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Session 1: Word List

splendid

adj. very impressive or beautiful; magnificent

synonym : magnificent, grand, impressive

(1) a **splendid** meal, (2) have a **splendid** time

The **splendid** palace was built in the 18th century.

funeral

n. a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died

synonym : burial, memorial, ceremony

(1) **funeral** arrangements, (2) **funeral** service

The somber **funeral** procession went through the streets, with mourners walking behind the hearse.

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.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

quaint

adj. attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner

synonym: charming, picturesque, eccentric

(1) **quaint** village, (2) **quaint** cottage

The **quaint** old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.

accent

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

synonym: articulation, inflection, pronunciation

(1) a foreign **accent**, (2) put the **accent** on comfort
She has a thick southern **accent**.

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**.

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym: feeble, nuanced, subtle

(1) feel a **slight** concern, (2) **slight** increase

We made **slight** modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

- jar** *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
synonym: container, vessel, pot
(1) a **jar** of jam, (2) a water **jar**
He placed the coins in a **jar** to save for a trip.
- mustang** *n.* a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament
(1) a group of **mustangs**, (2) saddle up his trusty **mustang**
The wild **mustang** galloped across the open plains, its mane flowing in the wind.
- creature** *n.* a living being, especially an animal
synonym: being, animal, organism
(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**
The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
- biology** *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**
In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.
- theorem** *n.* a statement or proposition that can be demonstrated or proved to be true, typically by logical or mathematical reasoning
synonym: proof, proposition, formula
(1) corollary **theorem**, (2) Pythagorean **theorem**
Gödel's incompleteness **theorems** prove the limitations of formal systems, including mathematical ones.
- evolution** *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
synonym: elaboration, expansion, transition
(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

professional

adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

synonym: skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

universal

adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone

synonym: common, broad, worldwide

(1) **universal** life, (2) principles of **universal** design

The picture earned near- **universal** acclaim from critics.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym: neglect, disregard, shun

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

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

arouse

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

synonym: excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

hostility

n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

synonym: antagonism, antipathy, estrangement

(1) an act of **hostility**, (2) bitter **hostility**

Her unconcealed **hostility** made us unpleasant.

Darwinism

n. the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment

synonym : evolution, natural selection

(1) digital **Darwinism**, (2) economic **Darwinism**

The concept of Social **Darwinism** was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.

contemporary

adj. belonging to the same or present time

synonym : modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

Contemporary music has gained different followers from existing music.

allegedly

adv. according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly

synonym : supposedly, reputedly

(1) **allegedly** guilty, (2) **allegedly** behind the plot

He **allegedly** stole money from the company.

intelligent

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

synonym : brilliant, clever, competent

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

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

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.

christen

v. to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church

synonym : baptize, name, initiate

(1) **christen** a child, (2) **christen** the baby at the baptism

The newborn baby was **christened** in a ceremony at the church.

advisedly

adv. done with careful consideration or thought; deliberately or intentionally

synonym : deliberately, purposely, intentionally

(1) consider **advisedly**, (2) speak **advisedly**

He **advisedly** chose not to take any risks before the important exam.

tactical

adj. relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness

synonym : strategic, calculated, planned

(1) **tactical** decision, (2) **tactical** move

The army used **tactical** maneuvers to gain an advantage in battle.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

theorist

n. a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation

synonym : philosopher, academic, scholar

(1) scientific **theorist**, (2) conspiracy **theorist**

The feminist **theorist** criticized traditional models of gender roles and argued for greater equality between the sexes.

refute

v. to say or prove that something is wrong or false

synonym: disavow, rebut, counter

(1) **refute** an opponent, (2) **refute** the foolish idea

The latest experimental results have **refuted** the previous speculation.

lobby

n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

synonym: entrance, hall, anteroom

(1) **lobby** for legislation, (2) a hotel **lobby**

That **lobby** group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

coordinate

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

synonym: organize, harmonize, ordinate

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

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

behalf

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

synonym: benefit, advantage, favor

(1) on **behalf** of our management, (2) on his own **behalf**

I gave witness on her **behalf**.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym: disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

dare

v. to have the courage to do something

synonym: challenge, risk, attempt

(1) **dare** not go, (2) **dare** to take risks

I wouldn't **dare** to speak to him like that.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

atheist

n. a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) **atheist** community, (2) **atheist** belief

She was an **atheist** without any belief in a higher power.

creationist

n. a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes

(1) **creationist** claim, (2) **creationist** theory

The old-earth **creationist** believed God created the universe and all life on earth.

coherent

adj. logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

synonym: logical, consistent, clear

(1) a **coherent** explanation, (2) create a **coherent** system

His writing was well-structured and **coherent**.

phobia

n. an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder

synonym: fear, dread, terror

(1) **phobia** treatment, (2) social **phobia**

She has a **phobia** of spiders and always avoids them.

atheism

n. the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
synonym : non-belief, disbelief, godlessness

(1) militant **atheism**, (2) **atheism** in philosophy

The convention was a gathering of thinkers discussing **atheism** in contemporary society.

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.

larceny

n. the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft
synonym : theft, robbery, stealing

(1) grand **larceny**, (2) commit **larceny**

The suspect was charged with **larceny** for stealing valuable artwork.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education
synonym : knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

(1) **educated** adult, (2) **educated** speech

Excellent speech is a characteristic of an **educated** man.

theologian

n. an expert or student who studies theology
synonym : clergyperson, philosopher, scholar

(1) Swedish **theologian**, (2) great **theologians**

Death gets more than its share of attention from **theologians**.

papal

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
synonym : pontifical, papistic, apostolical

(1) **papal** authority, (2) **papal** visit

The **papal** palace was a grand and imposing structure.

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.

mill

n. a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

synonym : grinder, pulverizer, crusher

(1) **mill** flour, (2) water **mill**

The **mill's** work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

devout

adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety

synonym : pious, religious, faithful

(1) **devout** Buddhist, (2) act in a **devout** manner

The **devout** monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.

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.

godsend

n. something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial

synonym : blessing, gift, windfall

(1) **godsend** opportunity, (2) a **godsend** for farmers

The extra funding for the project was a **godsend** and allowed us to complete it on time.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym : disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

tantamount

adj. equivalent in value, significance, or effect to something else; virtually equal to or interchangeable with something else

synonym : equivalent, equal, identical

(1) **tantamount** to impossible, (2) **tantamount** to treason

His behavior is **tantamount** to bullying and will not be tolerated.

fundamental

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

synonym : basic, essential, entire

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

Human behavior has **fundamental** characteristics.

hostile

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

synonym : unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

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.

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.

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.

corrosive

adj. having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

synonym : destructive, erosive, caustic

(1) **corrosive** substance, (2) **corrosive** effect

The **corrosive** acid ate away at the metal pipes.

faith

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

synonym : belief, trust, confidence

(1) religious **faith**, (2) **faith** in government

He kept his robust **faith** in his company.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym : expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym : comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market
The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
synonym: refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle
Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

choir

n. a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

synonym: chorus, ensemble, club

(1) quintet **choir**, (2) **choir** performance

The gospel **choir** sang beautifully at the church service.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

militant

n. willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

synonym: combative, aggressive, bellicose

(1) **militant** nations, (2) a **militant** reformer

The **militant** group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

negative

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

synonym: minus, adverse, pessimistic

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

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

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage
They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym : developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

enthrall

v. to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

synonym : captivate, charm, fascinate

(1) **enthrall** with beauty, (2) **enthrall** the reader

The magician's illusions always managed to **enthrall** the audience.

precise

adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited

synonym : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

atheistic

adj. pertaining to or characterized by atheism, which is the belief or doctrine that there is no God or higher power

synonym: godless, nonreligious, irreligious

(1) **atheistic** beliefs, (2) **atheistic** approach

The author's **atheistic** views were evident in her writing, where she denounced the existence of a higher power.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

statistics

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

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

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

improbable

adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

synonym: unlikely, doubtful, implausible

(1) **improbable** story, (2) **improbable** event

It is **improbable** that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

capable

adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise

synonym: able, competent, proficient

(1) **capable** worker, (2) **capable** leader

She is highly **capable** of handling multiple tasks at once.

forgiveness

n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

synonym: pardon, amnesty, compassion

(1) **forgiveness** of liabilities, (2) beg for **forgiveness**

He gained debt **forgiveness**.

sin

n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God

synonym: misdeed, guilt, wrong

(1) forgive a **sin**, (2) **sin** of omission

Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide **sins**.

bless

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

synonym: sanctify, consecrate, hallow

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

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

pray

v. to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

synonym: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

disapprove

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

synonym: object, reject, condemn

(1) **disapprove** of the government, (2) publicly **disapprove**

I **disapprove** of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

postulate

v. to suggest or assume the existence, truth, or necessity of something, typically as a basis for reasoning or further investigation

synonym : posit, hypothesize, assume

(1) **postulate** a theory, (2) **postulate** an argument

Scientists **postulate** that gravity plays a major role in the universe's formation.

agent

n. a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously

synonym : representative, delegate, envoy

(1) **agent** system, (2) antidiarrheal **agent**

The FBI **agent** went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.

thereby

adv. as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

synonym : thus, hence, as a result

(1) **thereby-obtained** data, (2) **thereby** improving overall health

The new software will streamline the workflow, **thereby** increasing productivity.

compound

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

synonym : combination, mixture, blend

(1) aquatic **compound**, (2) harmful **compound**

Common salt is a sodium and chlorine **compound**.

stunning

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

synonym : beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure
The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

elegant

adj. pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

synonym: refined, sophisticated, graceful

(1) **elegant** design, (2) write **elegant** sentences
She wore an **elegant** evening gown to the gala.

simplicity

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

synonym: easiness, plainness, modesty

(1) a life of **simplicity**, (2) refined **simplicity**
He liked the car because of the **simplicity** of the design.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same
Essentially, a society is an organism.

ramp

n. a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

synonym: slope, incline, gradient

(1) the **ramp** of a chasm, (2) an exit **ramp**
The wheelchair user needed a **ramp** to access the building's entrance.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym: incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change
The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

increment

n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

synonym : increase, expansion, addendum

(1) steady **incremental** growth, (2) small **increments**

The bid **increment** for this auction is \$100.

elegance

n. the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner

synonym : grace, refinement, poise

(1) austere **elegance**, (2) natural **elegance**

The **elegance** of her dress was breathtaking.

parsimonious

adj. excessively frugal or stingy; unwilling to spend money or resources; extremely economical to the point of being overly cautious

synonym : frugal, stingy, economical

(1) **parsimonious** spender, (2) **parsimonious** lifestyle

The **parsimonious** homeowner diligently saved every penny by reducing energy consumption and conserving water.

economical

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

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

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

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

sinewy

adj. characterized by strong and lean muscles; having well-developed and prominent muscles; tough and strong, often referring to physical strength or appearance

synonym : muscular, strong, lean

(1) **sinewy** tree branches, (2) **sinewy** physique

The bodybuilder's **sinewy** arms showcased his strength and dedication to fitness.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of

an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

suspension

n. the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles

synonym : moratorium, abeyance, break

(1) **suspension** of arms, (2) **suspension** bridge

The court ordered a long-term **suspension** of business.

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.

incapable

adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something

synonym : unable, incompetent, unskilled

(1) drunk and **incapable**, (2) **incapable** of being resisted

He seems **incapable** of understanding what she says.

tactics

n. the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

synonym : strategy, maneuvers, plan

(1) blitz **tactics**, (2) political **tactics**

The marketing team developed new **tactics** to boost sales.

argue

v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym: accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help

He never **acknowledged** his fault.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

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

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

taboo

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

synonym: forbidden, prohibited, proscribed

(1) a **taboo** word, (2) academic **taboo**

In this society, discussing politics in public is a **taboo** subject.

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.

tap

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

synonym: knock, exploit, use

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

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

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

frame

n. a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

synonym: body, skeleton, scaffolding

(1) a picture **frame**, (2) the **frame** of the policy

The detective looked for fingerprints on the window **frame**.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

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

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

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

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.

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.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym: lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

synonym: social science, finance, business

(1) welfare **economics**, (2) **economics** professor

His class will cover an introduction to agricultural **economics**.

