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Session 1: Word List

sunglasses

n. a pair of darkened glasses worn to protect the eyes from harsh sunlight or glare

synonym : shades, eyewear, specs

(1) **sunglasses** case, (2) designer **sunglasses**

I always wear **sunglasses** outside to protect my eyes from the sun's harmful rays.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

tuxedo

n. (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie

synonym : black tie, dinner jacket, formalwear

(1) black **tuxedo**, (2) **tuxedo** jacket

The waiter wore a freshly pressed **tuxedo** to serve at the upscale restaurant.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind
He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

fictional

adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
synonym : imaginary, invented, made-up

(1) **fictional** character, (2) non- **fictional** text
The names of the company are entirely **fictional**.

newsstand

n. a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items
synonym : news booth, news kiosk

(1) **newsstand** vendor, (2) crowded **newsstand**
The city's central square has a **newsstand** kiosk that sells international newspapers and magazines.

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .
I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

charm

n. the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
synonym : allure, appeal, beauty

(1) masculine **charm**, (2) **charm** against bad luck
These are significantly more exquisite than typical **charm** bracelets.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student
He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

steel

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

synonym : iron

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

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

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.

myth

n. an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

synonym : fable, legend, lore

(1) the **myth** of an old religion, (2) perpetuate a **myth**

With the financial bubble bursting, the **myth** of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

garage

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

synonym : carport, shed, barn

(1) electrical **garage** door, (2) **garage** repair

He parked his car in the private **garage**.

entrepreneur

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

synonym : founder, executive

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

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions
(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**
He studied the **physics** of radiation.

universe

n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
synonym: cosmos, macrocosm
(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**
The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
synonym: impressive, great, ambitious
(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain
This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

unification

n. the act of bringing together or joining into one
synonym: integration, consolidation, merger
(1) **unification** process, (2) the **unification** of the wisdom
The **unification** of the country was a long and difficult process.

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown
(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**
Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

dictionary

n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation

synonym : lexicon, glossary, vocabulary

(1) **dictionary** definition, (2) online **dictionary**

I need to purchase a new English **dictionary**.

cast

v. to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

synonym : throw, project, select

(1) **cast** a ballot, (2) **cast** a charming eye

This accident **cast** a dark shadow over their lives.

literal

adj. adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning

synonym : exact, precise, accurate

(1) **literal** translation, (2) **literal** understanding

Her **literal** interpretation of the text caused her to miss the deeper meaning behind the author's words.

magic

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

synonym : fascination, illusion, wizardry

(1) a **magic** spell, (2) she is **magic**

He performed **magic** tricks with sophisticated moves.

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**.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym : tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with

people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

witch

n. a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

synonym: sorceress, enchantress, healer

(1) **witch** hunt, (2) **witch** trial

Many people in the medieval period believed in **witches** and their ability to cast spells.

gypsy

n. (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts

synonym: Romani, traveler, nomad

(1) **gypsy** lifestyle, (2) **gypsy** culture

The **gypsy** caravan traveled from town to town, never staying in one place for too long.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

deception

n. the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

synonym: fraud, deceit, trickery

(1) **deception** tactics, (2) **deception** in advertising

The politician was accused of **deception** for making false promises during his campaign.

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.

artificial

adj. not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something

synonym: synthetic, man-made, manufactured

(1) **artificial** flowers, (2) **artificial** environment

The **artificial** intelligence system has revolutionized the way we live and work.

association

n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship

synonym: affiliation, collaboration, society

(1) word **associations**, (2) a scholarship **association**

His membership in the **association** provided him with numerous benefits.

delude

v. to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something

synonym: deceive, mislead, fool

(1) **delude** with false promises, (2) **delude** the public

It is easy to **delude** yourself into thinking everything is fine when it's not.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display

Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

glorify

v. to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt

something or someone to a higher status or position

synonym : exalt, celebrate, honor

(1) **glorify** god, (2) **glorify** violence

Religious leaders often **glorify** their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.

illusion

n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation

synonym : delusion, fallacy, magic trick

(1) optical **illusion**, (2) the **illusion** of being in the forest

He could no longer tell the difference between **illusion** and reality.

self-interest

n. the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

synonym : selfishness, selfhood, egocentricity

(1) unaffected by **self-interest**, (2) material **self-interest**

The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by **self-interest**.

tremendous

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

achievement

n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability

synonym : accomplishment, attainment, triumph

(1) student **achievement**, (2) a remarkable **achievement**

This **achievement** has never been formally accepted.

retouch

v. to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools

synonym : edit, revise, touch up

(1) **retouch** photo, (2) **retouch** painting

She had her portrait **retouched** to remove blemishes.

maximum

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

synonym : peak, top, highest

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

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

complexion

n. the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face

synonym : appearance, color, hue

(1) **complexion** cream, (2) dull **complexion**

Her skincare routine paid off, as her **complexion** was glowing and healthy-looking.

stylize

v. to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

synonym : conventionalize

(1) **stylize** the behavior, (2) **stylize** the design

She wore a colorful- **stylized** scarf.

portrait

n. a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

synonym : illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

falsify

v. to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect

synonym : fudge, distort, manipulate

(1) **falsify** data, (2) **falsify** documents

The scientist was caught attempting to **falsify** the results of the study.

achieve

v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do

synonym: accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones

I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

illuminate

v. to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

synonym: brighten, light, adorn

(1) **illuminate** a dark hall, (2) **illuminate** my understanding

That biologist **illuminated** the mechanism of heredity.

involve

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

synonym: implicate, include, engage

(1) **involve** a lot of paperwork, (2) **involve** a high degree of risk

The investigation **involves** several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

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.

idealize

v. to consider or represent something or somebody as perfect or better than in reality

synonym: romanticize, glorify

(1) **idealize** the real, (2) **idealize** his achievement

The film **idealizes** the victory of the war.

dramatize

v. to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play

synonym: exaggerate, sensationalize, theatricalize

(1) **dramatize** the dialogue, (2) **dramatize** the event

The media tends to **dramatize** news stories to attract more viewers.

architectural

adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures

synonym: structural, building, constructive

(1) study **architectural** engineering, (2) beautiful **architectural** landmarks

The **architectural** style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.

photograph

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

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

transfigure

v. to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent

synonym : transform, metamorphose, transmute

(1) **transfigure** the appearance, (2) **transfigure** a landscape

The magical spell was able to **transfigure** the prince into a frog.

fabulous

adj. extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories

synonym : amazing, wonderful, astonishing

(1) a **fabulous** price, (2) a **fabulous** monster

Thank you for inviting such a **fabulous** party tonight.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

comic

adj. funny and making you laugh

synonym : amusing, funny, humorous

(1) **comic** books, (2) a **comic** hat

The novel is **comic** and tragic.

realistic

adj. having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

synonym : practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

(1) a **realistic** goal, (2) a **realistic** goal

That story was so **realistic**, and it was scary.

realism

n. the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts

synonym : verisimilitude, verismo, genuineness

(1) experiential **realism**, (2) have more **realism**

The invention of the camera changed the course of painting in pursuing **realism**.

