, or both on a commercial level
163. The horses were kept in the _____ while their stalls were being cleaned.
- n.* a small enclosed field or pasture, especially one used for grazing or exercising horses
164. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
- v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
165. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
- adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
166. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
- n.* a long or challenging search for something
167. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
168. The patient will undergo _____ transplant surgery tomorrow.
- n.* a large organ in the body, involved in many metabolic processes, such as detoxification of the organism, and the synthesis of proteins
169. She won a gold medal in the physics _____ and was praised by her teachers and peers.
- n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

ANSWERS: 162. megafarms, 163. paddock, 164. whispered, 165. weird, 166. quest, 167. transformed, 168. liver, 169. olympiad

170. The _____ of the coffee was rich and full-bodied.

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

171. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

172. The farmer raised his _____ for meat and sold them at a local market.

n. a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others

173. Rosemary is a fragrant _____ commonly used in cooking.

n. a small plant with aromatic or flavorful leaves used for seasoning or medicinal purposes

174. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

175. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

176. During _____ farmers are incredibly busy.

n. yields of plants in a single growing season; the period of the year when gathering occurs on a farm

177. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

ANSWERS: 170. flavor, 171. exciting, 172. hogs, 173. herb, 174. degrade, 175. conventional, 176. harvest, 177. firsthand

178. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.

adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill

179. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen _____.

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance

180. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

ANSWERS: 178. ingenious, 179. grains, 180. government