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.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym : sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

challenging

adj. difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle

synonym : difficult, demanding, arduous

(1) **challenging** task, (2) mentally **challenging**

The advanced math problem was **challenging**, but the student was determined to solve it.

furor

n. a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something

synonym : excitement, fuss, commotion

(1) create a **furor**, (2) the **furor** over the issue

The new tax law caused a **furor** among small business owners.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

frantic

adj. marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied

synonym : wild, frenzied, manic

(1) **frantic** pace, (2) with **frantic** haste

The mother was **frantic** as she searched for her lost child.

rational

adj. based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking

synonym: logical, reasonable, sensible

(1) **rational** decision, (2) the **rational** faculty

The **rational** approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.

debate

n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

(1) **debate** topic, (2) **debate** competition

The **debate** over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.

satisfy

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

synonym: please, amuse, meet

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

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

trivial

adj. of little value or importance

synonym: insignificant, minor, unimportant

(1) a **trivial** man, (2) for **trivial** reasons

The problem seemed **trivial** initially, but it became a significant issue.

supernatural

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

synonym: paranormal, otherworldly, preternatural

(1) **supernatural** beings, (2) **supernatural** intuition

The **supernatural** powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

blind

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

synonym: sightless, unseeing, random

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

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

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

revelation

n. a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

synonym: disclosure, telling, annunciation

(1) a divine **revelation**, (2) the **revelation** of a secret

The shocking **revelation** embarrassed the administration.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym: demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

magnificent

adj. extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

synonym: splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain

The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym: characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms

This artwork is **typical** of her work.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym: periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

quarterly

adj. happening every three months

synonym: every three months, three-monthly

(1) **quarterly** publication, (2) **quarterly** review

The company released its **quarterly** earnings report.

editorial

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

synonym: comment, opinion, critique

(1) gain **editorial** help, (2) an **editorial** article

The newspaper published an **editorial** on the current state of the economy.

asteroid

n. (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

synonym: minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

(1) **asteroid** mining, (2) **asteroid** explorer

Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the **asteroid** belt to understand the early solar system better.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

iridium

n. a chemical element with the symbol Ir and atomic number 77, which is a hard, brittle, and silvery-white transition metal of the platinum group, often used in certain high-temperature applications like spark plugs or crucibles for crystal growth

synonym: Ir

(1) **iridium** satellite, (2) **iridium** coating

Many scientists believe a layer of **iridium** in the geologic record points to an ancient asteroid impact.

layer

n. a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

synonym: stratum, sheet, coating

(1) **layer** cake, (2) **layer** of paint

The **layer** of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

boundary

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

(1) geographical **boundary**, (2) the **boundary** between reality and fantasy

He wandered the **boundary** between life and death by gunfire.

potassium

n. a chemical element with the symbol K, atomic number 19, that is essential for the functioning of living organisms

synonym : K, potash, potassa

(1) **potassium** rich, (2) **potassium** excretion

The patient's **potassium** levels were low, so they were advised to eat foods high in potassium, such as bananas and sweet potatoes.

argon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Ar that is a colorless, odorless, and inert gas, often used in welding and other industrial processes

synonym : Ar, noble gas

(1) **argon** gas, (2) **argon-filled** light bulb

The light emitted by **argon** gas is often used in advertising signs.

dated

adj. having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past

synonym : outdated, antiquated, obsolete

(1) **dated** technology, (2) **dated** fashion

The documents were difficult to read due to their **dated** language.

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

indicate

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

synonym : hint, suggest, show

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

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
synonym: mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue
The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance
The club **president** does not have absolute power.

royal

adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

synonym: imperial, noble, aristocratic

(1) a **royal** palace, (2) prince **royal**
She is willing to give up her position in the **royal** family to marry him.

vouchsafe

v. to grant or give something graciously or condescendingly; to choose to reveal or disclose something willingly, often with a sense of privilege or superiority

synonym: grant, bestow, give

(1) **vouchsafe** a moment of your time, (2) **vouchsafe** a glimpse
The CEO **vouchsafed** the new project details to only a select group of employees.

conviction

n. a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is

imposed

synonym : belief, certainty, faith

(1) moral **conviction**, (2) **conviction** for murder

She spoke with **conviction** about the importance of education.

privately

adv. in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

synonym : secretly, in confidence, behind closed doors

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

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

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.

unquestioning

adj. accepting, believing, or obeying without hesitation or doubt; uncritical or unthinking; not inclined to challenge or question authority or beliefs

synonym : uncritical, obedient, compliant

(1) **unquestioning** acceptance, (2) **unquestioning** loyalty

Her **unquestioning** obedience to her parents' rules sometimes led to trouble.

promulgate

v. to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea

synonym : announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **promulgate** guidelines, (2) **promulgate** new regulations

The government issued a decree to **promulgate** new laws regarding environmental conservation.

dogma

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

synonym : doctrine, tenet, creed

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

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

bind

v. to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

synonym : tie, stick to, adhere

(1) **bind** the man's hands, (2) **bind** old letters into a bundle

The company's rules **bind** the employee's working hours.

loyal

adj. giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;

synonym : dedicated, devoted, faithful

(1) a **loyal** friend, (2) become a **loyal** customer

Enemy armies are **loyal** to their monarch.

inconceivable

adj. hard to imagine or believe

synonym : unimaginable, impossible, unthinkable

(1) **inconceivable** pain, (2) **inconceivable** ideas

It would be **inconceivable** for him to alter his behavior.

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?

patriotic

adj. having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

synonym : loyal, chauvinistic, jingoistic

(1) **patriotic** duty, (2) **patriotic** fervor

He was wearing a **patriotic** T-shirt with the American flag on it.

bush

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

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

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

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

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

citizenship

n. the status of being a member of a particular country

synonym: nationality, belonging, residency

(1) dual **citizenship**, (2) **citizenship** rights

Her **citizenship** application was denied due to a technical error.

patriotism

n. love and loyalty to one's country

synonym: nationalism, loyalty, devotion

(1) the spirit of **patriotism**, (2) fanatic **patriotism**

His actions were a testament to his deep love and **patriotism** for his country.

infamous

adj. having a reputation for being very bad or wicked

synonym: notorious, disreputable, scandalous

(1) an **infamous** crime, (2) acquire an **infamous** reputation

The **infamous** criminal was finally brought to justice.

patriot

n. a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required

synonym: nationalist, loyalist

(1) blind **patriot**, (2) zealous **patriot**

He is more of a hypocrite than a **patriot**, to be honest.

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.

bigotry

n. intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

synonym : intolerance, prejudice, bias

(1) ethnic **bigotry**, (2) self-righteous **bigotry**

Bigotry and discrimination have no place in our society.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym : separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

blurt

v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

synonym : blab, spill, reveal

(1) **blurt** about the inside story, (2) **blurt** in frustration

I didn't mean to **blurt** out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.

retract

v. to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

synonym : withdraw, take back, revoke

(1) **retract** a promise, (2) **retract** a lawsuit

I need to **retract** my statement because I realized it was incorrect.

clarification

n. the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of

removing solid particles from a liquid

synonym : explanation, description, resolution

(1) **clarification** of the issue, (2) sewage **clarification**

For **clarification** of the discussion, he prepared supporting materials.

withdrawal

n. the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back

synonym : retreat, pullback, escape

(1) deposits and **withdrawals**, (2) **withdrawal** from membership

NATO's allied forces made a strategic **withdrawal**.

pose

v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed

synonym : present, put, position

(1) **pose** a significant threat to my company, (2) **pose** a challenge

The chemicals **pose** a massive health risk.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

contrary

n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
synonym: opposing, contradictory, conflicting

(1) the clear **contrary**, (2) **contrary** evidence

The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the **contrary** viewpoint.

parade

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

synonym: procession, march, rally

(1) a military **parade**, (2) **parade** route

The annual Fourth of July **parade** is popular in the town square.

invoke

v. to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions

synonym: evoke, summon, call forth

(1) **invoke** memories, (2) **invoke** the right to remain silent

The politician **invoked** the name of the founding fathers in his speech.

priest

n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

synonym: clergyman, minister, pastor

(1) **priest** in clerical garb, (2) faithful **priest**

He was ordained as a **priest** in the Catholic Church.

liberty

n. the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

synonym: freedom, autonomy, independence

(1) personal **liberty**, (2) **liberty** as a right

The founding fathers fought for the **liberty** of the American people.

incidentally

adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing

synonym: by chance, by accident, inadvertently

(1) **incidentally** discovered, (2) **incidentally** mentioned
Incidentally, I know the answer to that question.

comparison

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

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

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

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

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

synonym: respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education

He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

calf

n. a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals

synonym: baby cow, heifer, yearling

(1) baby **calf**, (2) a **calf** elephant

The newborn **calf** stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.

humanity

n. all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

synonym: humankind, society, human race

(1) **humanity** at large, (2) mass of **humanity**

They donated large sums of money for the development of **humanity**.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

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.

entitle

v. to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

synonym : allow, permit, enable

(1) **entitle** him to a pension, (2) **entitle** the company to use the logo

The employee was **entitled** to a week of vacation time.

vilify

v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

synonym : defame, slander, malign

(1) **vilify** the press, (2) publicly **vilify**

The media has been **vilifying** the politician for his controversial statements.

nevertheless

adv. in spite of that; yet

synonym : nonetheless, yet, still

(1) keep working **nevertheless**, (2) **nevertheless**, she persevered

She was tired and hungry, but **nevertheless**, she persevered.

undeniable

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

synonym : absolute, definite, indubitable

(1) an **undeniable** fact, (2) an **undeniable** masterpiece

Her influence on teenagers is **undeniable**.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

stem

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

synonym : branch, limb, (verb) come from

(1) **stem** from a belief, (2) the **stem** of a matchstick

A rose has thorns on its **stem**.

perception

n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses

synonym : understanding, idea, awareness

(1) keen **perception**, (2) **perception** of a stimulus

He is a man admired for the depth of his **perception**.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

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

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

way-out

adj. unconventional, strange, or eccentric; departing from or deviating from the ordinary or usual; far from mainstream or traditional

synonym : unconventional, eccentric, outlandish

(1) **way-out** technology, (2) **way-out** idea

The artist's **way-out** fashion designs caught the attention of everyone at the runway show.

minority

n. the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age

synonym : adolescence, nonage, juvenility

(1) a **minority** position, (2) number of **minority** students
Some ethnic **minority** groups experienced discrimination in society.

lone

adj. solitary or single

synonym: solitary, single, alone

(1) a **lone** flight, (2) a **lone** house in the field

The **lone** traveler walked along the deserted road.

beleaguer

v. to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering

synonym: besiege, surround, harass

(1) **beleaguer** the project, (2) **beleaguer** her every day

The company has been **beleaguered** with financial difficulties since the market downturn.

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.

numerical

adj. relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number

synonym: quantitative, numeral, mathematical

(1) 3D **numerical** simulation, (2) the **numerical** keypad

The **numerical** value of Pi is approximately 3.14.

survey

n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

synonym: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

surprisingly

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

synonym : exceptionally, notably, unusually

(1) **surprisingly** advanced culture, (2) have **surprisingly** little effect

The exam was **surprisingly** tricky for everyone.

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.

population

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym : people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

convincing

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

synonym : clear, compelling, believable

(1) a **convincing** victory, (2) **convincing** biochemical explanation

I found her assertion pretty **convincing**.

outnumber

v. to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

synonym : surpass, exceed

(1) **outnumber** our opponents, (2) **outnumber** males

The number of tourists in the city now **outnumbers** the locals.

Jewish

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

synonym : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah

every year.

secular

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
synonym: nonreligious, materialistic, temporal

(1) **secular** trends, (2) normal **secular** life

The school was founded as a **secular** institution with no religious affiliations.

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

proverb

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

synonym: adage, saying, maxim

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

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

overawe

v. to impress or influence someone through the use of power, authority, or an overwhelming presence; to intimidate or awe someone into submission or compliance

synonym: intimidate, awe, daunt

(1) **overawe** him into obedience, (2) **overawe** the audience

The new student's exceptional talent in mathematics **overawed** his classmates.

owe

v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

synonym: have an obligation, incur

(1) **owe** \$100 to my friend, (2) **owe** him a grudge

She **owes** her friend a favor for helping her move.

existence

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing
synonym: fact, being, reality

(1) the biggest tree in **existence**, (2) the struggle for **existence**

He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the **existence** of heaven or hell.

consign

v. to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

synonym: transfer, deliver, entrust

(1) **consign** to oblivion, (2) **consign** the rare coins to an auction house

I will **consign** these old clothes to the donation bin.

oblivion

n. the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

synonym: limbo, forgetfulness, unawareness

(1) vanish into **oblivion**, (2) drunken **oblivion**

The author's work was forgotten and fell into **oblivion** after his death.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

mobilize

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

synonym: activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym: many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand
These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

substantial

adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance

synonym: significant, notable, actual

(1) a **substantial** amount of capital, (2) have a **substantial** meal

The pandemic was a **substantial** business opportunity for certain companies.

quantity

n. the amount or number of something; magnitude

synonym: abundance, portion, amount

(1) half **quantity**, (2) residual **quantity**

In southward, the average annual water **quantity** increases.

correlation

n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

synonym: relationship, connection, association

(1) ecological **correlation**, (2) **correlation** coefficient

There is a strong **correlation** between education level and income.

intelligence

n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

(1) an **intelligence** test, (2) field of artificial **intelligence**

In terms of **intelligence**, he was head and shoulders above his classmates.

tendency

n. an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic

synonym: inclination, propensity, proclivity

(1) economic **tendency**, (2) curious **tendency**

There is a growing **tendency** among young people to prioritize experiences over material possessions.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

socioeconomic

adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

synonym: social, economic, financial

(1) **socioeconomic** status, (2) **socioeconomic** issues

The **socioeconomic** conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

straw

n. dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.

synonym: hay, stalk, reed

(1) **straw** basket, (2) rice **straw**

The **straw** hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.

organization

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

synonym: association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**
She is the president of a large international **organization**.

meta

adj. pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements

synonym: self-referential, introspective, recursive

(1) **meta-analysis**, (2) **meta-language**

The **meta** description of a website is an important element for search engine optimization.

analyze

v. to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

(1) **analyze** a chemical compound, (2) **analyze** your real motives

The teacher attempted to **analyze** the root cause of our mistake.

literature

n. written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value

synonym: writing, prose, fiction

(1) popular **literature**, (2) review of the **literature**

The **literature** of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.

conclude

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

synonym: complete, finish, decide

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

We **concluded** a cease-fire.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

educational

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

synonym : instructional, informative, enlightening

(1) **educational** system, (2) elevate **educational** standards

The museum offers a variety of **educational** programs for children and adults.

inverse

adj. opposite in order, nature, or effect; reversed; reciprocal

synonym : opposite, reverse, contrary

(1) **inverse** function, (2) **inverse** matrix

The **inverse** relationship between price and demand is well-known in economics.