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym: accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

row

n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

synonym: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

foreground

n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

(1) **foreground** segmentation, (2) **foreground** galaxy

A happy group of friends occupies the **foreground** of the picture.

blurb

n. a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials

synonym: summary, synopsis, review

(1) a **blurb** on a book, (2) website **blurb**

The book jacket included a captivating **blurb** that instantly grabbing the reader's attention.

transcend

v. to rise above or go beyond the limits of something

synonym: surpass, exceed, overcome

(1) **transcend** boundaries, (2) **transcend** limits

The music **transcended** cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

combine

v. to join or merge to form a single thing or group

synonym: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

saint

n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

synonym: holy person, martyr, angel

(1) **saint** statue, (2) the departed **saint**

The faithful follower venerated the **saint's** relic.

equivalent

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

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

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

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

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym:

charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

transcendent

adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

synonym: beyond human experience, divine, spiritual

(1) **transcendent** wisdom, (2) **transcendent** joy

The **transcendent** beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

downward

adj. moving towards a lower position or a lower level

synonym: lower, earthward, descending

(1) a **downward** slope, (2) maintain **downward** compatibility

The stock market has been in a **downward** trend for the past month.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym: uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

contemplate

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

synonym: think over, ponder, consider

(1) **contemplate** a marriage, (2) **contemplated** leaving school

I recently **contemplated** dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

belong

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

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

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

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

tranquil

adj. peaceful, calm, and free from disturbance or agitation; without stress or anxiety; serene or restful

synonym: calm, peaceful, serene

(1) **tranquil** retreat, (2) **tranquil** setting

Looking out over the **tranquil** lake, I felt at peace.

instrument

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

synonym: apparatus, tool, device

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

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

torture

n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason

synonym: torment, abuse, mistreatment

(1) a **torture** chamber, (2) an instrument of **torture**

The use of **torture** is strictly prohibited under international law.

passion

n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
synonym : fervor, zeal, ardor

(1) **passion** hobby, (2) **passion** drive

Her **passion** for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

awful

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
synonym : terrible, appalling, horrible

(1) an **awful** error, (2) do **awful** damage

I regretted making an **awful** mistake in my final exam.

pleasant

adj. enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
synonym : agreeable, delightful, pleasing

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

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

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym : concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs
simultaneously

Two students answered the teacher's question
simultaneously.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym : far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym : faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

omnipotent

adj. having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything

synonym : all-powerful, supreme, almighty

(1) **omnipotent** ruler, (2) feeling **omnipotent**

The company's CEO was seen as **omnipotent**, making all major decisions without consulting anyone.

omniscient

adj. having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding

synonym : all-knowing, all-seeing, wise

(1) **omniscient** being, (2) **omniscient** point of view

An **omniscient** narrator knows everything about the story and the characters.

virgin

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

synonym : virtuous, vestal, beginner

(1) **virgin** material, (2) enter **virgin** territory
Within a few years, no **virgin** forests will remain.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

id

n. a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card

synonym: identity, ego, persona

(1) the **id** ego, (2) **ID** card

I forgot my **ID** at home and needed it to enter the club.

mod

n. a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers

synonym: alteration, modification, tweak

(1) **mod** culture, (2) a house with **mod** cons

The **mod** for the video game added new features and improved gameplay.

transport

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

synonym: shipment, transit, conveyance

(1) **transport** facilities, (2) access to public **transport**

Enhanced rail **transportation** is crucial for our business.

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.

notion

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

synonym : idea, concept, belief

(1) **notion** of success, (2) vague **notion**

The **notion** of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

nasty

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive

synonym : disgusting, offensive, foul

(1) a **nasty** smell, (2) receive a **nasty** surprise

The weather turned **nasty**.

cough

v. to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound

synonym : hack, clear throat, wheeze

(1) **cough** several times, (2) persistent **cough**

I can't stop **coughing** and think I might have caught a cold.

streamline

v. to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps

synonym : simplify, optimize, make more efficient

(1) **streamline** administrative activities, (2) **streamline** workflow

The government plans to **streamline** the tax collection process to make it more efficient.

arch

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym : turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

stain

v. to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove

synonym : discolor, tarnish, defile

(1) **stain** the carpet, (2) red wine **stain**

The allegations of corruption **stained** her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.

staircase

n. a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

synonym : stairway, stairwell

(1) spiral **staircase**, (2) beetle up the **staircase**

She walked urgently down the emergency **staircase**.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

capture

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

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

(1) **academic** probation, (2) an **academic** discussion

An excellent historian must possess an **academic** mentality.

skyline

n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

synonym : silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

horizon

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

synonym : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

(1) **possibility** for growth, (2) **possibility** of a major earthquake

The **possibility** of getting the disease will drastically increase.

Renaissance

n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

synonym : rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

courtier

n. a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

synonym: court attendant, noble, attendant

(1) the queen's **courtiers**, (2) flattering **courtier**

The **courtier's** job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.

conceal

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

synonym: hide, keep secret, camouflage

(1) **conceal** my identity, (2) **conceal** a close relationship

Despite the intense verbal abuse, she **concealed** her anger well.

effortless

adj. requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish

synonym: easy, simple, uncomplicated

(1) **effortless** victory, (2) **effortless** beauty

The dancer made her performance look **effortless** and graceful.

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

synonym: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

stunt

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

synonym: feat, accomplishment, (verb) hinder

(1) skydiving **stunt**, (2) **stunt** brain growth

The daredevil attempted a dangerous **stunt** by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

aspect

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

synonym : characteristic, element, factor

(1) nontechnical **aspects** of the job, (2) **aspects** of social, political, and economic life

His professional experience includes all **aspects** of media production.

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym : revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

evoke

v. to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

synonym : arouse, raise, inspire

(1) **evoke** a sense of awe, (2) **evoke** sympathy

This movie is likely to **evoke** strong emotions in the viewer.

grub

n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously

synonym : larva, food, chow

(1) cook up some **grubs**, (2) **grub** for potatoes

The garden was infested with beetle **grubs**, causing damage to the plant roots.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym : below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

electrical

adj. relating to electricity

(1) an **electrical** storm, (2) degree in **electrical** engineering

Actuators convert **electrical** pulses into motion.

appliance

n. a device or machine, usually powered by electricity or fuel, designed for a specific function or task, typically used in the home or workplace, such as a refrigerator, oven, or washing machine

synonym: device, gadget, apparatus

(1) **appliance** store, (2) electronic **appliance**

The kitchen **appliance** stopped working, so I had to call for a repair.

catalog

n. a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices

synonym: directory, list, register

(1) a classified **catalog**, (2) **catalog** card

She used the online **catalog** to find the perfect pair of earrings for her sister's birthday.

modern

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

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

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

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

cord

n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

synonym: wire, cable, string

(1) spinal **cord**, (2) electrical **cord**

Your spinal **cord** is located deep within your body.

laptop

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

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

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

wireless

adj. of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals

synonym : cordless, radio

(1) **wireless** access, (2) **wireless** charging

The office's **wireless** network allows employees to work from anywhere in the building.

era

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

synonym : epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance

Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym : enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

rear

adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult

synonym : back, end, behind

(1) the **rear** gate, (2) **rear** children

The player quickly went to the **rear** side of the defender.

reveal

v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible

synonym : disclose, unveil, expose

(1) **reveal** secrets, (2) **reveal** a plan

The detective carefully **revealed** the true identity of the murderer.

translucence

n. the quality of being translucent; the ability of a material to allow light to pass through but not clearly enough to distinguish objects on the other side

synonym : opacity, limpidity, clarity

(1) natural **translucence**, (2) **translucence** of water

The artist used the **translucence** of the glass to create a beautiful stained-glass window.

pearl

n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem

synonym : bead, gem, nacre

(1) a cultured **pearl**, (2) **pearl** beyond price

She wore a **pearl** necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.

ware

n. goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware

synonym : merchandise, product, goods

(1) **ware** store, (2) bamboo **ware**

The store sells a wide range of porcelain **ware**, including plates, bowls, and mugs.

translucent

adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

synonym : semi-transparent, see-through

(1) **translucent** glass, (2) **translucent** skin

The sunlight shone through the **translucent** curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

transparent

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

synonym: translucent, evident, diaphanous

(1) a **transparent** lie, (2) **transparent** crystal

The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more **transparent**.

opaque

adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

synonym: impenetrable, obscure, cloudy

(1) **opaque** material, (2) **opaque** color

The curtains were made of **opaque** fabric that blocked out all light.

spiral

n. a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

synonym: coil, helix, twist

(1) **spiral** staircase, (2) **spiral** design

The leaves of the fern were arranged in a **spiral** pattern.

interior

n. the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

synonym: inner, inside, internal

(1) **interior** decoration, (2) plenty of **interior** space

The painter focused on the moody **interiors** of abandoned buildings in his work.