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym : funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

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

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

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym : survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**
Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

honor

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

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

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

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

academy

n. a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field

synonym: school, institute, college

(1) an **academy** of music, (2) a member of the **Academy**

Her new documentary earned her an **Academy** Award.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

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

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

agnostic

n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

synonym: skeptic, doubter, unbeliever

(1) **agnostic** world-view, (2) **agnostic** position

Her scientific background led her to be **agnostic** about the existence of a higher power.

fairly

adv. to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

synonym: moderately, reasonably, pretty

(1) **fairly** accurate, (2) have a **fairly** clear view

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

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

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

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

obtain *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
synonym: accept, acquire, receive

(1) **obtain** a license, (2) **obtain** a bid

Where can I **obtain** the application form?

immortality *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
synonym: endless life, timelessness, agelessness

(1) the **immortality** of the soul, (2) achieve **immortality**

Many people believe in the concept of **immortality** and an afterlife.

corresponding *adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose

synonym: matching, equivalent, analogous

(1) find a **corresponding** lack, (2) the **corresponding** word in Spanish

The **corresponding** number on the dial was 3.

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

synonym: privileged, favored, elect

(1) earn **elite** status, (2) **elite** athlete

Very few educational **elites** go to Oxford or Cambridge.

scholar *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

synonym: professor, pupil, learner

(1) **scholar** in international politics, (2) noted **scholar**

You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a **scholar**.

- philosophy** *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed
(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**
Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.
- grotesque** *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
synonym : bizarre, deformed, monstrous
(1) have **grotesque** design, (2) **grotesque** appearance
The **grotesque** sculpture made me feel uneasy.
- mismatch** *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
synonym : misalign, discord, clash
(1) **mismatch** expectations, (2) **mismatch** socks
The colors of the shirt and pants totally **mismatch**, making the outfit look ridiculous.
- intelligentsia** *n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
synonym : intellectuals, intelligents, savants
(1) members of **intelligentsia**, (2) artistic **intelligentsia**
The voices of the political and academic **intelligentsia** dominated the debate.
- vast** *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
synonym : expansive, extended, boundless
(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert
A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.
- probable** *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
synonym : likely, possible, potential
(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire
It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled

meeting.

abhorrent

adj. causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable

synonym : repugnant, detestable, hateful

(1) **abhorrent** act of violence, (2) **abhorrent** remarks

The government's treatment of refugees is **abhorrent** and violates basic human rights.

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym : applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

affirm

v. to assert that something is true or real; to state positively

synonym : declare, avow, assert

(1) **affirm** old traditions, (2) **affirm** strong identity

I **affirm** that I will always stand by my beliefs.

qualified

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

synonym : eligible, skillful, accomplished

(1) a **qualified** doctor, (2) **qualified** in medicine

We seek a person **qualified** for the post.

blunt

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

synonym : dull, obtuse, insensitive

(1) **blunt** criticism, (2) **blunt** force

The **blunt** knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

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.

unbecoming

adj. not suitable or fitting for a particular role, position, or character; inappropriate or inappropriate in behavior, appearance, or manner

synonym: inappropriate, unflattering, unsuitable

(1) **unbecoming** language, (2) **unbecoming** attire

His **unbecoming** behavior at the office party led to his suspension.

hint

n. an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something

synonym: clue, indication, suggestion

(1) **hint** of trouble, (2) helpful **hints**

There was no **hint** of a problem.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym: start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

coming-out

n. a significant event or declaration where an individual announces their authentic self to others; the act or

process of publicly acknowledging and revealing one's true sexual orientation or gender identity

synonym : introduction, disclosure

(1) personal **coming-out**, (2) **coming-out** story

His **coming-out** party celebrated his true identity and the support he received from his loved ones.

organ

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

synonym : function, structure

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

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

homosexual

adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex

synonym : gay, same-sex attracted

(1) **homosexual** rights, (2) **homosexual** marriage

The law was repealed to protect the rights of **homosexual** citizens.

heaven

n. (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

synonym : paradise, nirvana, utopia

(1) ascend to **heaven**, (2) **heaven** on earth

He felt like **heaven** when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

stoop

v. to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

synonym : bend, crouch, bow

(1) **stoop** forward in the chair, (2) **stoop** to conquer

I had to **stoop** down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

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.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym : show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery

How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym : publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym : advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading
We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

nonlinear

adj. pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors

synonym : complex, unpredictable

(1) **nonlinear** equation, (2) **nonlinear** system

The professor taught us about the experiment's **nonlinear** relationships between different variables.

threshold

n. the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

synonym : anteroom, brink, verge

(1) the **threshold** between rooms, (2) high pain **threshold**
She's on the **threshold** of adulthood.

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**.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym : sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

acceleration

n. a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time

synonym: speed up, quicken, hastening

(1) a unit of **acceleration**, (2) **acceleration** of an object

The car's **acceleration** was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.

recruit

v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.

synonym: raise, enroll, enlist

(1) **recruit** a good worker, (2) **recruit** a new hire

The colonial government **recruited** militia support when civil war broke out.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

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

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

remains

n. the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal

synonym: leftovers, debris, relic

(1) **remains** of a building, (2) human **remains**

The **remains** of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

proportion

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

(1) direct **proportion**, (2) a building of vast **proportions**

He is more concerned about the **proportion** of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

prefer

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

synonym: choose, like, favor

(1) **prefer** physics to chemistry, (2) **prefer** a window seat

The birds **prefer** open water areas with reeds around them.

loyalty

n. the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

synonym: faithfulness, devotion, allegiance

(1) **loyalty** program, (2) earn his **loyalty**

He has always shown great **loyalty** to his friends and family.

deny

v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

synonym: refute, reject, repudiate

(1) adamantly **deny** killing, (2) **deny** the allegations

He is still **denying** stealing the money from the cash register.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym: feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

persuade

v. to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion

synonym: convince, influence, sway

(1) attempt to **persuade**, (2) **persuade** enough people
She tried to **persuade** her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.

dedication

n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
synonym: devotion, faithfulness, loyalty

(1) **dedication** to public service, (2) **dedication** ceremony
We are very impressed with your strong **dedication** to quality.

fascinating

adj. extremely interesting
synonym: alluring, intriguing, captivating

(1) **fascinating** story, (2) completely **fascinating** to me
The museum houses a **fascinating** collection of Celtic artifacts.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

mistress

n. a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others

synonym: lover, paramour, concubine

(1) a **mistress** of comedy, (2) keep a **mistress**
She used to be his **mistress** before the death of his first wife.

muddle

v. to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos

synonym: confuse, jumble, mix up

(1) **muddle** the instructions, (2) **muddle** the situation

I accidentally **muddled** up the reports and need help to tell which.

mistakenly

adv. in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly

synonym : incorrectly, erroneously, wrongly

(1) **mistakenly** left his keys, (2) **mistakenly** delete the important file

He **mistakenly** thought the red liquid was juice, but it was paint.

urban

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

synonym : metropolitan, civic

(1) **urban** planning, (2) **urban** property owners

Only a small number of **urban** utilities offer sanitation services.

retort

v. to answer back or respond sharply in a sarcastic or witty manner; to counter an argument or statement with a quick and incisive reply

synonym : answer, reply, respond

(1) **retort** impulsively, (2) **retort** with clarity and poise

He **retorted** sharply to the critic's negative review of his work.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

aggressive

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

synonym : assertive, combative, threatening

(1) an **aggressive** war, (2) an **aggressive** tumor

An **aggressive** tide wrecked the ship.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym : gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently
Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

ripe

adj. (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested

synonym : mature, ready, developed

(1) a **ripe** old age, (2) **ripe** tomato
The fruit was **ripe** and ready to eat.

lapse

n. a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended

synonym : break, failure, blunder

(1) **lapse** back into recession, (2) **lapse** in payment
I missed the deadline due to a **lapse** in my memory.

observe

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

synonym : watch, monitor, scrutinize

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

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

sabbatical

n. a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

synonym : leave, vacation, break

(1) **sabbatical** leave, (2) **sabbatical** year

After ten years of teaching, she took a **sabbatical** to travel the world.

solidarity

n. unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest

synonym: unity, cooperation, mutual support

(1) **solidarity** among union members, (2) **solidarity** action

The workers showed **solidarity** in their strike for better working conditions.

fairy

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

synonym: sprite, pixie, elf

(1) **fairy** tale, (2) a water **fairy**

The mischievous **fairy** flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

likelihood

n. the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

synonym: probability, chance, possibility

(1) **likelihood** of the success, (2) improve the **likelihood** of a cure

The **likelihood** of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

strict

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

synonym: rigorous, inflexible, relentless

(1) **strict** compliance regime, (2) in **strict** secrecy

Too **strict** a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

phrase

n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

synonym: expression, idiom, term

(1) ready-made **phrases**, (2) noun **phrase**

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

teapot

n. a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat

loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal

synonym : kettle, pot, pitcher

(1) antique **teapot**, (2) porcelain **teapot**

The ceramic **teapot** shattered on the kitchen floor when I accidentally dropped it.

orbit

n. the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels

synonym : path, course, trajectory

(1) the **orbit** of the moon, (2) a planetary **orbit**

The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into **orbit**.

mar

v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something

synonym : damage, deface, disfigure

(1) **mar** a proper relationship, (2) **mar** the reputation

The scratches on the car **marred** its otherwise perfect appearance.

infinite

adj. unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

synonym : boundless, countless, limitless

(1) **infinite** appetite, (2) **infinite** in supply

The battle had an **infinite** impact on the nation.

unicorn

n. a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

synonym : mythical creature, fantasy animal, legendary horse

(1) **unicorn** beetle, (2) **unicorn** investors

In medieval times, people believed that the **unicorn** horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

onus

n. a burden, responsibility, or obligation; something that is required to be done or achieved

synonym : burden, responsibility, weight

(1) legal **onus**, (2) financial **onus**

The **onus** of responsibility fell on the project manager to meet the deadline.

bother

v. to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

synonym : annoy, pester, irritate

(1) **bother** the neighbors, (2) **bother** with details

Please don't **bother** me while I'm trying to concentrate.

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym : tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

nonetheless

adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless

synonym : nevertheless, regardless, still

(1) we are **nonetheless** confident, (2) love him

nonetheless

They each choose **nonetheless** to battle.

attract

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

synonym : lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

synonym : candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed

schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

stick

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

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

banner

n. a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page

synonym: flag, pennant, advertisement

(1) the star-spangled **banner**, (2) **banner** advertising

They unfurled the **banners** in preparation for the ceremony.

humanist

n. a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

synonym: humanitarian, philanthropist, altruist

(1) **humanist** scholar, (2) **humanist** philosophy

The **humanist** counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.

advantage

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

synonym: benefit, edge, asset

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

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

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.

apparent

adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly

synonym : obvious, clear, conspicuous

(1) heir **apparent**, (2) **apparent** contradiction

This star is **apparent** to the naked eye.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

cousin

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

synonym : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

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.

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.

naturalism

n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

(1) **naturalism** in literature, (2) philosophical **naturalism**

The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of **naturalism**, as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

confusion

n. the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty

synonym: disorder, disarray, chaos

(1) administrative **confusion**, (2) in great **confusion**

The sudden policy change has caused **confusion** among employees.

opposed

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

synonym: anti, averse, hostile

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

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

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

nudist

n. a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that

being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is unnecessary in certain situations

synonym : naturist, clothes-free

(1) **nudist** resort, (2) **nudist** lifestyle

The **nudist** beach is a popular destination for those who enjoy being clothing-free.

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.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym : hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

mob

n. a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals

synonym : crowd, throng, horde

(1) **mob** psychology, (2) **mob** violence

The excited **mob** was getting out of control at the concert.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym : pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love

working with children.

pedophile

n. a person who is sexually attracted to children, particularly those under the age of 13; a person who engages in sexual activity with children

synonym: child molester, predator

(1) convicted **pedophile**, (2) internet **pedophiles**

A suspected **pedophile** in the neighborhood has caused worry among parents

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

theism

n. the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power

synonym: belief, faith, worship

(1) philosophical **theism**, (2) strict **theism** to questioning believer

Several courses in the theology department delve into the complexities and challenges of contemporary **theism**.

connote

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

synonym: imply, suggest, signify

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

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

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly

synonym: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely**

The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

embrace

v. to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

synonym : grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

compatible

adj. capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched

synonym : harmonious, congruent, consistent

(1) fully **compatible**, (2) **compatible** with HTML5

The new software is not **compatible** with the old operating system, causing compatibility issues and errors.

physicist

n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

(1) talented **physicist**, (2) theoretical **physicist**

Einstein was an outstanding and famous **physicist** of the 20th century.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

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**.

shorthand

n. a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

synonym : stenography, speedwriting, tachygraphy

(1) learn **shorthand**, (2) write in **shorthand**

The secretary's **shorthand** was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

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.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

hysterical

adj. marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

synonym : agitated, frantic, crazy

(1) **hysterical** laughter, (2) get **hysterical** easily

The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her **hysterical**.

nettle

n. a herbaceous plant with stinging hairs that cause a sharp, prickly sensation upon contact; a person or thing that irritates or annoys

synonym : weed, irritant, thistle

(1) **nettle** rash, (2) **nettle** leaves

The **nettle** sting left a painful rash on my arm.

frisson

n. a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response

synonym : shiver, thrill, goosebumps

(1) sense of **frisson**, (2) spine-tingling **frisson**

The scary movie gave me a **frisson** of fear, sending shivers

down my spine.

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.

confrontational

adj. characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground

synonym: antagonistic, combative, bellicose

(1) **confrontational** approach, (2) **confrontational** personality

Her **confrontational** attitude caused tension in the workplace.

dread

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

synonym: fear, cringe, apprehend

(1) **dread** failure, (2) **dread** getting old

We all **dread** to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym: perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

poetic

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

synonym : literary, verse-like, rhythmic

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

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

sheer

adj. complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent

synonym : absolute, pure, utter

(1) **sheer** cliff, (2) **sheer** fabric

The **sheer** beauty of the sunset left us in awe.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym : deprivation, destitution, poorness

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

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

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

arsenal

n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

synonym : storage, stockpile, armory

(1) **arsenal** of knowledge, (2) political **arsenal**

The police found a hidden **arsenal** of weapons in the

suspect's house.

imaginary

adj. existing only in someone's mind

synonym : fictional, ideal, fantastical

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

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

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**.

prophet

n. a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

synonym : oracle, visionary, seer

(1) false **prophet**, (2) words of the **prophet**

In this tribe, people believed the **prophet** would save them from many calamities.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym : slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

magnificence

n. the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired

synonym : grandeur, splendor, elegance

(1) incomparable **magnificence**, (2) the **magnificence** of classical music

The **magnificence** of the palace was breathtaking.

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.

forth

adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

synonym: forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand
I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym: keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket
You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

reverence

n. a deep respect for someone or something

synonym: respect, honor, awe

(1) **reverence** for tradition, (2) pay **reverence** to him
The people of the village showed great **reverence** for the elderly.

awe

n. a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

synonym: wonder, amazement, reverence

(1) a feeling of **awe**, (2) in **awe** of the situation
The **awe-inspiring** mountains dominate the landscape.

conventional

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

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan
She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

subscribe

v. to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program

synonym : sign up, enroll, register

(1) **subscribe** to the service, (2) **subscribe** a petition

I want to **subscribe** to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.

polite

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

synonym : courteous, civil, respectful

(1) **polite** manners, (2) **polite** tone

It's important to be **polite** even when you disagree with someone.

despise

v. to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

synonym : hate, loathe, detest

(1) **despise** a particular food, (2) secretly **despise**

I **despise** injustice and those who perpetrate it.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym : base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to

be repaired.

discovery

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

synonym: finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

institute

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

synonym: academy, university, college

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

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

damn

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

synonym: curse, condemn, denounce

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. evolutionary bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
2. say def_____ly *adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
3. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
4. a bold hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
5. ecological cor_____on *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.
6. bitter ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
7. a life of sim_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
8. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
9. adamantly d__y killing *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
10. co_____e symbolism *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
11. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 1. biology, 2. definitely, 3. exciting, 4. hypothesis, 5. correlation, 6. hostility, 7. simplicity, 8. confuse, 9. deny, 10. connote, 11. remarkable

12. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
13. geographical bo____ry *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
14. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
15. ne____e leaves *n.* a herbaceous plant with stinging hairs that cause a sharp, prickly sensation upon contact; a person or thing that irritates or annoys
16. se____e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
17. me____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
18. mi____r flour *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
19. faithful pr____t *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
20. sc____r in international politics *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
21. ex____e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

ANSWERS: 12. damn, 13. boundary, 14. upset, 15. nettle, 16. settle, 17. mention, 18. miller, 19. priest, 20. scholar, 21. expose

22. inc_____lly mentioned *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
23. the or__t of the moon *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels
24. ar_____l of knowledge *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
25. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
26. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
27. ob___n a license *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
28. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
29. 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
30. fanatic pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
31. the imm_____ty of the soul *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

ANSWERS: 22. incidentally, 23. orbit, 24. arsenal, 25. insist, 26. prefer, 27. obtain, 28. vulnerable, 29. universe, 30. patriotism, 31. immortality

32. a hotel lo__y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
33. vanish into ob____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
34. sab____al year *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions
35. perpetuate a m__h *n.* an ancient story or set of stories accepted as history, especially explaining the worldview of a people
36. my friend's cha_____tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
37. moral con____on *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
38. a su___e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
39. ab____nt remarks *adj.* causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable
40. a warm em____e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

ANSWERS: 32. lobby, 33. oblivion, 34. sabbatical, 35. myth, 36. characteristic, 37. conviction, 38. subtle, 39. abhorrent, 40. embrace

41. harmful co_____nd *n.* an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements
42. la__r of paint *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
43. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
44. 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
45. improve the lik_____od of a cure *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
46. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
47. ba___r advertising *n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
48. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
49. 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: 41. compound, 42. layer, 43. tap, 44. session, 45. likelihood, 46. typical, 47. banner, 48. legitimate, 49. quotation

50. self-righteous bi____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
51. take several inputs sim_____sly *adv.* at the same time
52. 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
53. a l__e house in the field *adj.* solitary or single
54. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
55. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
56. pro_____te guidelines *v.* to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea
57. curious te_____cy *n.* an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic
58. bl__t about the inside story *v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
59. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
60. de_____e a particular food *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

ANSWERS: 50. bigotry, 51. simultaneously, 52. Christ, 53. lone, 54. mobilize, 55. intelligence, 56. promulgate, 57. tendency, 58. blurt, 59. folk, 60. despise

61. Je___h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
62. pr____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
63. da__d technology *adj.* having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past
64. par____ous spender *adj.* excessively frugal or stingy; unwilling to spend money or resources; extremely economical to the point of being overly cautious
65. hu____st scholar *n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
66. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
67. call and co____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
68. absolutely op____d to abortion *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
69. o_e \$100 to my friend *v.* to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

ANSWERS: 61. Jewish, 62. preserve, 63. dated, 64. parsimonious, 65. humanist, 66. survey, 67. complain, 68. opposed, 69. owe

70. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
71. ex___e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
72. quintet ch__r *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
73. noun ph___e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
74. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
75. wa_____t idea *adj.* unconventional, strange, or eccentric; departing from or deviating from the ordinary or usual; far from mainstream or traditional
76. fa__y tale *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
77. noted sc_____r *n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university
78. welfare ec_____cs *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 70. foundation, 71. expose, 72. choir, 73. phrase, 74. define, 75. way-out, 76. fairy, 77. scholar, 78. economics

79. the bo____ry between reality and fantasy
n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
80. na____n-state
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
81. bl__d to the beauties
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
82. sup______ral beings
adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
83. eco______al use of her time
adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
84. ease of com____on
n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
85. pr____h to the masses
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
86. el__t death
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
87. completely fas____ng to me
adj. extremely interesting
88. a coo____te clause
v. to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship;
(adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree

ANSWERS: 79. boundary, 80. nation, 81. blind, 82. supernatural, 83. economical, 84. comparison, 85. preach, 86. elect, 87. fascinating, 88. coordinate

89. re____re anxious patients *v.* to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
90. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
91. zealous pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
92. in a_e of the situation *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired
93. un_____n beetle *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
94. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
95. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
96. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
97. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
98. love him non_____ss *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
99. th_____y improving overall health *adv.* as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions

ANSWERS: 89. reassure, 90. population, 91. patriot, 92. awe, 93. unicorn, 94. dedicate, 95. advertise, 96. probable, 97. hint, 98. nonetheless, 99. thereby

100. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
101. pr____r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
102. at_____t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
103. a mi_____ss of comedy *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
104. 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
105. a unit of acc_____ion *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
106. steady in_____ntal growth *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
107. blind pa_____t *n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
108. la__r cake *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

ANSWERS: 100. essentially, 101. prefer, 102. attract, 103. mistress, 104. association, 105. acceleration, 106. increment, 107. patriot, 108. layer

109. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
110. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
111. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
112. academic ta__o *adj.* prohibited or restricted by social custom
113. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
114. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
115. imp_____le story *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring
116. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 109. prop, 110. poll, 111. introduction, 112. taboo, 113. destroy, 114. president, 115. improbable, 116. opportune

117. ed____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education
118. qu___t village *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
119. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
120. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
121. unq_____ing loyalty *adj.* accepting, believing, or obeying without hesitation or doubt; uncritical or unthinking; not inclined to challenge or question authority or beliefs
122. the fu__r over the issue *n.* a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something
123. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
124. tr_____h of the spirit *n.* a great victory or achievement
125. mi_____ch expectations *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

ANSWERS: 117. educated, 118. quaint, 119. threat, 120. republican, 121. unquestioning, 122. furor, 123. grand, 124. triumph, 125. mismatch

126. coo_____te a special project *v.* to bring the different parts of the activity and the people into an organized, ordered, or efficient relationship; (adjective) of equal importance, rank, or degree
127. 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
128. as_____id mining *n.* (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
129. in st____t secrecy *adj.* strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
130. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
131. heir ap_____nt *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
132. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
133. pa_____ic fervor *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
134. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

ANSWERS: 126. coordinate, 127. id, 128. asteroid, 129. strict, 130. suppose, 131. apparent, 132. holy, 133. patriotic, 134. relation

135. the star-spangled ba___r
- n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
136. an exit r__p
- n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
137. earn his lo____y
- n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
138. un_____al life
- adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
139. ir_____m satellite
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ir and atomic number 77, which is a hard, brittle, and silvery-white transition metal of the platinum group, often used in certain high-temperature applications like spark plugs or crucibles for crystal growth
140. convicted pe_____le
- n.* a person who is sexually attracted to children, particularly those under the age of 13; a person who engages in sexual activity with children
141. sewage cla_____ion
- n.* the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid
142. fu_____l arrangements
- n.* a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died

ANSWERS: 135. banner, 136. ramp, 137. loyalty, 138. universal, 139. iridium, 140. pedophile, 141. clarification, 142. funeral

143. pu____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
144. be_____er the project *v.* to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering
145. at_____t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
146. ch__r performance *n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral
147. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
148. m_b violence *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
149. legal o__s *n.* a burden, responsibility, or obligation; something that is required to be done or achieved
150. 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
151. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
152. lo__y for legislation *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 143. publicly, 144. beleaguer, 145. attract, 146. choir, 147. tap, 148. mob, 149. onus, 150. hero, 151. bush, 152. lobby

153. small in_____nts *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
154. in_____te in supply *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
155. re____t with clarity and poise *v.* to answer back or respond sharply in a sarcastic or witty manner; to counter an argument or statement with a quick and incisive reply
156. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
157. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
158. bo____r with details *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
159. pr____t in clerical garb *n.* a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith
160. learn sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something
161. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 153. increment, 154. infinite, 155. retort, 156. opportune, 157. demonstrate, 158. bother, 159. priest, 160. shorthand, 161. survey

162. bl__t in frustration *v.* to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally
163. ag__t system *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
164. qu_____ly publication *adj.* happening every three months
165. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
166. an in_____us crime *adj.* having a reputation for being very bad or wicked
167. corollary th_____m *n.* a statement or proposition that can be demonstrated or proved to be true, typically by logical or mathematical reasoning
168. ta_____al move *adj.* relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness
169. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

ANSWERS: 162. blurt, 163. agent, 164. quarterly, 165. alternative, 166. infamous, 167. theorem, 168. tactical, 169. ordinary

170. hom_____al rights	<i>adj.</i> sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
171. in great co_____on	<i>n.</i> the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
172. as_____id explorer	<i>n.</i> (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
173. soc_____mic status	<i>adj.</i> relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
174. social ph____a	<i>n.</i> an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder
175. pr____h the gospel	<i>v.</i> to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
176. a gr_____l process	<i>adj.</i> happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
177. st____e a blow	<i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
178. be_____er her every day	<i>v.</i> to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering
179. pre-mo____n agricultural society	<i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times
180. cast off a h__k	<i>n.</i> a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

ANSWERS: 170. homosexual, 171. confusion, 172. asteroid, 173. socioeconomic, 174. phobia, 175. preach, 176. gradual, 177. strike, 178. beleaguer, 179. modern, 180. hawk

181. sh__r fabric *adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent
182. a di____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
183. nat_____sm in literature *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
184. a j_r of jam *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
185. water mi___r *n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill
186. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
187. drunken ob_____on *n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence
188. a feeling of a_e *n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

ANSWERS: 181. sheer, 182. distant, 183. naturalism, 184. jar, 185. miller, 186. principle, 187. oblivion, 188. awe

189. speak in an ab___t manner *adj.* sudden and unexpected
190. sup_____ral intuition *adj.* of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws
191. a co_____nt explanation *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
192. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
193. un_____n investors *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
194. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
195. 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
196. with fr_____c haste *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
197. enc_____ng approval *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
198. fully com_____le *adj.* capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched

ANSWERS: 189. abrupt, 190. supernatural, 191. coherent, 192. bless, 193. unicorn, 194. proportion, 195. firm, 196. frantic, 197. encouraging, 198. compatible

199. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
200. vo_____fe a moment of your time *v.* to grant or give something graciously or condescendingly; to choose to reveal or disclose something willingly, often with a sense of privilege or superiority
201. hom_____al marriage *adj.* sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
202. p__y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
203. st_____ng disclosure *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
204. sense of fr_____n *n.* a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response
205. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
206. en_____e the company to use the logo *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
207. re_____t a lawsuit *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

ANSWERS: 199. destroy, 200. vouchsafe, 201. homosexual, 202. pray, 203. stunning, 204. frisson, 205. politician, 206. entitle, 207. retract

208. po___c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
209. mu___e the situation *v.* to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos
210. co_____n to oblivion *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
211. he___n on earth *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty
212. a con_____ng victory *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
213. af___m strong identity *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
214. the struggle for ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
215. womanly ho___r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
216. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

ANSWERS: 208. poetic, 209. muddle, 210. consign, 211. heaven, 212. convincing, 213. affirm, 214. existence, 215. honor, 216. academic

217. scientific th____st *n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
218. publicly dis_____ve *v.* to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
219. f_g marigold *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
220. the fr__e of the policy *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
221. ov_____e him into obedience *v.* to impress or influence someone through the use of power, authority, or an overwhelming presence; to intimidate or awe someone into submission or compliance
222. 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
223. incomparable mag_____nce *n.* the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired
224. achieve imm_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever
225. af___m old traditions *v.* to assert that something is true or real; to state positively