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.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a

particular activity

synonym: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**
Parliament is now in **session**.

suppose

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

synonym: guess, assume, presume

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

purity

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

synonym: sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

individual

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

synonym: person, being, self

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

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

cult

n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym: sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

contradiction

n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial

synonym: inconsistency, opposition, contravention

(1) **contradiction** of capitalism, (2) apparent **contradiction**

His statement was filled with **contradictions** that made it difficult to take seriously.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym : defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

principle

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

synonym : rule, creed, code

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

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

incommensurable

adj. not able to be measured or compared because of a lack of common standard or unit of measurement; unable to be reasonably evaluated or judged against one another

synonym : immeasurable, incomparable, unmeasurable

(1) **incommensurable** scales, (2) **incommensurable** differences

The philosophical debate centered around the concept of **incommensurable** values.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

picket

n. a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters

synonym : fence, stake, lookout

(1) **picket** sign, (2) cross the **picket** line

The farmer built a **picket** fence around his garden to keep the animals out.

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.

symbol

n. something visible that is used to represent something else

synonym : mark, character, insignia

(1) **symbol** color, (2) **symbol** for happiness

The dragon is considered a **symbol** of bravery.

necklace

n. a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

synonym : chain, choker, pendant

(1) beaded **necklace**, (2) pearl **necklace**

She received a beautiful **necklace** from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

diamond

n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

synonym: gemstone, jewel, precious stone

(1) **diamond** ring, (2) **diamond** necklace

The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling **diamond**.

getaway

n. a place or means of escape or retreat; a vacation or trip taken to escape one's everyday routine or environment; a successful escape from danger or capture

synonym: escape, retreat, break

(1) planned **getaway**, (2) romantic **getaway**

The police are still searching for the suspect's **getaway** vehicle.

firm

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

synonym: stable, secure, steadfast

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

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

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.

utopia

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

synonym: paradise, heaven, Arcadia

(1) perfect **utopia**, (2) a **utopia** for an engineer

The concept of **utopia** is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

domestic

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

synonym: endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

acquire

v. to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself

synonym: attain, earn, catch

(1) **acquire** knowledge, (2) **acquire** a new company

Children **acquire** language at a fantastic rate.

dean

n. a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

synonym: head, director, chancellor

(1) **dean's** list, (2) **dean** of faculty

The university's **dean** was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.

accidentally

adv. by chance or without planning

synonym: by chance, unintentionally, unwittingly

(1) they met **accidentally**, (2) **accidentally** coincide

He was **accidentally** killed by friendly fire.

matrix

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym: grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

union

n. a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

synonym: alliance, coalition, confederation

(1) bank and credit **unions**, (2) a craft **union**

The trade **union** remained adamant about its demands.

attractive

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

synonym: beautiful, fetching, alluring

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

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

march

v. to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps

synonym: parade

(1) **march** against the war, (2) **march** east

The troops **marched** shoulder-to-shoulder.

fan

n. a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

synonym: lover, devotee, blade

(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**

I'm a big **fan** of French food.

totalitarian

adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power

synonym : dictatorial, authoritarian, oppressive

(1) **totalitarian** ideology, (2) **totalitarian** state

The government was criticized for having a **totalitarian** regime.

deceptive

adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true

synonym : misleading, trickery, fraudulent

(1) **deceptive** practices, (2) appearances are **deceptive**

The politician's statements were found to be **deceptive** and not based on fact.

triumph

n. a great victory or achievement

synonym : victory, success, conquest

(1) **triumph** of democracy, (2) **triumph** of the spirit

The team's **triumph** in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

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.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

socialism

n. a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the

means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole

synonym : communism, collectivism, equality

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

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

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

(1) **aesthetic** value, (2) **aesthetic** feeling

My **aesthetic** standards are quite different from hers.

ideology

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

synonym : credo, doctrine, principles

(1) the **ideology** of the left, (2) political **ideology**

Racial equality is an integral part of democratic **ideology**.

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.

genuine

adj. real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

synonym : actual, honest, unpretending

(1) a **genuine** article, (2) show **genuine** regret

Is this painting **genuine** or forged?

appeal

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

synonym : request, charm, attraction

(1) draw out your **appeal**, (2) an **appeal** for help

He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an **appeal** directly.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym: expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

appreciation

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

synonym: recognition, admiration, esteem

(1) express my **appreciation**, (2) **appreciation** for diversity

The artist received a lot of **appreciation** for his latest work.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym: engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue

He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

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.

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**.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym : range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

heighten

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

synonym : intensify, enhance, amplify

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

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

splash

v. to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force

synonym : scatter, dash, gurgle

(1) **splash** water, (2) **splash** everywhere

The mountain was **splashed** with snow.

fraction

n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

synonym : piece, part, fragment

(1) a **fractional** share of the vote, (2) a numerator in a **fraction**

He spent only a **fraction** of his earnings.

symphony

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

synonym : orchestra, harmony, concert

(1) a **symphony** orchestra, (2) a beautiful **symphony**

The frequent performances of the **symphony** prove its popularity.

fascination

n. the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

synonym : allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

necessarily

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

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

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

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

unveil

v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time

synonym: reveal, uncover, expose

(1) **unveil** a monument, (2) **unveil** a comprehensive plan

The company plans to **unveil** its new product at the trade show next week.

church

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

synonym: chapel, cathedral, synagogue

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

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

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.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym: esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

doll

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

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

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

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

steppe

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

synonym: prairie, savannah, grassland

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

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

sorrow

n. a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending

synonym: grief, heartache, melancholy

(1) deep **sorrow**, (2) **sorrow** for sin

The death of her best friend filled her with **sorrow**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. a br__d mind | <i>adj.</i> very wide; general |
| 2. the def_____on of a word | <i>n.</i> a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol |
| 3. ma_____y the danger | <i>v.</i> to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder |
| 4. theory of the un_____se | <i>n.</i> everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy |
| 5. billionaire ent_____eur | <i>n.</i> an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks |
| 6. ma_____y the image for display | <i>v.</i> to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder |
| 7. musical ins_____nts | <i>n.</i> an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work |
| 8. sk_____e view | <i>n.</i> the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance |

ANSWERS: 1. broad, 2. definition, 3. magnify, 4. universe, 5. entrepreneur, 6. magnify, 7. instrument, 8. skyline

9. li_____l translation *adj.* adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning
10. con_____ted leaving school *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
11. inc_____ble differences *adj.* not able to be measured or compared because of a lack of common standard or unit of measurement; unable to be reasonably evaluated or judged against one another
12. political ma_____ers *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
13. str_____ne administrative activities *v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
14. 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
15. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
16. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree

ANSWERS: 9. literal, 10. contemplate, 11. incommensurable, 12. maneuver, 13. streamline, 14. traffic, 15. cult, 16. extreme

17. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
18. co____e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
19. di____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
20. an ap___l for help *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest
21. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
22. ac____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
23. art____al environment *adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
24. natural tra_____nce *n.* the quality of being translucent; the ability of a material to allow light to pass through but not clearly enough to distinguish objects on the other side
25. he____en anxiety *v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

ANSWERS: 17. rid, 18. combine, 19. displace, 20. appeal, 21. grand, 22. academic, 23. artificial, 24. translucence, 25. heighten

26. vague no___n *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts
27. sy___l color *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
28. so___w for sin *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
29. co_____l a close relationship *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
30. ac_____e a new company *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
31. romantic ge_____y *n.* a place or means of escape or retreat; a vacation or trip taken to escape one's everyday routine or environment; a successful escape from danger or capture
32. a ge_____e article *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
33. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
34. the degree of pu___y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
35. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 26. notion, 27. symbol, 28. sorrow, 29. conceal, 30. acquire, 31. getaway, 32. genuine, 33. aesthetic, 34. purity, 35. background