ANSWERS: 217. theorist, 218. disapprove, 219. fig, 220. frame, 221. overawe, 222. belong, 223. magnificence, 224. immortality, 225. affirm

226. residual qu____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
227. fa___y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
228. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
229. acquire an in_____us reputation *adj.* having a reputation for being very bad or wicked
230. en_____e him to a pension *v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something
231. 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
232. ethnic bi_____y *n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself
233. ca_____e leader *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
234. administrative co_____on *n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
235. on be___f of our management *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
236. cor_____on coefficient *n.* a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

ANSWERS: 226. quantity, 227. fairly, 228. discovery, 229. infamous, 230. entitle, 231. stack, 232. bigotry, 233. capable, 234. confusion, 235. behalf, 236. correlation

237. bl__t criticism	<i>adj.</i> having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
238. certified pro_____nal secretary	<i>adj.</i> having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
239. tan_____nt to impossible	<i>adj.</i> equivalent in value, significance, or effect to something else; virtually equal to or interchangeable with something else
240. edu_____al system	<i>adj.</i> relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
241. at_____m in philosophy	<i>n.</i> the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
242. for tr_____l reasons	<i>adj.</i> of little value or importance
243. pa__l authority	<i>adj.</i> relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
244. m_r a proper relationship	<i>v.</i> to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
245. the cycle of po_____y	<i>n.</i> the condition of being extremely poor
246. cha_____ng task	<i>adj.</i> difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
247. en_____ll the reader	<i>v.</i> to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

ANSWERS: 237. blunt, 238. professional, 239. tantamount, 240. educational, 241. atheism, 242. trivial, 243. papal, 244. mar, 245. poverty, 246. challenging, 247. enthrall

248. 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
249. pro_____te new regulations *v.* to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea
250. an int_____nt person *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
251. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
252. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
253. a foreign ac___t *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
254. sus_____on of arms *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
255. nu___t lifestyle *n.* a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is unnecessary in certain situations

ANSWERS: 248. notion, 249. promulgate, 250. intelligent, 251. principle, 252. conventional, 253. accent, 254. suspension, 255. nudist

256. a sub_____al amount of capital *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
257. economic te_____cy *n.* an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic
258. have gr_____ue design *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre
259. a lo__l friend *adj.* giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;
260. a ro__l palace *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
261. 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
262. cla_____ion of the issue *n.* the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid
263. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
264. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
265. sab_____al leave *n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

ANSWERS: 256. substantial, 257. tendency, 258. grotesque, 259. loyal, 260. royal, 261. achieve, 262. clarification, 263. weird, 264. dinosaur, 265. sabbatical

266. ev_____on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
267. financial o__s *n.* a burden, responsibility, or obligation; something that is required to be done or achieved
268. con_____ng biochemical explanation *adj.* able to make someone believe that something is true
269. go_____d opportunity *n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
270. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
271. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
272. publicly vi____y *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
273. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
274. have a fa____y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
275. ta_____al decision *adj.* relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness

ANSWERS: 266. evolution, 267. onus, 268. convincing, 269. godsend, 270. holy, 271. probable, 272. vilify, 273. organization, 274. fairly, 275. tactical

276. de___e the public *v.* to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
277. co_____ve effect *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive
278. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
279. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
280. at_____ic approach *adj.* pertaining to or characterized by atheism, which is the belief or doctrine that there is no God or higher power
281. sh__r cliff *adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent
282. fu_____l service *n.* a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died
283. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

ANSWERS: 276. delude, 277. corrosive, 278. inspire, 279. prop, 280. atheistic, 281. sheer, 282. funeral, 283. organization

284. cre_____st theory *n.* a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes
285. 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
286. religious do__a *n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
287. we are non_____ss confident *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
288. sl__t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
289. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
290. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
291. in_____te a preference *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
292. wa_____t technology *adj.* unconventional, strange, or eccentric; departing from or deviating from the ordinary or usual; far from mainstream or traditional

ANSWERS: 284. creationist, 285. hero, 286. dogma, 287. nonetheless, 288. slight, 289. president, 290. underestimate, 291. indicate, 292. way-out

293. ch_____en the baby at the baptism *v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
294. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
295. popular lit_____re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
296. st__p to conquer *v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially
297. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
298. import things pr_____ly *adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
299. fo___d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
300. an agg_____ve war *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
301. Je___h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

ANSWERS: 293. christen, 294. suppose, 295. literature, 296. stoop, 297. debate, 298. privately, 299. forbid, 300. aggressive, 301. Jewish

302. pro_____nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
303. the clear co_____ry *n.* acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
304. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
305. on his own be____f *n.* represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
306. ap_____nt contradiction *adj.* able to see or understand easily or clearly
307. critical m____s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
308. unb_____ng language *adj.* not suitable or fitting for a particular role, position, or character; inappropriate or inappropriate in behavior, appearance, or manner
309. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
310. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
311. d__y the allegations *v.* to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something

ANSWERS: 302. professional, 303. contrary, 304. institute, 305. behalf, 306. apparent, 307. mass, 308. unbecoming, 309. recognize, 310. alternative, 311. deny

312. mis_____ly left his keys *adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly
313. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
314. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
315. st_____e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
316. a picture fr__e *n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window
317. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
318. 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
319. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
320. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
321. ack_____ge the deed *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 312. mistakenly, 313. mysterious, 314. philosophy, 315. stumble, 316. frame, 317. physicist, 318. association, 319. grasp, 320. invite, 321. acknowledge

322. an agg_____ve tumor *adj.* behaving in an angry, energetic, or threatening way towards another person; tending to spread quickly
323. conspiracy th_____st *n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
324. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
325. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
326. co_____n the rare coins to an auction house *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
327. earn el___e status *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
328. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
329. en_____ll with beauty *v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate
330. the nu_____al keypad *adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number

ANSWERS: 322. aggressive, 323. theorist, 324. individual, 325. editorial, 326. consign, 327. elite, 328. democracy, 329. enthrall, 330. numerical

331. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
332. drunk and in _____le *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
333. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
334. si___y tree branches *adj.* characterized by strong and lean muscles; having well-developed and prominent muscles; tough and strong, often referring to physical strength or appearance
335. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
336. 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
337. re_____t a new hire *v.* to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
338. Pythagorean th_____m *n.* a statement or proposition that can be demonstrated or proved to be true, typically by logical or mathematical reasoning
339. cr___r lake *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

ANSWERS: 331. blind, 332. incapable, 333. candidate, 334. sinewy, 335. recognize, 336. quotation, 337. recruit, 338. theorem, 339. crater

340. a group of mu____gs *n.* a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament
341. r__e tomato *adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
342. la__e in payment *n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
343. militant at____m *n.* the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
344. in____e memories *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
345. co____e emotion *v.* to suggest or imply something in addition to its literal or primary meaning; to imply something beyond the literal or primary meaning
346. ly__h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

ANSWERS: 340. mustang, 341. ripe, 342. lapse, 343. atheism, 344. invoke, 345. connote, 346. lynch

347. a water j_r *n.* a cylindrical container, typically made of glass, metal, or pottery, with a wide mouth and a screwed or sealed lid, used for storing food, liquids, and other materials
348. ped_____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
349. wit_____al from membership *n.* the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back
350. po_____te an argument *v.* to suggest or assume the existence, truth, or necessity of something, typically as a basis for reasoning or further investigation
351. si___y physique *adj.* characterized by strong and lean muscles; having well-developed and prominent muscles; tough and strong, often referring to physical strength or appearance
352. po_____um excretion *n.* a chemical element with the symbol K, atomic number 19, that is essential for the functioning of living organisms
353. a mag_____nt plan *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
354. ab_____nt act of violence *adj.* causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable
355. ph___a treatment *n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder

ANSWERS: 347. jar, 348. pediatrics, 349. withdrawal, 350. postulate, 351. sinewy, 352. potassium, 353. magnificent, 354. abhorrent, 355. phobia

356. mentally cha_____ng *adj.* difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
357. create a fu__r *n.* a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something
358. 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
359. principles of un_____al design *adj.* existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
360. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
361. ur__n property owners *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
362. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
363. bo___r the neighbors *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
364. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
365. a r__e old age *adj.* (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested
366. acc_____ion of an object *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time

ANSWERS: 356. challenging, 357. furor, 358. notion, 359. universal, 360. upset, 361. urban, 362. bless, 363. bother, 364. largely, 365. ripe, 366. acceleration

367. a mi____ty position *n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age
368. ou_____er males *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
369. pr_____e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
370. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
371. public fi_____ng *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
372. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
373. po___e tone *adj.* showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
374. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
375. con_____nal personality *adj.* characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground
376. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 367. minority, 368. outnumber, 369. precise, 370. journal, 371. financing, 372. dedicate, 373. polite, 374. contemporary, 375. confrontational, 376. mass

377. natural el____ce
378. re____e a concert ticket
379. high pain th_____ld
380. in____e matrix
381. human re____s
382. detailed exp_____on
383. a f_n of a plane
384. mi____nt nations
385. hu____st philosophy
- n.* the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner
- v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
- n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
- adj.* opposite in order, nature, or effect; reversed; reciprocal
- n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal
- n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
- n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
- n.* a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles

ANSWERS: 377. elegance, 378. reserve, 379. threshold, 380. inverse, 381. remains, 382. explanation, 383. fin, 384. militant, 385. humanist

386. keep a mi____ss *n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
387. in_____le of being resisted *adj.* unable to do, control, or achieve something
388. pa___e route *n.* a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
389. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
390. ly__h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
391. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
392. act in a de___t manner *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
393. 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

ANSWERS: 386. mistress, 387. incapable, 388. parade, 389. honor, 390. lynch, 391. settle, 392. devout, 393. myth

394. great the_____ans *n.* an expert or student who studies theology
395. consider ad_____ly *adv.* done with careful consideration or thought; deliberately or intentionally
396. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
397. con_____nal approach *adj.* characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground
398. b__d the man's hands *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
399. fr_____c pace *adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
400. economic Da_____sm *n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
401. da__d fashion *adj.* having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past
402. re_____s of a building *n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal

ANSWERS: 394. theologian, 395. advisedly, 396. argue, 397. confrontational, 398. bind, 399. frantic, 400. Darwinism, 401. dated, 402. remains

403. ob____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
404. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
405. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
406. qu___t cottage *adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
407. ra_____al decision *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
408. soc_____mic issues *adj.* relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class
409. mi_____ch socks *v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else
410. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

ANSWERS: 403. observe, 404. chant, 405. ignore, 406. quaint, 407. rational, 408. socioeconomic, 409. mismatch, 410. argue

411. lo____y program *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
412. ob___n a bid *v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
413. speak ad_____ly *adv.* done with careful consideration or thought; deliberately or intentionally
414. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
415. get hys_____al easily *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
416. ur__n planning *adj.* relating to or located in a town or city
417. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
418. 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
419. nuclear ph_____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
420. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
421. blitz ta_____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

ANSWERS: 411. loyalty, 412. obtain, 413. advisedly, 414. creature, 415. hysterical, 416. urban, 417. population, 418. id, 419. physics, 420. essentially, 421. tactics

422. 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
423. a l__e flight
adj. solitary or single
424. vul_____le parts of the body
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
425. ma_____e stars
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
426. theory of the un_____se
n. everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
427. a ta__o word
adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom
428. la__e back into recession
n. a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
429. pa__l visit
adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church
430. el__t the school board
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
431. dr__d failure
v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

ANSWERS: 422. belong, 423. lone, 424. vulnerable, 425. massive, 426. universe, 427. taboo, 428. lapse, 429. papal, 430. elect, 431. dread

432. the rev_____on of a secret *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
433. a mag_____nt mountain *adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed
434. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
435. ar__n-filled light bulb *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ar that is a colorless, odorless, and inert gas, often used in welding and other industrial processes
436. lik_____od of the success *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
437. damage to internal or__ns *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
438. f_g tree *n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
439. words of the pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
440. imp_____le event *adj.* not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

ANSWERS: 432. revelation, 433. magnificent, 434. chant, 435. argon, 436. likelihood, 437. organ, 438. fig, 439. prophet, 440. improbable

441. po____y alleviation	<i>n.</i>	the condition of being extremely poor
442. sta_____cs for cancer	<i>n.</i>	the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
443. save the pl____t	<i>n.</i>	any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
444. trees and b__hes	<i>n.</i>	a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
445. at_____t community	<i>n.</i>	a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
446. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl	<i>adv.</i>	without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
447. ag_____ic world-view	<i>n.</i>	a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
448. field of con_____ary art	<i>adj.</i>	belonging to the same or present time
449. re____l secrets	<i>v.</i>	to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
450. a military pa____e	<i>n.</i>	a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event
451. freedom of re_____on	<i>n.</i>	a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
452. an und_____le masterpiece	<i>adj.</i>	not possible to deny; true or certain

ANSWERS: 441. poverty, 442. statistics, 443. planet, 444. bush, 445. atheist, 446. absolutely, 447. agnostic, 448. contemporary, 449. reveal, 450. parade, 451. religion, 452. undeniable

453. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
454. sim_____sly affected *adv.* at the same time
455. antidiarrheal ag__t *n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
456. beg for for_____ss *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
457. feel a sl___t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
458. ar___e suspicion *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
459. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
460. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
461. estimate pr_____e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
462. b__d old letters into a bundle *v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly

ANSWERS: 453. relation, 454. simultaneously, 455. agent, 456. forgiveness, 457. slight, 458. arouse, 459. forth, 460. conscious, 461. precise, 462. bind

463. ch____en a child *v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church
464. re___e an opponent *v.* to say or prove that something is wrong or false
465. p__e a challenge *v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
466. the r__p of a chasm *n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods
467. political ar____l *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
468. half qu____ty *n.* the amount or number of something; magnitude
469. nev_____ess, she persevered *adv.* in spite of that; yet
470. s_n of omission *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
471. ma____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
472. talented ph____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
473. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 463. christen, 464. refute, 465. pose, 466. ramp, 467. arsenal, 468. quantity, 469. nevertheless, 470. sin, 471. massive, 472. physicist, 473. anthropology

474. u__e a total ban *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
475. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
476. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
477. ar___e desire *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
478. the secret do__a *n.* a belief or set of beliefs that the members of a group accept without being questioned or doubted
479. in_____te an error *v.* to show, point out, or make known something, often through a sign or a symbol; to suggest or imply something without stating it directly
480. austere el_____ce *n.* the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner
481. per_____on of a stimulus *n.* a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
482. ou_____er our opponents *v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number

ANSWERS: 474. urge, 475. ignore, 476. sophisticated, 477. arouse, 478. dogma, 479. indicate, 480. elegance, 481. perception, 482. outnumber

483. 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
484. stripes cha_____tic of the zebra *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
485. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
486. personal li_____y *n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
487. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
488. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
489. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
490. write in sh_____nd *n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

ANSWERS: 483. stack, 484. characteristic, 485. stick, 486. liberty, 487. conscious, 488. politician, 489. damn, 490. shorthand

491. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
492. ir_____m coating *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ir and atomic number 77, which is a hard, brittle, and silvery-white transition metal of the platinum group, often used in certain high-temperature applications like spark plugs or crucibles for crystal growth
493. con_____on for murder *n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
494. o_e him a grudge *v.* to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
495. 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
496. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
497. pa_____ic duty *adj.* having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare
498. p__y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 491. candidate, 492. iridium, 493. conviction, 494. owe, 495. reveal, 496. isolate, 497. patriotic, 498. pray

499. porcelain te___t *n.* a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal
500. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
501. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
502. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
503. write el_____t sentences *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
504. in_____e function *adj.* opposite in order, nature, or effect; reversed; reciprocal
505. st__p forward in the chair *v.* to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially
506. personal com_____ut *n.* a significant event or declaration where an individual announces their authentic self to others; the act or process of publicly acknowledging and revealing one's true sexual orientation or gender identity

ANSWERS: 499. teapot, 500. democracy, 501. planet, 502. economics, 503. elegant, 504. inverse, 505. stoop, 506. coming-out

507. at_____t belief	<i>n.</i>	a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
508. me_____n in a report	<i>v.</i>	to speak or write about something or someone briefly
509. a con_____nal style	<i>adj.</i>	based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
510. su_____be to the service	<i>v.</i>	to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
511. mo_____ze a stiff joint	<i>v.</i>	to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
512. western phi_____hy	<i>n.</i>	the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
513. ne___e rash	<i>n.</i>	a herbaceous plant with stinging hairs that cause a sharp, prickly sensation upon contact; a person or thing that irritates or annoys
514. a mi_____nt reformer	<i>n.</i>	willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal
515. d__e to take risks	<i>v.</i>	to have the courage to do something
516. dual cit_____ip	<i>n.</i>	the status of being a member of a particular country
517. hu_____ty at large	<i>n.</i>	all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.

ANSWERS: 507. atheist, 508. mention, 509. conventional, 510. subscribe, 511. mobilize, 512. philosophy, 513. nettle, 514. militant, 515. dare, 516. citizenship, 517. humanity

518. baby c__f *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
519. ar__n gas *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ar that is a colorless, odorless, and inert gas, often used in welding and other industrial processes
520. com_____le with HTML5 *adj.* capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched
521. scientific jo_____l *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
522. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
523. el__e athlete *adj.* belonging to the wealthiest, most potent, best-educated, or best-trained group in a society
524. have a sub_____al meal *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
525. al_____ly guilty *adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly
526. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
527. inc_____ble pain *adj.* hard to imagine or believe
528. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

ANSWERS: 518. calf, 519. argon, 520. compatible, 521. journal, 522. mysterious, 523. elite, 524. substantial, 525. allegedly, 526. label, 527. inconceivable, 528. encouraging

529. su___e changes *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
530. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
531. cre_____st claim *n.* a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes
532. sol_____ty among union members *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
533. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
534. m__a-language *adj.* pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements
535. documentary pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
536. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 529. subtle, 530. define, 531. creationist, 532. solidarity, 533. worldview, 534. meta, 535. proof, 536. launch

537. m__a-analysis	<i>adj.</i> pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements
538. la____y mitigate the issue	<i>adv.</i> virtually entirely; to a large degree
539. at_____ic beliefs	<i>adj.</i> pertaining to or characterized by atheism, which is the belief or doctrine that there is no God or higher power
540. ho_____e environment	<i>adj.</i> unfriendly or aggressively opposed
541. m_b psychology	<i>n.</i> a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
542. strict th___m to questioning believer	<i>n.</i> the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power
543. lunar cr___r	<i>n.</i> a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
544. keen per_____on	<i>n.</i> a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
545. ecology and evo_____ary biology	<i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

ANSWERS: 537. meta, 538. largely, 539. atheistic, 540. hostile, 541. mob, 542. theism, 543. crater, 544. perception, 545. evolutionary

546. an_____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
547. internet pe_____les *n.* a person who is sexually attracted to children, particularly those under the age of 13; a person who engages in sexual activity with children
548. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
549. mo____n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
550. forgive a s_n *n.* the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
551. in_____te appetite *adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure
552. su_____be a petition *v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
553. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
554. unb_____ng attire *adj.* not suitable or fitting for a particular role, position, or character; inappropriate or inappropriate in behavior, appearance, or manner
555. human ev_____on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 546. analyze, 547. pedophile, 548. editorial, 549. modern, 550. sin, 551. infinite, 552. subscribe, 553. stick, 554. unbecoming, 555. evolution

556. fun_____al education	<i>adj.</i> forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
557. elevate edu_____al standards	<i>adj.</i> relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction
558. st___e up a conversation	<i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
559. s___m from a belief	<i>n.</i> the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
560. an or_____ry school	<i>adj.</i> not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
561. an_____e your real motives	<i>v.</i> to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
562. a de___t education	<i>adj.</i> satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
563. vo_____fe a glimpse	<i>v.</i> to grant or give something graciously or condescendingly; to choose to reveal or disclose something willingly, often with a sense of privilege or superiority
564. pu_____ly financed schools	<i>adv.</i> in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
565. aquatic co_____nd	<i>n.</i> an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

ANSWERS: 556. fundamental, 557. educational, 558. strike, 559. stem, 560. ordinary, 561. analyze, 562. decent, 563. vouchsafe, 564. publicly, 565. compound

566. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
567. yearn for the de___t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
568. a c__f elephant *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
569. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
570. re_____ce for tradition *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
571. the s__m of a matchstick *n.* the central part of something from which other parts can develop or grow; the part of a word common to all its inflected variants; (verb) to grow out of, have roots in, or originate in
572. el_____t design *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
573. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
574. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
575. the mag_____nce of classical music *n.* the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired

ANSWERS: 566. hint, 567. decent, 568. calf, 569. organ, 570. reverence, 571. stem, 572. elegant, 573. explanation, 574. anthropology, 575. magnificence

576. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
577. as nu____us as the sand *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
578. su____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
579. mu___e the instructions *v.* to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos
580. pay re_____ce to him *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
581. an act of ho_____ty *n.* aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior
582. rice st__w *n.* dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
583. sus_____on bridge *n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles
584. no_____ar system *adj.* pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors
585. have a ne_____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
586. hys_____al laughter *adj.* marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion

ANSWERS: 576. label, 577. numerous, 578. suspect, 579. muddle, 580. reverence, 581. hostility, 582. straw, 583. suspension, 584. nonlinear, 585. negative, 586. hysterical

587. the ar_____nt against capital punishment	<i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
588. sur_____gly advanced culture	<i>adv.</i> in a way that causes amazement or wonder
589. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization	<i>n.</i> a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
590. Swedish the_____an	<i>n.</i> an expert or student who studies theology
591. religious fa__h	<i>n.</i> complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
592. ex_____ng news	<i>adj.</i> causing a lot of interest or excitement
593. v__t majority	<i>adj.</i> enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
594. refined sim_____ty	<i>n.</i> the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do
595. saddle up his trusty mu_____g	<i>n.</i> a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament
596. ov_____e the audience	<i>v.</i> to impress or influence someone through the use of power, authority, or an overwhelming presence; to intimidate or awe someone into submission or compliance

ANSWERS: 587. argument, 588. surprisingly, 589. worldview, 590. theologian, 591. faith, 592. exciting, 593. vast, 594. simplicity, 595. mustang, 596. overawe

597. prince ro__l *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
598. laws of ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
599. par____ous lifestyle *adj.* excessively frugal or stingy; unwilling to spend money or resources; extremely economical to the point of being overly cautious
600. a building of vast pro____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
601. int____nt assisting system *adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
602. di____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
603. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
604. com____ut story *n.* a significant event or declaration where an individual announces their authentic self to others; the act or process of publicly acknowledging and revealing one's true sexual orientation or gender identity
605. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 597. royal, 598. physics, 599. parsimonious, 600. proportion, 601. intelligent, 602. distant, 603. poetic, 604. coming-out, 605. economy

606. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
607. the th_____ld between rooms *n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation
608. sol_____ty action *n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
609. unq_____ing acceptance *adj.* accepting, believing, or obeying without hesitation or doubt; uncritical or unthinking; not inclined to challenge or question authority or beliefs
610. in_____e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
611. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
612. tan_____nt to treason *adj.* equivalent in value, significance, or effect to something else; virtually equal to or interchangeable with something else
613. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 606. underestimate, 607. threshold, 608. solidarity, 609. unquestioning, 610. invite, 611. foundation, 612. tantamount, 613. inspire

614. a sexual u__e *v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
615. a planetary or__t *n.* the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels
616. fairly ty____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
617. ack_____ge his help *v.* to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
618. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
619. mass of hu____ty *n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
620. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 614. urge, 615. orbit, 616. typical, 617. acknowledge, 618. critic, 619. humanity, 620. debate

621. p__e a significant threat to my company
v. to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
622. no_____ar equation
adj. pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors
623. ded_____on to public service
n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
624. co_____ry evidence
n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
625. cell and molecular bi_____y
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
626. ca_____e worker
adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
627. po_____e manners
adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior
628. re_____re market
v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence
629. de_____e with false promises
v. to deceive or mislead someone; to give a false impression of something
630. ag_____ic position
n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god
631. environmental th_____t
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 621. pose, 622. nonlinear, 623. dedication, 624. contrary, 625. biology, 626. capable, 627. polite, 628. reassure, 629. delude, 630. agnostic, 631. threat

632. de___t Buddhist *adj.* deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
633. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
634. put the ac___t on comfort *n.* a distinctive way of pronouncing the words of a language that shows which area, country, or social group a person comes from; particular importance or significance
635. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
636. st_____ng beauty *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
637. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
638. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
639. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
640. im_____ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
641. philosophical nat_____sm *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

ANSWERS: 632. devout, 633. fin, 634. accent, 635. complexity, 636. stunning, 637. vast, 638. nation, 639. intelligence, 640. imaginary, 641. naturalism

642. pe____de enough people *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
643. 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
644. normal se____r life *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
645. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
646. an und____le fact *adj.* not possible to deny; true or certain
647. im____ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
648. m_r the reputation *v.* to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
649. a ne____ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
650. a sop____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
651. 3D nu____al simulation *adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
652. ascend to he____n *n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

ANSWERS: 642. persuade, 643. metaphor, 644. secular, 645. writ, 646. undeniable, 647. imaginary, 648. mar, 649. negative, 650. sophisticated, 651. numerical, 652. heaven

653. a we__d dress	<i>adj.</i> extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
654. ind_____al freedom	<i>n.</i> a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
655. re_____t a good worker	<i>v.</i> to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
656. fa__h in government	<i>n.</i> complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.
657. dis_____ve of the government	<i>v.</i> to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone
658. pos_____ty of a major earthquake	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true
659. the biggest tree in ex_____ce	<i>n.</i> the state or fact of someone or something existing
660. number of mi_____ty students	<i>n.</i> the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age
661. self-int_____ion	<i>n.</i> a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
662. a blazing ar_____nt	<i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

ANSWERS: 653. weird, 654. individual, 655. recruit, 656. faith, 657. disapprove, 658. possibility, 659. existence, 660. minority, 661. introduction, 662. argument

663. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
664. bl__t force *adj.* having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive
665. ded_____on ceremony *n.* a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important
666. co_____ve substance *adj.* having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive
667. philosophical th___m *n.* the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power
668. nu_____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
669. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
670. qu_____ed in medicine *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

ANSWERS: 663. republican, 664. blunt, 665. dedication, 666. corrosive, 667. theism, 668. numerous, 669. reserve, 670. qualified

671. the cor_____ing word in Spanish *adj.* similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
672. false pr_____t *n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.
673. ancient pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
674. se_____r trends *adj.* not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly
675. keep working nev_____ess *adv.* in spite of that; yet
676. vi_____y the press *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
677. a qu_____ed doctor *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
678. deposits and wit_____als *n.* the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back
679. public opinion p____ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
680. su_____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

ANSWERS: 671. corresponding, 672. prophet, 673. proverb, 674. secular, 675. nevertheless, 676. vilify, 677. qualified, 678. withdrawal, 679. poll, 680. suspect

681. review of the lit_____re *n.* written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
682. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
683. antique te____t *n.* a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal
684. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
685. 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
686. a sp_____id meal *adj.* very impressive or beautiful; magnificent
687. co____n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
688. mis_____ly delete the important file *adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly
689. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 681. literature, 682. isolate, 683. teapot, 684. institute, 685. firm, 686. splendid, 687. cousin, 688. mistakenly, 689. religion