36. a fa____us monster *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
37. red wine st__n *v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
38. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
39. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
40. re____h painting *v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools
41. ca____g card *n.* a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices
42. 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
43. st____e the behavior *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
44. a ma__c spell *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
45. persistent co__h *v.* to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound

ANSWERS: 36. fabulous, 37. stain, 38. simultaneously, 39. doll, 40. retouch, 41. catalog, 42. quotation, 43. stylize, 44. magic, 45. cough

46. the id ego *n.* a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card
47. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
48. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
49. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
50. w__e store *n.* goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware
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. m_d culture *n.* a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers

ANSWERS: 46. id, 47. tip, 48. core, 49. religion, 50. ware, 51. fence, 52. mod

53. co_____l my identity *v.* to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered
54. beautiful arc_____ral landmarks *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
55. an ele_____al storm *adj.* relating to electricity
56. pl_____nt odor *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable
57. they met acc_____lly *adv.* by chance or without planning
58. 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
59. wi_____ss charging *adj.* of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals
60. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
61. electrical ga_____e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
62. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

ANSWERS: 53. conceal, 54. architectural, 55. electrical, 56. pleasant, 57. accidentally, 58. traffic, 59. wireless, 60. invention, 61. garage, 62. encouraging

63. student ach_____nt
n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
64. tr_____il setting
adj. peaceful, calm, and free from disturbance or agitation; without stress or anxiety; serene or restful
65. ind_____al alcohol
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
66. po_____y feelings in words
v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
67. express my app_____ion
n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
68. tot_____ian ideology
adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
69. infrared sp_____um
n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
70. br_____n their horizon
v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
71. tr_____h of democracy
n. a great victory or achievement
72. un____l a comprehensive plan
v. to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
73. und_____th the laughter
adv. under or below something else
74. tra_____nce of water
n. the quality of being translucent; the ability of a material to allow light to pass through but not clearly enough to distinguish objects on the other side

ANSWERS: 63. achievement, 64. tranquil, 65. industrial, 66. portray, 67. appreciation, 68. totalitarian, 69. spectrum, 70. broaden, 71. triumph, 72. unveil, 73. underneath, 74. translucence

75. str_____ne workflow *v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
76. tu___o jacket *n.* (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie
77. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
78. a numerator in a fr_____on *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
79. com_____on cream *n.* the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
80. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
81. a na__y smell *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
82. degree in ele_____al engineering *adj.* relating to electricity
83. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

ANSWERS: 75. streamline, 76. tuxedo, 77. hero, 78. fraction, 79. complexion, 80. alien, 81. nasty, 82. electrical, 83. hero

84. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
85. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
86. spiral st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
87. up___d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
88. en_____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
89. id_____ze his achievement *v.* to consider or represent something or somebody as perfect or better than in reality
90. de_____on tactics *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
91. do aw__l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
92. wi_____ss access *adj.* of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals
93. the departed sa__t *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
94. pl_____nt news *adj.* enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable

ANSWERS: 84. brilliant, 85. invite, 86. staircase, 87. uphold, 88. entirely, 89. idealize, 90. deception, 91. awful, 92. wireless, 93. saint, 94. pleasant

95. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
96. ch__m against bad luck *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people
97. crowded ne_____nd *n.* a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items
98. ma___x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
99. pa_____n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
100. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
101. the id_____gy of the left *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
102. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
103. black tu___o *n.* (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie
104. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 95. extent, 96. charm, 97. newsstand, 98. matrix, 99. passion, 100. spectrum, 101. ideology, 102. modern, 103. tuxedo, 104. photograph

105. re_____h photo *v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools
106. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
107. bamboo w___e *n.* goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware
108. tr_____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
109. beginning of the ind_____al revolution *adj.* of or relating to or resulting from industry
110. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
111. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
112. de_____ve practices *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
113. a classified ca_____g *n.* a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices
114. give the waiter a t_p. *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
115. sun_____es case *n.* a pair of darkened glasses worn to protect the eyes from harsh sunlight or glare

ANSWERS: 105. retouch, 106. equivalent, 107. ware, 108. triumph, 109. industrial, 110. fantastic, 111. incredibly, 112. deceptive, 113. catalog, 114. tip, 115. sunglasses

116. the uni_____on of the wisdom *n.* the act of bringing together or joining into one
117. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
118. ac_____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
119. the morning se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
120. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
121. beaded ne_____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
122. tre_____us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
123. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
124. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

ANSWERS: 116. unification, 117. belong, 118. achieve, 119. session, 120. critic, 121. necklace, 122. tremendous, 123. achieve, 124. distant

125. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
126. dic_____ry definition *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
127. apparent con_____ion *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
128. tra_____ent wisdom *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
129. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
130. d__n of faculty *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
131. designer sun_____es *n.* a pair of darkened glasses worn to protect the eyes from harsh sunlight or glare
132. certain ex____t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
133. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

ANSWERS: 125. photograph, 126. dictionary, 127. contradiction, 128. transcendent, 129. maximum, 130. dean, 131. sunglasses, 132. extent, 133. technique

134. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
135. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
136. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
137. in_____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
138. up_____d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
139. expansion of the un_____se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
140. sp_____l design *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
141. the ma_____x of Western civilization *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
142. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
143. a do_____rd slope *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level

ANSWERS: 134. violent, 135. involve, 136. suppose, 137. invite, 138. uphold, 139. universe, 140. spiral, 141. matrix, 142. maximum, 143. downward

144. fa____y data *v.* to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect
145. a cultured pe__l *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
146. di____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
147. the fas_____on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
148. di____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
149. omn_____nt ruler *adj.* having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything
150. ch___h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
151. vi____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
152. c__t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

ANSWERS: 144. falsify, 145. pearl, 146. distant, 147. fascination, 148. displace, 149. omnipotent, 150. church, 151. violent, 152. cast

153. br____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
154. she is ma__c *n.* beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers
155. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
156. a beautiful sy____ny *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements
157. co_____nt the issue *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
158. d__n's list *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
159. tra_____ent joy *adj.* going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime
160. a bl__b on a book *n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials

ANSWERS: 153. broaden, 154. magic, 155. background, 156. symphony, 157. confront, 158. dean, 159. transcendent, 160. blurb

161. pe__l beyond price *n.* a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
162. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
163. omn_____nt point of view *adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
164. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
165. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
166. experiential re_____m *n.* the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts
167. deep so___w *n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
168. con_____te a marriage *v.* to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully
169. id_____ze the real *v.* to consider or represent something or somebody as perfect or better than in reality
170. a re_____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

ANSWERS: 161. pearl, 162. core, 163. omniscient, 164. capture, 165. underneath, 166. realism, 167. sorrow, 168. contemplate, 169. idealize, 170. realistic

171. gy__y lifestyle *n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts
172. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
173. ma__h east *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
174. ev__e a sense of awe *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
175. an aw__l error *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
176. app_____ion for diversity *n.* the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time
177. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
178. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

ANSWERS: 171. gypsy, 172. Christ, 173. march, 174. evoke, 175. awful, 176. appreciation, 177. mystery, 178. suppose

179. laws of ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
180. an instrument of to____e *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
181. ae____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
182. a fr____onal share of the vote *n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers
183. the court se____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
184. not nec____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
185. cast gl____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
186. tra____re a landscape *v.* to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent
187. optical il____on *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
188. pos____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
189. 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

ANSWERS: 179. physics, 180. torture, 181. aesthetic, 182. fraction, 183. session, 184. necessarily, 185. glamorous, 186. transfigure, 187. illusion, 188. possibility, 189. metaphor

190. rapt in fas_____on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
191. a remarkable ach_____nt *n.* a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
192. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
193. website bl__b *n.* a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials
194. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
195. con_____ion of capitalism *n.* the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial
196. tot_____ian state *adj.* of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
197. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
198. acc_____lly coincide *adv.* by chance or without planning
199. draw out your ap___l *n.* a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

ANSWERS: 190. fascination, 191. achievement, 192. involve, 193. blurb, 194. edit, 195. contradiction, 196. totalitarian, 197. row, 198. accidentally, 199. appeal

200. the r__r gate *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
201. a to_____e chamber *n.* the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
202. electrical c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
203. pi___t sign *n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
204. dr_____ze the dialogue *v.* to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play
205. enter vi___n territory *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
206. plenty of in_____or space *n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
207. nuclear ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions

ANSWERS: 200. rear, 201. torture, 202. cord, 203. picket, 204. dramatize, 205. virgin, 206. interior, 207. physics

208. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
209. perfect ut____a *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
210. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
211. st_____e the design *v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one
212. made a great ma_____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
213. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
214. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
215. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
216. gy__y culture *n.* (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts

ANSWERS: 208. manipulate, 209. utopia, 210. grace, 211. stylize, 212. maneuver, 213. confront, 214. extreme, 215. encouraging, 216. gypsy

217. receive a na__y surprise *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
218. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
219. g__b for potatoes *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
220. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
221. barren st___e *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
222. st__n the carpet *v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove
223. un___l a monument *v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
224. a craft un__n *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 217. nasty, 218. technique, 219. grub, 220. association, 221. steppe, 222. stain, 223. unveil, 224. union

225. tre_____us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
226. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
227. di_____d necklace *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
228. unaffected by sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
229. learning cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
230. eff_____ss beauty *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
231. tra_____re the appearance *v.* to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent
232. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
233. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
234. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

ANSWERS: 225. tremendous, 226. invention, 227. diamond, 228. self-interest, 229. curve, 230. effortless, 231. transfigure, 232. possibility, 233. principle, 234. alien

235. de___e with false promises *v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
236. have more re____m *n.* the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts
237. the event ho____n of a black hole *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
238. att____ve opportunity *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
239. br____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
240. political id____gy *n.* a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on
241. tra____nt skin *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
242. business ho____n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
243. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 235. delude, 236. realism, 237. horizon, 238. attractive, 239. brilliant, 240. ideology, 241. translucent, 242. horizon, 243. doll

244. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
245. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
246. a ut___a for an engineer *n.* an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity
247. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
248. tra_____nt glass *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
249. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
250. skydiving st__t *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

ANSWERS: 244. stack, 245. cult, 246. utopia, 247. steel, 248. translucent, 249. incredibly, 250. stunt

251. di____d ring *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
252. ac____e knowledge *v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
253. an a__h-shaped stone structure *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
254. 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
255. a precise def____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
256. electronic ap____ce *n.* a device or machine, usually powered by electricity or fuel, designed for a specific function or task, typically used in the home or workplace, such as a refrigerator, oven, or washing machine
257. cross the pi____t line *n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters

ANSWERS: 251. diamond, 252. acquire, 253. arch, 254. metaphor, 255. definition, 256. appliance, 257. picket

258. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
259. c__t a ballot *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
260. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
261. tr_____nd boundaries *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
262. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
263. r__r children *adj.* at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
264. fa_____y documents *v.* to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect
265. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
266. non-fi_____al text *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
267. 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

ANSWERS: 258. nation, 259. cast, 260. capture, 261. transcend, 262. firm, 263. rear, 264. falsify, 265. entirely, 266. fictional, 267. quotation

268. ev__e sympathy *v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind
269. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
270. de_____on in advertising *n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action
271. feeling omn_____nt *adj.* having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything
272. ID card *n.* a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card
273. tr_____il retreat *adj.* peaceful, calm, and free from disturbance or agitation; without stress or anxiety; serene or restful
274. the il_____on of being in the forest *n.* a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
275. tr_____rt facilities *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
276. no___n of success *n.* a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

ANSWERS: 268. evoke, 269. era, 270. deception, 271. omnipotent, 272. id, 273. tranquil, 274. illusion, 275. transport, 276. notion

277. dull com_____on	<i>n.</i> the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
278. nec_____ly true	<i>adv.</i> in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
279. as_____te alcohol with gambling	<i>v.</i> to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
280. ind_____us worker	<i>adj.</i> hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
281. an ac_____ic discussion	<i>adj.</i> associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
282. ad___e kids with attitude	<i>v.</i> to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
283. co_____e augmented reality	<i>v.</i> to join or merge to form a single thing or group
284. gr__d bargain	<i>adj.</i> important and large in size, scope, or extent
285. attract br__d attention	<i>adj.</i> very wide; general
286. in_____or decoration	<i>n.</i> the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building
287. nontechnical as___ts of the job	<i>n.</i> one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
288. ap_____ce store	<i>n.</i> a device or machine, usually powered by electricity or fuel, designed for a specific function or task, typically used in the home or workplace, such as a refrigerator, oven, or washing machine

ANSWERS: 277. complexion, 278. necessarily, 279. associate, 280. industrious, 281. academic, 282. admire, 283. combine, 284. grand, 285. broad, 286. interior, 287. aspect, 288. appliance

289. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
290. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
291. sy___l for happiness *n.* something visible that is used to represent something else
292. po_____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
293. sp___l staircase *n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around
294. de___e the public *v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
295. unsolved my_____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
296. ga___e repair *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
297. a do_____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
298. pa_____n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

ANSWERS: 289. literally, 290. church, 291. symbol, 292. portrait, 293. spiral, 294. delude, 295. mystery, 296. garage, 297. domestic, 298. passion

299. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
300. he____en emotions *v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify
301. a po____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
302. pearl ne____ce *n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached
303. a tra____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
304. ind____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
305. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
306. sim____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
307. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
308. sa__t statue *n.* a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion

ANSWERS: 299. fan, 300. heighten, 301. portrait, 302. necklace, 303. transparent, 304. industrious, 305. curve, 306. simultaneously, 307. critic, 308. saint

309. non-Marxist so_____sm *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
310. op___e color *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
311. access to public tr_____rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
312. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
313. downtown sk_____e *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance
314. op___e material *adj.* not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view
315. be___g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
316. ma__h against the war *v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
317. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 309. socialism, 310. opaque, 311. transport, 312. principle, 313. skyline, 314. opaque, 315. belong, 316. march, 317. domestic

318. ill_____te a dark hall *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
319. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
320. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
321. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
322. inc_____ble scales *adj.* not able to be measured or compared because of a lack of common standard or unit of measurement; unable to be reasonably evaluated or judged against one another
323. a co__c hat *adj.* funny and making you laugh
324. a fa_____us price *adj.* extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories
325. ne_____nd vendor *n.* a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items
326. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
327. masculine ch__m *n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

ANSWERS: 318. illuminate, 319. admire, 320. grace, 321. transparent, 322. incommensurable, 323. comic, 324. fabulous, 325. newsstand, 326. glamorous, 327. charm

328. thin-and-light la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
329. study arc_____ral engineering *adj.* of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures
330. art_____al flowers *adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
331. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
332. co__c books *adj.* funny and making you laugh
333. st__l beam *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
334. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
335. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
336. e__t a history book *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
337. the queen's co_____ers *n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

ANSWERS: 328. laptop, 329. architectural, 330. artificial, 331. manipulate, 332. comic, 333. steel, 334. individual, 335. religion, 336. edit, 337. courtier

338. appearances are de_____ve *adj.* tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
339. a scholarship ass_____on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
340. show ge_____e regret *adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed
341. wi__h hunt *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
342. 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
343. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
344. tr_____nd limits *v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
345. for_____nd segmentation *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
346. a sy_____ny orchestra *n.* a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