690. sa____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
691. sa____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
692. artistic int_____sia *n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
693. po_____um rich *n.* a chemical element with the symbol K, atomic number 19, that is essential for the functioning of living organisms
694. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
695. qu_____ly review *adj.* happening every three months
696. a divine rev_____on *n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency
697. po_____te a theory *v.* to suggest or assume the existence, truth, or necessity of something, typically as a basis for reasoning or further investigation
698. in____t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
699. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

ANSWERS: 690. satisfy, 691. satisfy, 692. intelligentsia, 693. potassium, 694. evolutionary, 695. quarterly, 696. revelation, 697. postulate, 698. insist, 699. gradual

700. th____y-obtained data	<i>adv.</i> as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
701. st__w basket	<i>n.</i> dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
702. dr__d getting old	<i>v.</i> to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen
703. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge	<i>adj.</i> worthy of attention because unusual or special
704. a pr_____ly-owned railway	<i>adv.</i> in a private manner; not publicly; secretly
705. ec_____y class	<i>n.</i> the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
706. a geometric pr__f	<i>n.</i> a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
707. teaching of Ch____t	<i>n.</i> the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
708. co_____in about a job	<i>v.</i> to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
709. fas_____ng story	<i>adj.</i> extremely interesting
710. find a cor_____ing lack	<i>adj.</i> similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose

ANSWERS: 700. thereby, 701. straw, 702. dread, 703. remarkable, 704. privately, 705. economy, 706. proof, 707. Christ, 708. complain, 709. fascinating, 710. corresponding

711. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
712. create a co_____nt system *adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand
713. a water fa__y *n.* a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers
714. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
715. fun_____al rights *adj.* forming an essential base or core from which everything else develops or is affected
716. have sur_____gly little effect *adv.* in a way that causes amazement or wonder
717. al_____ly behind the plot *adv.* according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly
718. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
719. spine-tingling fr_____n *n.* a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response
720. grand la_____y *n.* the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft

ANSWERS: 711. folk, 712. coherent, 713. fairy, 714. hypothesis, 715. fundamental, 716. surprisingly, 717. allegedly, 718. discovery, 719. frisson, 720. larceny

721. severe cr___c	<i>n.</i> someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
722. co_____e the listener	<i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
723. st___t compliance regime	<i>adj.</i> strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.
724. def_____ly become a problem	<i>adv.</i> without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
725. ped_____cs department	<i>n.</i> the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
726. fo___d smoking in public areas	<i>v.</i> to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
727. pos_____ty for growth	<i>n.</i> a chance that something may happen or be true
728. commit la_____y	<i>n.</i> the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft
729. ac_____ic probation	<i>adj.</i> associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
730. li_____y as a right	<i>n.</i> the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views
731. pr_____ve a country's heritage	<i>v.</i> to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

ANSWERS: 721. critic, 722. confuse, 723. strict, 724. definitely, 725. pediatrics, 726. forbid, 727. possibility, 728. larceny, 729. academic, 730. liberty, 731. preserve

732. d__e not go	v.	to have the courage to do something
733. la___h a spaceship into orbit	v.	to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
734. secretly de_____e	v.	to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
735. leg_____te question	adj.	accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
736. re_____nd reading	v.	to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
737. co_____de that he is healthy	v.	to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
738. gr__p a chance	v.	to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
739. ready-made ph___es	n.	a group of words that mean something specific when used together
740. an ac_____y of music	n.	a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
741. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis	n.	the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
742. re_____nd a hospitalization	v.	to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 732. dare, 733. launch, 734. despise, 735. legitimate, 736. recommend, 737. conclude, 738. grasp, 739. phrase, 740. academy, 741. comparison, 742. recommend

743. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
744. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
745. 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
746. cross-co____n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
747. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
748. 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
749. have a sp_____id time *adj.* very impressive or beautiful; magnificent
750. in____e the right to remain silent *v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
751. ab____t departure *adj.* sudden and unexpected
752. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
753. for_____ss of liabilities *n.* the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion

ANSWERS: 743. absolutely, 744. economical, 745. metaphor, 746. cousin, 747. educated, 748. achieve, 749. splendid, 750. invoke, 751. abrupt, 752. advantage, 753. forgiveness

754. re___t impulsively *v.* to answer back or respond sharply in a sarcastic or witty manner; to counter an argument or statement with a quick and incisive reply
755. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
756. a member of the Ac_____y *n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
757. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
758. sh_____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
759. re___e the foolish idea *v.* to say or prove that something is wrong or false
760. a go_____d for farmers *n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial
761. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
762. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
763. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
764. gr_____ue appearance *adj.* bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

ANSWERS: 754. retort, 755. statistics, 756. academy, 757. demonstrate, 758. shatter, 759. refute, 760. godsend, 761. stumble, 762. creature, 763. hawk, 764. grotesque

765. sh_____r the plate	<i>v.</i> to break suddenly into many pieces
766. co_____de a meeting	<i>v.</i> to come to an end or close; to reach a judgment or opinion by reasoning
767. take up a ho_____e attitude	<i>adj.</i> unfriendly or aggressively opposed
768. a tr_____l man	<i>adj.</i> of little value or importance
769. ad_____se the campaign	<i>v.</i> to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
770. issue a w__t	<i>n.</i> a written legal order or command
771. em_____e an opportunity	<i>v.</i> to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
772. ob_____e a tradition	<i>v.</i> to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
773. fi_____ng activity	<i>n.</i> the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
774. a hackneyed pr_____b	<i>n.</i> a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
775. become a lo__l customer	<i>adj.</i> giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;

ANSWERS: 765. shatter, 766. conclude, 767. hostile, 768. trivial, 769. advertise, 770. writ, 771. embrace, 772. observe, 773. financing, 774. proverb, 775. loyal

776. members of int_____sia *n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits
777. re_____t a promise *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
778. cit_____ip rights *n.* the status of being a member of a particular country
779. hulking di_____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
780. nu____t resort *n.* a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is unnecessary in certain situations
781. digital Da_____sm *n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
782. the spirit of pat_____sm *n.* love and loyalty to one's country
783. 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
784. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 776. intelligentsia, 777. retract, 778. citizenship, 779. dinosaur, 780. nudist, 781. Darwinism, 782. patriotism, 783. session, 784. complexity

785. the ra____al faculty *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
786. two op____d characters *adj.* being completely different from something or disagreeing strongly with something
787. attempt to pe____de *v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
788. take ad____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
789. inc____ble ideas *adj.* hard to imagine or believe
790. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
791. tr____h of democracy *n.* a great victory or achievement
792. a gr__d meal *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
793. inc____lly discovered *adv.* by the way; as an aside or in passing
794. political ta____s *n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

ANSWERS: 785. rational, 786. opposed, 787. persuade, 788. advantage, 789. inconceivable, 790. forth, 791. triumph, 792. grand, 793. incidentally, 794. tactics

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I gave witness on her _____.
n. represent; advantage, benefit, the interest of someone
2. I accidentally _____ up the reports and need help to tell which.
v. to mix up or confuse something; to make a mess of something; to create disorder or chaos
3. He never _____ his fault.
v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;
4. The scary movie gave me a _____ of fear, sending shivers down my spine.
n. a sudden intense feeling or thrill, often accompanied by shivers or goosebumps, typically brought on by excitement, anticipation, or a strong emotional response
5. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.
adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
6. The newborn _____ stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.
n. a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
7. Her unconcealed _____ made us unpleasant.
n. aggressive or unfriendly feelings or behavior

ANSWERS: 1. behalf, 2. muddled, 3. acknowledged, 4. frisson, 5. stunning, 6. calf, 7. hostility

8. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.
- v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
9. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
- adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
10. They each choose _____ to battle.
- adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
11. The company has been _____ with financial difficulties since the market downturn.
- v.* to surround, harass, or besiege with difficulties or problems; to subject to constant or repeated trouble or suffering
12. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
- n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
13. Where can I _____ the application form?
- v.* to get something, especially by making a great effort
14. The ceramic _____ shattered on the kitchen floor when I accidentally dropped it.
- n.* a small, usually handleless pot with a spout used for boiling or brewing tea; it often has a lid to prevent heat loss during steeping and is typically made of ceramic or metal
15. After ten years of teaching, she took a _____ to travel the world.
- n.* a period of leave granted to a person for rest, travel, or other pursuits, often in academia or other professions

ANSWERS: 8. urged, 9. blind, 10. nonetheless, 11. beleaguered, 12. intelligence, 13. obtain, 14. teapot, 15. sabbatical

16. His actions were a testament to his deep love and _____ for his country.
n. love and loyalty to one's country
17. This star is _____ to the naked eye.
adj. able to see or understand easily or clearly
18. Many scientists believe a layer of _____ in the geologic record points to an ancient asteroid impact.
n. a chemical element with the symbol Ir and atomic number 77, which is a hard, brittle, and silvery-white transition metal of the platinum group, often used in certain high-temperature applications like spark plugs or crucibles for crystal growth
19. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
20. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.
v. to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
21. 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
22. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

ANSWERS: 16. patriotism, 17. apparent, 18. iridium, 19. observe, 20. argue, 21. delude, 22. damn

23. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
24. She spoke with _____ about the importance of education.
- n.* a strong belief or opinion, especially one that is based on principles or evidence; (criminal law) a final judgment of guilty in a criminal case and the punishment that is imposed
25. I want to _____ to the newsletter to stay up-to-date on industry news.
- v.* to agree to receive or support something, often through payment or regular participation; to sign up for or enroll in something, such as a publication, service, or program
26. Her new documentary earned her an _____ Award.
- n.* a school for special training; a type of official organization that aims to encourage and develop standards in its particular field
27. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
- n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
28. The convention was a gathering of thinkers discussing _____ in contemporary society.
- n.* the disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of a god or gods; the rejection of theism or religious belief; the philosophical or doctrinal position that there is no deity
29. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.
- v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning

ANSWERS: 23. critics, 24. conviction, 25. subscribe, 26. Academy, 27. foundation, 28. atheism, 29. analyze

30. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.

n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

32. I found her assertion pretty _____.

adj. able to make someone believe that something is true

33. The latest experimental results have _____ the previous speculation.

v. to say or prove that something is wrong or false

34. I used to play with my younger male _____ when I was a little girl.

n. the child of your aunt or uncle

35. Scientists _____ that gravity plays a major role in the universe's formation.

v. to suggest or assume the existence, truth, or necessity of something, typically as a basis for reasoning or further investigation

36. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

37. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

ANSWERS: 30. proportion, 31. probable, 32. convincing, 33. refuted, 34. cousins, 35. postulate, 36. politician, 37. Evolutionary

38. The two sides argued their points, but the judge ultimately sided with the _____ viewpoint.
n. acting in opposition to what is expected or desired
39. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
n. a written legal order or command
40. The scratches on the car _____ its otherwise perfect appearance.
v. to damage or spoil the appearance or surface of something
41. 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
42. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
43. Did this response _____ your request?
v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
44. The _____ hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.
n. dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
45. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
46. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.
n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

ANSWERS: 38. contrary, 39. writ, 40. marred, 41. session, 42. Jewish, 43. satisfy, 44. straw, 45. suppose, 46. financing

47. They donated large sums of money for the development of _____.
- n.* all people living on the earth; the quality or state of being human rather than an animal, a machine, etc.
48. The feminist _____ criticized traditional models of gender roles and argued for greater equality between the sexes.
- n.* a person who develops or formulates theories about a particular subject, especially in the sciences or social sciences; someone who engages in theoretical thinking or speculation
49. They unfurled the _____ in preparation for the ceremony.
- n.* a long strip of cloth or paper bearing a symbol, logo, slogan, or another message, especially carried in a demonstration or procession or hung in a public place; a form of the online advertisement appearing on a web page
50. The chemicals _____ a massive health risk.
- v.* to present a risk, problem, or other issues that must be addressed
51. She used to be his _____ before the death of his first wife.
- n.* a woman who has an ongoing extramarital sexual relationship with a, often, married man; a woman who is in a position of authority or control and directs the work of others
52. The company's rules _____ the employee's working hours.
- v.* to tie or fasten someone or something tightly with rope, string, etc. so that they cannot move or are held together strongly
53. The detective looked for fingerprints on the window _____.
- n.* a strong border or structure of the wood, metal, etc. that surrounds something such as a picture, door, or window

ANSWERS: 47. humanity, 48. theorist, 49. banners, 50. pose, 51. mistress, 52. bind, 53. frame

54. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

55. The school was founded as a _____ institution with no religious affiliations.

adj. not connected with religious or spiritual matters; worldly

56. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.

adj. having received a high standard of education

57. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.

n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places

58. A rose has thorns on its _____.

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

59. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

60. Only a small number of _____ utilities offer sanitation services.

adj. relating to or located in a town or city

61. All members strictly followed the _____ of the organization.

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

62. The government's treatment of refugees is _____ and violates basic human rights.

adj. causing extreme disgust or hatred; completely unacceptable or intolerable

ANSWERS: 54. massive, 55. secular, 56. educated, 57. boundary, 58. stem, 59. modern, 60. urban, 61. dogma, 62. abhorrent

63. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
64. The CEO _____ the new project details to only a select group of employees.
- v.* to grant or give something graciously or condescendingly; to choose to reveal or disclose something willingly, often with a sense of privilege or superiority
65. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
- v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
66. He ate the dried _____ he had preserved.
- n.* a sweet and soft edible fruit with many seeds or a tree on which these grow
67. The workers showed _____ in their strike for better working conditions.
- n.* unity or agreement of feelings or actions among a group, especially among individuals with a common interest
68. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
69. The couple _____ exchanged their vows before the ceremony began.
- adv.* in a private manner; not publicly; secretly