ANSWERS: 338. deceptive, 339. association, 340. genuine, 341. witch, 342. fence, 343. row, 344. transcend, 345. foreground, 346. symphony

347. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
348. a house with m_d cons *n.* a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers
349. dr_____ze the event *v.* to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play
350. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
351. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
352. gl_____y violence *v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
353. for_____nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
354. co__h several times *v.* to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound

ANSWERS: 347. associate, 348. mod, 349. dramatize, 350. portray, 351. firm, 352. glorify, 353. foreground, 354. cough

355. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
356. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
357. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
358. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
359. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
360. uni_____on process *n.* the act of bringing together or joining into one
361. the a__h of a person's foot *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
362. beetle up the st_____se *n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side
363. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 355. individual, 356. equivalent, 357. Renaissance, 358. nation, 359. fan, 360. unification, 361. arch, 362. staircase, 363. process

364. planned ge____y *n.* a place or means of escape or retreat; a vacation or trip taken to escape one's everyday routine or environment; a successful escape from danger or capture
365. spinal c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
366. the rise of so_____sm *n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
367. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
368. re___l secrets *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
369. flattering co_____er *n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power
370. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

ANSWERS: 364. getaway, 365. cord, 366. socialism, 367. aspect, 368. reveal, 369. courtier, 370. mysterious

371. omn_____nt being *adj.* having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
372. surgical ins_____nts *n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
373. high pu____y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
374. bring my la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
375. st____e climate *n.* a vast, wide, and usually treeless plain, typically found in semi-arid or arid regions, characterized by fertile soil and grassy vegetation, often used for grazing livestock; an expansive and open grassland ecosystem found in Eurasia and North America
376. the m__h of an old religion *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
377. material sel_____est *n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others
378. sp____h water *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force

ANSWERS: 371. omniscient, 372. instrument, 373. purity, 374. laptop, 375. steppe, 376. myth, 377. self-interest, 378. splash

379. wi__h trial *n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft
380. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
381. li_____l understanding *adj.* adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning
382. gl_____y god *v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position
383. bank and credit un__ns *n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together
384. get r_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
385. fi_____al character *adj.* imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
386. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
387. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 379. witch, 380. Christ, 381. literal, 382. glorify, 383. union, 384. rid, 385. fictional, 386. modern, 387. Renaissance

388. vi___n material *n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
389. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
390. st__t brain growth *n.* a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense
391. cook up some g__bs *n.* the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
392. sp___h everywhere *v.* to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force
393. eff_____ss victory *adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
394. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
395. re___l a plan *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
396. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 388. virgin, 389. entrepreneur, 390. stunt, 391. grub, 392. splash, 393. effortless, 394. myth, 395. reveal, 396. identify

397. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
398. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
399. ill_____te my understanding *v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity
400. 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
401. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
402. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
403. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
404. online dic_____ry *n.* a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
405. att_____ve men *adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
406. maintain do_____rd compatibility *adj.* moving towards a lower position or a lower level
407. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 397. mysterious, 398. stack, 399. illuminate, 400. literally, 401. identify, 402. fantastic, 403. era, 404. dictionary, 405. attractive, 406. downward, 407. process

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The novel is _____ and tragic.
adj. funny and making you laugh
2. Her skincare routine paid off, as her _____ was glowing and healthy-looking.
n. the natural color, texture, and appearance of a person's skin, especially their face
3. Parliament is now in _____.
n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
4. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
5. The city's central square has a _____ kiosk that sells international newspapers and magazines.
n. a small retail establishment where newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals are sold, often along with snacks, cigarettes, and other items
6. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
7. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.
v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 1. comic, 2. complexion, 3. session, 4. incredibly, 5. newsstand, 6. mysterious, 7. rid

8. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
9. 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
10. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
11. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.
- adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
12. The death of her best friend filled her with _____.
- n.* a feeling of deep sadness, grief, or regret, especially for something lost or ending
13. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
14. Hydrogen and oxygen _____ to form water.
- v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
15. Religious leaders often _____ their messengers to encourage people to follow their teachings.
- v.* to praise or honor something or someone, often in an exaggerated or overly positive way; to elevate or exalt something or someone to a higher status or position

ANSWERS: 8. critics, 9. metaphors, 10. cult, 11. glamorous, 12. sorrow, 13. photograph, 14. combine, 15. glorify

16. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

17. The philosophical debate centered around the concept of _____ values.

adj. not able to be measured or compared because of a lack of common standard or unit of measurement; unable to be reasonably evaluated or judged against one another

18. We had a _____ time yesterday.

adj. very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

19. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

20. The _____ style of the building was a mix of modern and traditional.

adj. of or relating to the design and construction of buildings and other structures and the features and style of such structures

21. The _____ beauty of the Grand Canyon took his breath away.

adj. going beyond the limits of ordinary experience or knowledge; surpassing the usual or expected; exalted or sublime

22. The _____ of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

ANSWERS: 16. Christmas, 17. incommensurable, 18. tremendous, 19. background, 20. architectural, 21. transcendent, 22. skyline

23. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.
adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
24. The kitchen _____ stopped working, so I had to call for a repair.
n. a device or machine, usually powered by electricity or fuel, designed for a specific function or task, typically used in the home or workplace, such as a refrigerator, oven, or washing machine
25. The film _____ the victory of the war.
v. to consider or represent something or somebody as perfect or better than in reality
26. The dragon is considered a _____ of bravery.
n. something visible that is used to represent something else
27. An _____ narrator knows everything about the story and the characters.
adj. having complete or unlimited knowledge, awareness, or understanding
28. The _____ is about 13.8 billion years old.
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
29. The weather turned _____.
adj. very bad, unpleasant, or offensive
30. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

ANSWERS: 23. academic, 24. appliance, 25. idealizes, 26. symbol, 27. omniscient, 28. universe, 29. nasty, 30. equivalent

31. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
32. The garden was infested with beetle _____ causing damage to the plant roots.
n. the larval stage of an insect, particularly beetles, butterflies, or flies; food, especially in the form of unappetizing or unappealing cooked dishes; (verb) to dig or search diligently and laboriously
33. The politician's statements were found to be _____ and not based on fact.
adj. tending to mislead or deceive either deliberately or inadvertently; causing one to believe what is not true or fail to believe what is true
34. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent
35. The waiter wore a freshly pressed _____ to serve at the upscale restaurant.
n. (also "tux") a formal suit of clothing for men, typically consisting of a black jacket with satin lapels and trousers with a stripe down the side, worn with a bow tie
36. I need to purchase a new English _____.
n. a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words and their definitions, as well as information about their origins, usage, and pronunciation
37. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.
n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
38. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.
n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

ANSWERS: 31. portray, 32. grubs, 33. deceptive, 34. grand, 35. tuxedo, 36. dictionary, 37. doll, 38. passion

39. A happy group of friends occupies the _____ of the picture.
- n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
40. The farmer built a _____ fence around his garden to keep the animals out.
- n.* a pointed wooden or metal stake driven into the ground used as a support or for marking an area or boundary; a group of people, typically strikers or protestors, stationed or moving around in front of a workplace, government building, or other location, to demonstrate opposition or to pick up supporters
41. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
42. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
43. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
44. He studied the _____ of radiation.
- n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
45. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
- v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
46. The politician was accused of _____ for making false promises during his campaign.
- n.* the act of misleading or tricking someone, often by creating a false impression or concealing the truth; a fraudulent or dishonest action

ANSWERS: 39. foreground, 40. picket, 41. belong, 42. hero, 43. invention, 44. physics, 45. suppose, 46. deception

47. The mountain was _____ with snow.

v. to cause liquid to scatter in irregular drops, especially with force

48. I regretted making an _____ mistake in my final exam.

adj. causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant

49. The artist received a lot of _____ for his latest work.

n. the act of recognizing and valuing the worth or importance of something or someone; gratitude or thankfulness; an increase in value over time

50. The daredevil attempted a dangerous _____ by jumping off a tall building with a parachute.

n. a feat or action that is often dangerous or difficult, designed to attract attention or admiration; something that blocks or impedes growth or development; (verb) to hinder or impede growth or development, especially in a physical or mental sense

51. The ____ for the video game added new features and improved gameplay.

n. a modification or alteration, typically one made to improve something or increase its functionality; a British teenager or young adult in the 1960s, noted for their clothes consciousness and opposition to the rockers

52. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

53. Thank you for inviting such a _____ party tonight.

adj. extremely pleasing or good; based on or told of in traditional stories

54. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

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

ANSWERS: 47. splashed, 48. awful, 49. appreciation, 50. stunt, 51. mod, 52. violent, 53. fabulous, 54. church

55. _____ design has become more focused on human nature aspect than ever before.
adj. of or relating to or resulting from industry
56. She used the online _____ to find the perfect pair of earrings for her sister's birthday.
n. a complete list of items, often including technical details and prices
57. The player quickly went to the _____ side of the defender.
adj. at, toward, or near the back part of something; (verb) to look after a child until it is an adult
58. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling _____.
n. a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
59. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
60. 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
61. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.
n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
62. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

ANSWERS: 55. Industrial, 56. catalog, 57. rear, 58. diamond, 59. achieve, 60. quotation, 61. steel, 62. domestic

63. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

64. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

65. Your spinal _____ is located deep within your body.

n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

66. Despite the intense verbal abuse, she _____ her anger well.

v. to prevent something from being seen, found, observed, or discovered

67. The team's _____ in the championship resulted from their hard work and dedication.

n. a great victory or achievement

68. The curtains were made of _____ fabric that blocked out all light.

adj. not transparent; not allowing light to pass through; not permitting a clear view

69. The artist used the _____ of the glass to create a beautiful stained-glass window.

n. the quality of being translucent; the ability of a material to allow light to pass through but not clearly enough to distinguish objects on the other side

70. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the _____ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

n. the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

ANSWERS: 63. extreme, 64. confront, 65. cord, 66. concealed, 67. triumph, 68. opaque, 69. translucence, 70. horizon,

71. The leaves of the fern were arranged in a _____ pattern.

- n.* a curve that coils around a central point and gets progressively farther away from it as it goes around

72. That story was so _____ and it was scary.

- adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve

73. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

- adv.* completely

74. The company's donation was undoubtedly motivated by _____.

- n.* the fact or action of only considering their own interests and of not caring about others

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

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

76. She received a beautiful _____ from her grandmother as a birthday gift.

- n.* a piece of jewelry that is worn around the neck, typically consisting of a chain or cord with a pendant, charms, or beads attached

77. This accident _____ a dark shadow over their lives.

- v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process

78. The trade _____ remained adamant about its demands.

- n.* a group of employees who have banded together to advocate for their rights and better their working conditions; the act or the state of joining together or being joined together

ANSWERS: 71. spiral, 72. realistic, 73. entirely, 74. self-interest, 75. laptop, 76. necklace, 77. cast, 78. union

79. I looked at the painting in _____.

- n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

80. She had her portrait _____ to remove blemishes.

- v.* to touch up or make small changes to a photograph, painting, or other images using digital or manual tools

81. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

- adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

82. The _____ job was to advise the king on politics and diplomacy.

- n.* a person who is a member of a royal court, particularly one who has a close and influential role in the court's affairs; a person who seeks favor or recognition from those in positions of authority or power

83. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.

- v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

84. Many people in the medieval period believed in _____ and their ability to cast spells.

- n.* a person, typically a woman, who is believed to have magic powers and practices witchcraft

85. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

- adj.* extremely good; excellent

86. Is this painting _____ or forged?

- adj.* real and exactly; not pretended; sincerely felt or expressed

ANSWERS: 79. fascination, 80. retouched, 81. aesthetic, 82. courtier's, 83. uphold, 84. witches, 85. fantastic, 86. genuine

87. I'm a big ____ of French food.

- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

88. The allegations of corruption _____ her reputation, and she struggled to regain public trust.

- v.* to discolor, defile, or tarnish something; (noun) a discoloration or dirty mark on a surface that is difficult to remove

89. In this class, we learn the basic _____ of the plane.

- n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

90. These are significantly more exquisite than typical ____ bracelets.

- n.* the power or quality of pleasing or fascinating people

91. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

- adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

92. 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

93. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's _____.

- n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

94. The painter focused on the moody _____ of abandoned buildings in his work.

- n.* the inside or inner part of something; the space within the walls of a building

ANSWERS: 87. fan, 88. stained, 89. maneuver, 90. charm, 91. distant, 92. process, 93. portrait, 94. interiors

95. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
96. The names of the company are entirely _____.
adj. imaginary and not real; of or related to literary fiction
97. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
n. one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
98. 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
99. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.
n. a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
100. 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
101. The faithful follower venerated the _____ relic.
n. a person who is recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, virtue, or devotion
102. Looking out over the _____ lake, I felt at peace.
adj. peaceful, calm, and free from disturbance or agitation; without stress or anxiety; serene or restful
103. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.
n. a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

ANSWERS: 95. maximum, 96. fictional, 97. aspects, 98. definition, 99. association, 100. manipulate, 101. saint's, 102. tranquil, 103. renaissance

104. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

105. The _____ intelligence system has revolutionized the way we live and work.

adj. not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something

106. The police are still searching for the suspect's _____ vehicle.

n. a place or means of escape or retreat; a vacation or trip taken to escape one's everyday routine or environment; a successful escape from danger or capture

107. The company's CEO was seen as _____ making all major decisions without consulting anyone.

adj. having unlimited power or authority; able to do anything or control everything

108. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

109. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar ____.

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

110. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.

adj. easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely

111. His statement was filled with _____ that made it difficult to take seriously.

n. the assertion of the opposite of what has been said; opposition; denial

ANSWERS: 104. stack, 105. artificial, 106. getaway, 107. omnipotent, 108. curve, 109. era, 110. transparent, 111. contradictions

112. Racial equality is an integral part of democratic _____.

n. a set of beliefs or philosophies that an economic or political system is based on

113. I always wear _____ outside to protect my eyes from the sun's harmful rays.

n. a pair of darkened glasses worn to protect the eyes from harsh sunlight or glare

114. The concept of _____ is often viewed as an impossible or unrealistic goal, as it goes beyond what is currently possible.

n. an ideal and perfect society in which all social and political problems have been solved, and all members live in harmony and prosperity

115. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.

adv. at the same time

116. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.

v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

117. The invention of the camera changed the course of painting in pursuing _____.

n. the attitude or behavior of accepting circumstances as they are and being prepared to deal with them accordingly; (in arts) the general attempt to depict subjects truthfully in different forms of the arts

118. Higher _____ requires additional equipment and energy.

n. the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

ANSWERS: 112. ideology, 113. sunglasses, 114. utopia, 115. simultaneously, 116. involves, 117. realism, 118. purity

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

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

120. With the financial bubble bursting, the _____ of economic growth in investment banking collapsed.

- n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people

121. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.

- n.* a chance that something may happen or be true

122. 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

123. This accident was something that happened _____.

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

124. I forgot my _____ at home and needed it to enter the club.

- n.* a part of the psyche that represents the unconscious desires and instincts of an individual; in psychoanalytic theory, it is believed to be the most basic and primal part of the human psyche; (also ID, short for identification) a document or card that proves a person's identity, such as a driver's license, passport, or national ID card

ANSWERS: 119. steppe, 120. myth, 121. possibility, 122. traffic, 123. necessarily, 124. ID

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

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

126. The stock market has been in a _____ trend for the past month.

adj. moving towards a lower position or a lower level

127. Enhanced rail _____ is crucial for our business.

n. a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on

128. He performed _____ tricks with sophisticated moves.

n. beliefs and actions employed to influence supernatural beings and forces; any art or performance that invokes supernatural powers

129. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

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

130. 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

131. The frequent performances of the _____ prove its popularity.

n. a long musical composition in Western classical music for orchestra, usually with three or four main parts called movements

132. Actuators convert _____ pulses into motion.

adj. relating to electricity

ANSWERS: 125. brilliant, 126. downward, 127. transportation, 128. magic, 129. principle, 130. literally, 131. symphony, 132. electrical

133. He was _____ killed by friendly fire.

adv. by chance or without planning

134. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

135. He needed to resolve the problem as soon as possible, so he made an _____ directly.

n. a serious, earnest, or urgent request for money, information, or help; a quality that makes somebody or something attractive or interest

136. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

137. The university's _____ was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.

n. a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

138. The hotel's staff is very _____ and efficient.

adj. enjoyable, attractive, friendly, or agreeable

139. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

140. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

ANSWERS: 133. accidentally, 134. associate, 135. appeal, 136. extent, 137. dean, 138. pleasant, 139. tips, 140. invite

141. This electronic _____ is required to undergo periodic inspections to ensure precision.
- n.* an object used to make musical sounds, such as a piano, guitar, or drum; a tool or device used for a specific activity, particularly in specialist or scientific work
142. It is easy to _____ yourself into thinking everything is fine when it's not.
- v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
143. The company plans to _____ its new product at the trade show next week.
- v.* to reveal or make something publicly known, especially for the first time
144. Children _____ language at a fantastic rate.
- v.* to buy or obtain something such as an asset, object, knowledge, etc., for oneself
145. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
- n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
146. I can't stop _____ and think I might have caught a cold.
- v.* to expel air from the lungs suddenly and noisily, often as a reaction to irritation, illness, or some other physical condition; (noun) a sudden, forceful expulsion of air from the lungs, often accompanied by a distinctive sound
147. That biologist _____ the mechanism of heredity.
- v.* to light something or to make something lighter or brighter; to make something free from confusion or ambiguity

ANSWERS: 141. instrument, 142. delude, 143. unveil, 144. acquire, 145. mystery, 146. coughing, 147. illuminated

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

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

149. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.

- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

150. He parked his car in the private _____.

- n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

151. The company _____ its product line to include more customer options.

- v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

152. She walked urgently down the emergency _____.

- n.* a set of stairs inside a building, usually with posts and bars that are fixed at the side

153. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

154. He spent only a _____ of his earnings.

- n.* a small part or item forming a piece of a whole; the quotient of two rational numbers

155. This movie is likely to _____ strong emotions in the viewer.

- v.* to bring or recall a feeling, memory, or image into your mind

ANSWERS: 148. heightened, 149. technique, 150. garage, 151. broadened, 152. staircase, 153. identify, 154. fraction, 155. evoke

156. Her _____ interpretation of the text caused her to miss the deeper meaning behind the author's words.
adj. adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning
157. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
n. the most essential or fundamental part of something
158. The ____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
159. The detective carefully _____ the true identity of the murderer.
v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
160. The book jacket included a captivating _____ that instantly grabbing the reader's attention.
n. a short description or promotional piece of writing that provides a summary or highlights of a book, film, or other product; often included on the cover or promotional materials
161. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
162. The office's _____ network allows employees to work from anywhere in the building.
adj. of or relating a connection or communication that does not require a physical wire or cable, often through the use of radio waves or electromagnetic signals

ANSWERS: 156. literal, 157. cores, 158. firm, 159. revealed, 160. blurb, 161. capture, 162. wireless

163. He could no longer tell the difference between _____ and reality.
n. a false idea or belief, especially about somebody or about a situation
164. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.
v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
165. The government was criticized for having a _____ regime.
adj. of or relating to a system of government in which a single political party has complete control and power
166. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.
v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
167. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.
n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
168. The store sells a wide range of porcelain _____ including plates, bowls, and mugs.
n. goods or merchandise that are offered for sale, typically referring to items that are produced in large quantities, such as kitchenware, software, and hardware
169. The use of _____ is strictly prohibited under international law.
n. the act of causing intense pain or suffering to someone to punish them, extract information from them, or for some other reason
170. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 163. illusion, 164. admire, 165. totalitarian, 166. edit, 167. grace, 168. ware, 169. torture, 170. displace

171. 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
172. The professor held a seminar on the principles of democratic _____ and its impact on modern European countries.
- n.* a political and economic theory or system that advocates for the collective ownership and control of the means of production and distribution of goods, aiming for a more equitable and just society; a system that aims to reduce economic inequalities and prioritize the welfare of the community as a whole
173. The growth of the "sharing economy" is _____ for tech companies.
- adj.* immensely appealing in look or sound; having characteristics or qualities that make something appealing and valuable
174. Within a few years, no _____ forests will remain.
- n.* a person who has never had sex; (adjective) being used or worked for the first time
175. The troops _____ shoulder-to-shoulder.
- v.* to walk militarily with stiff, regular steps
176. The media tends to _____ news stories to attract more viewers.
- v.* to present or portray something in a way that emphasizes its dramatic or emotional aspects; to make something into a drama or play
177. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 171. fence, 172. socialism, 173. attractive, 174. virgin, 175. marched, 176. dramatize, 177. individual,

178. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

179. I recently _____ dropping out of school and getting a full-time job.

v. to think about a possible future action or to think about something for a long time thoughtfully

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

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

181. The _____ of time travel has long fascinated scientists and fiction writers alike.

n. a general idea or understanding of something, particularly an abstract or complex concept; a belief or opinion, often one that is not based on solid evidence or facts

182. The government plans to _____ the tax collection process to make it more efficient.

v. to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps

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

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

184. The _____ caravan traveled from town to town, never staying in one place for too long.

n. (the word "gypsy" is considered pejorative by many within the Romani community) the Romani people, an ethnic group originating from the Indian subcontinent, who migrated to Europe around the 14th century, known for their nomadic or semi-nomadic lifestyle and they have a rich cultural heritage including music, dance, and traditional crafts

ANSWERS: 178. broad, 179. contemplated, 180. nation, 181. notion, 182. streamline, 183. Alien, 184. gypsy

185. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.
- n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
186. The music _____ cultural barriers and reached audiences globally.
- v.* to rise above or go beyond the limits of something
187. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
188. The dancer made her performance look _____ and graceful.
- adj.* requiring little or no effort; not difficult or strenuous; easy to accomplish
189. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.
- adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
190. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
- n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
191. Terrorists often attempt to _____ the economic impact of their acts of destruction.
- v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
192. She wore a colorful-_____ scarf.
- v.* to show, do, or represent something according to a particular style, especially a conventional one

ANSWERS: 185. matrix, 186. transcended, 187. religion, 188. effortless, 189. encouraging, 190. spectrum, 191. magnify, 192. stylized

193. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
194. The _____ of the country was a long and difficult process.
n. the act of bringing together or joining into one
195. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.
n. an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
196. The magical spell was able to _____ the prince into a frog.
v. to change the appearance or form of something completely to make it appear more beautiful or magnificent
197. She wore a _____ necklace passed down to her from her grandmother.
n. a hard, roundish object found within the shells of certain mollusks and used as a gem
198. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
199. The penny fell _____ the piano.
adv. under or below something else
200. This _____ has never been formally accepted.
n. a thing that someone has accomplished, primarily through their effort and ability
201. The scientist was caught attempting to _____ the results of the study.
v. to alter or manipulate information, data, or evidence to deceive or mislead; to prove to be false or incorrect

ANSWERS: 193. industrious, 194. unification, 195. row, 196. transfigure, 197. pearl, 198. modern, 199. underneath, 200. achievement, 201. falsify

202. The _____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

203. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

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

204. The sunlight shone through the _____ curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

adj. allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent

ANSWERS: 202. arch, 203. Entrepreneurs, 204. translucent