ANSWERS: 63. debate, 64. vouchsafed, 65. lynch, 66. figs, 67. solidarity, 68. mysterious, 69. privately

70. The politician _____ the name of the founding fathers in his speech.
- v.* to call upon or request help or support, especially from a higher power; to mention or use something as a reason or justification for actions or decisions
71. The light emitted by _____ gas is often used in advertising signs.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol Ar that is a colorless, odorless, and inert gas, often used in welding and other industrial processes
72. He studied the _____ of radiation.
- n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
73. There is a growing _____ among young people to prioritize experiences over material possessions.
- n.* an inclination or predisposition towards a particular behavior, attitude, or course of action; a natural or prevailing tendency or characteristic
74. I _____ injustice and those who perpetrate it.
- v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
75. The new software is not _____ with the old operating system, causing compatibility issues and errors.
- adj.* capable of coexisting or working together without conflict or inconsistency; harmonious or well-matched
76. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
- n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 70. invoked, 71. argon, 72. physics, 73. tendency, 74. despise, 75. compatible, 76. anthropology

77. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
- n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
78. The _____ old town was full of historic buildings and charming shops.
- adj.* attractively or charmingly old-fashioned or unusual often used to describe something with a pleasingly unusual or quirky appearance or manner
79. The _____ value of Pi is approximately 3.14.
- adj.* relating to, expressed, or denoted by a number
80. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
81. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
82. She closed her eyes and _____ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
83. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.
- n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 77. candidate's, 78. quaint, 79. numerical, 80. inspired, 81. economy, 82. prayed, 83. label

84. She is very _____ in her thoughts.

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

85. The museum offers a variety of _____ programs for children and adults.

adj. relating to education or providing knowledge or instruction

86. The government is eager to _____ international investment.

v. to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

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

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

88. The magician's illusions always managed to _____ the audience.

v. to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

89. He deals _____ with his employees.

adv. to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

90. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

91. The _____ relationship between price and demand is well-known in economics.

adj. opposite in order, nature, or effect; reversed; reciprocal

ANSWERS: 84. conventional, 85. educational, 86. attract, 87. stick, 88. enthrall, 89. fairly, 90. ordinary, 91. inverse

92. The _____ monk spent hours each day in prayer and contemplation.
adj. deeply committed to a specific religious faith or practice, often showing great reverence or piety
93. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.
v. to break suddenly into many pieces
94. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
95. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
96. The content is _____ and informative for me.
adj. sharply exact or accurate or delimited
97. The _____ counselor encouraged her clients to focus on their growth and well-being.
n. a person who is concerned with the welfare and rights of all human beings; one who believes in the inherent worth and dignity of every person and stresses the importance of human values and ethical principles
98. His behavior is _____ to bullying and will not be tolerated.
adj. equivalent in value, significance, or effect to something else; virtually equal to or interchangeable with something else
99. The problem seemed _____ initially, but it became a significant issue.
adj. of little value or importance

ANSWERS: 92. devout, 93. shattered, 94. survey, 95. introduction, 96. precise, 97. humanist, 98. tantamount, 99. trivial

100. An _____ tide wrecked the ship.

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

101. The old-earth _____ believed God created the universe and all life on earth.

n. a person who believes in the literal interpretation of religious texts, particularly the Bible, and holds that the universe and living things were created by a divine or supernatural force rather than through natural processes

102. I've included the two designs for a _____.

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

103. The professor taught us about the experiment's _____ relationships between different variables.

adj. pertaining to a system or process that does not follow a straight or predictable path, often resulting in unexpected or unpredictable outcomes or behaviors

104. The documents were difficult to read due to their _____ language.

adj. having a style or quality that is no longer fashionable or relevant; old-fashioned; belonging to a particular time period in the past

105. He _____ stole money from the company.

adv. according to what has been stated or reported; supposedly

106. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.

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

ANSWERS: 100. aggressive, 101. creationist, 102. comparison, 103. nonlinear, 104. dated, 105. allegedly, 106. sophisticated

107. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

108. It is _____ that we will find a solution to this problem overnight.

adj. not likely to happen or be true; unlikely; having a low probability or chance of occurring

109. He earned a _____ salary at his job.

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

110. The patient's _____ levels were low, so they were advised to eat foods high in potassium, such as bananas and sweet potatoes.

n. a chemical element with the symbol K, atomic number 19, that is essential for the functioning of living organisms

111. NATO's allied forces made a strategic _____.

n. the act of taking money out of an account; the act of ceasing to participate in an activity and moving or taking something away or back

112. The _____ of her dress was breathtaking.

n. the quality of being graceful and stylish in appearance or manner

113. Her research team made an important _____.

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

114. In medieval times, people believed that the _____ horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

n. a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

ANSWERS: 107. destroyed, 108. improbable, 109. decent, 110. potassium, 111. withdrawal, 112. elegance, 113. discovery, 114. unicorn

115. 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

116. I _____ of my friend's decision to drop out of school and pursue a career in music instead.

v. to have or express an unfavorable opinion or judgment about something or someone

117. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

118. Please don't _____ me while I'm trying to concentrate.

v. to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

119. The _____ powers of the witch were the stuff of legends.

adj. of or relating to existence outside the natural world; not able to be explained by natural laws

120. In this society, discussing politics in public is a _____ subject.

adj. prohibited or restricted by social custom

121. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

122. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

ANSWERS: 115. individual, 116. disapprove, 117. hypothesis, 118. bother, 119. supernatural, 120. taboo, 121. publicly, 122. encouraging

123. The shocking _____ embarrassed the administration.

- n.* a fact that has been disclosed to others, especially a surprising one; the act of revealing or telling the fact or truth to others; communication of knowledge to humans by a divine or supernatural agency

124. _____ is better than argument.

- n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

125. The excited ____ was getting out of control at the concert.

- n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals

126. His writing was well-structured and _____.

- adj.* logical and consistent; (noun) the quality of being clear and easy to understand

127. In this tribe, people believed the _____ would save them from many calamities.

- n.* a person believed to have an extraordinary power that can understand God's will.

128. 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

129. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

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

130. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

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

ANSWERS: 123. revelation, 124. Proof, 125. mob, 126. coherent, 127. prophet, 128. invite, 129. recognize, 130. institutes

131. Her _____ obedience to her parents' rules sometimes led to trouble.

adj. accepting, believing, or obeying without hesitation or doubt; uncritical or unthinking; not inclined to challenge or question authority or beliefs

132. The pilot tried to _____ the customers that the planes were safe.

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

133. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

n. a living being, especially an animal

134. The _____ knife made it difficult to cut through the tough steak.

adj. having a dull or rounded edge or point; not sharp; straightforward in speech or manner, often to the point of being rude or insensitive

135. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

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

136. Many _____ lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

137. She _____ over the tree root.

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

138. The _____ conditions of a country can significantly affect its political stability.

adj. relating to the social and economic factors that shape an individual, group, or community, particularly in terms of income, occupation, education, and social class

ANSWERS: 131. unquestioning, 132. reassure, 133. creature, 134. blunt, 135. advantages, 136. republican, 137. stumbled, 138. socioeconomic

139. He felt like _____ when he tasted the delicious chocolate cake.

- n.* (of various religious and mythological traditions) a place or state of existence considered to be the abode of the divine, the afterlife, or a higher realm of being; a state of great happiness, contentment, or beauty

140. The author's work was forgotten and fell into _____ after his death.

- n.* the state of being completely forgotten or unknown; the state of being unconscious or unaware; the condition of being destroyed, wiped out, or erased from existence

141. Little children tend to have _____ friends.

- adj.* existing only in someone's mind

142. He has always shown great _____ to his friends and family.

- n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

143. She's on the _____ of adulthood.

- n.* the floor or ground that forms the bottom of a doorway and offers support when passing through a doorway; the smallest detectable sensation

144. He became _____ that he was being followed.

- adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

145. Some ethnic _____ groups experienced discrimination in society.

- n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age

146. They study the _____ of the universe.

- n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

ANSWERS: 139. heaven, 140. oblivion, 141. imaginary, 142. loyalty, 143. threshold, 144. conscious, 145. minority, 146. evolution

147. She has a thick southern _____.

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

148. The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of _____ as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

- n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

149. We want to _____ our company through your media.

- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

150. His _____ party celebrated his true identity and the support he received from his loved ones.

- n.* a significant event or declaration where an individual announces their authentic self to others; the act or process of publicly acknowledging and revealing one's true sexual orientation or gender identity

151. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.

- n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

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

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

153. 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

ANSWERS: 147. accent, 148. naturalism, 149. advertise, 150. coming-out, 151. relations, 152. principle, 153. universe

154. The FBI _____ went undercover to infiltrate the criminal organization.
- n.* a person who represents and negotiates on behalf of someone else, such as a literary agent or talent agent; (of chemistry and medicine) a substance that brings about a chemical or physical effect; (of computer science) a piece of software that performs a task autonomously
155. _____ robots that can cooperate with humans have limited motor output for safety.
- adj.* having the capacity for thought and reason, especially to a high degree
156. There was no _____ of a problem.
- n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
157. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
- n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
158. He has a _____ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.
- adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
159. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
160. The sudden policy change has caused _____ among employees.
- n.* the state of being mixed up or unclear, or the state of disorder or uncertainty
161. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
- v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 154. agent, 155. Intelligent, 156. hint, 157. population, 158. professional, 159. opportune, 160. confusion, 161. tap

162. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

163. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

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

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

165. The sudden, _____ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

adj. sudden and unexpected

166. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

167. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

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

168. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

169. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

170. 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

ANSWERS: 162. preserve, 163. gradual, 164. possibility, 165. abrupt, 166. legitimate, 167. religion, 168. dinosaur, 169. grasp, 170. association

171. The suspect was charged with _____ for stealing valuable artwork.

- n.* the unlawful or unauthorized taking and carrying away of someone else's personal property with the intent to deprive them of it permanently; theft

172. I will _____ these old clothes to the donation bin.

- v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

173. 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

174. The _____ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

- adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

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

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

176. The extra funding for the project was a _____ and allowed us to complete it on time.

- n.* something or someone that comes unexpectedly and is very helpful or beneficial

177. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

178. The marketing team developed new _____ to boost sales.

- n.* the methods or strategies used to achieve a specific goal or outcome, particularly in the context of military, business, or sports

ANSWERS: 171. larceny, 172. consign, 173. achieve, 174. magnificent, 175. economical, 176. godsend, 177. vulnerable, 178. tactics

179. The law was repealed to protect the rights of _____ citizens.
adj. sexually attracted to people of one's own sex
180. The frustration that had accumulated for a long time made her _____.
adj. marked by or in a state of excessive or uncontrollable emotion
181. The bodybuilder's _____ arms showcased his strength and dedication to fitness.
adj. characterized by strong and lean muscles; having well-developed and prominent muscles; tough and strong, often referring to physical strength or appearance
182. The _____ of the Romantic period is known for its emotion and imagination.
n. written works, such as novels, plays, poems, or short stories that are considered to have artistic or intellectual value
183. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.
v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
184. The colonial government _____ militia support when civil war broke out.
v. to persuade someone to work for a company; to find new members for an organization, the armed forces, etc.
185. The rocket engine is used to put the satellite into _____.
n. the path of an object around a celestial body, especially a planet, star, or moon, under the influence of gravity; (of medicine) the bony cavity in the skull that houses the eyeball and its associated structures, like muscles, nerves, and blood vessels

ANSWERS: 179. homosexual, 180. hysterical, 181. sinewy, 182. literature, 183. ignored, 184. recruited, 185. orbit

186. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

187. There is a strong _____ between education level and income.

n. a statistical relationship between two variables in which one variable is affected by the other; a reciprocal relation between two or more facts, numbers, etc.

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

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

189. I'm strongly _____ to that plan.

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

190. The car's _____ was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.

n. a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time

191. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

192. The exam was _____ tricky for everyone.

adv. in a way that causes amazement or wonder

193. The annual Fourth of July _____ is popular in the town square.

n. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day or event

ANSWERS: 186. grand, 187. correlation, 188. indicates, 189. opposed, 190. acceleration, 191. forth, 192. surprisingly, 193. parade

194. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
195. That _____ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.
n. a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
196. The picture earned near-_____ acclaim from critics.
adj. existing or affecting everywhere or everyone
197. _____ I know the answer to that question.
adv. by the way; as an aside or in passing
198. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
199. The _____ number on the dial was 3.
adj. similar to, connected with, or accompanying something, especially in position or purpose
200. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
201. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
202. The somber _____ procession went through the streets, with mourners walking behind the hearse.
n. a ceremony or ritual honoring and remembering a deceased person, typically involving the burial or cremation of the body; a gathering or service to mourn the loss of someone who has died

ANSWERS: 194. underestimated, 195. lobby, 196. universal, 197. Incidentally, 198. confused, 199. corresponding, 200. exciting, 201. absolutely, 202. funeral

203. The court ordered a long-term _____ of business.

- n.* the act of delaying or stopping something happening, operating, etc., for a period of time; a mechanical system of springs or shock absorbers connecting the wheels and axles

204. The _____ work was a vital component of the local economy, providing flour to the bakeries and farmers in the area.

- n.* a person who operates a mill (= a plant consisting of one or more buildings with facilities for manufacturing), especially a grain mill

205. It would be _____ for him to alter his behavior.

- adj.* hard to imagine or believe

206. 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

207. The author's _____ views were evident in her writing, where she denounced the existence of a higher power.

- adj.* pertaining to or characterized by atheism, which is the belief or doctrine that there is no God or higher power

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

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

209. The _____ mountains dominate the landscape.

- n.* a feeling of respect and wonder inspired by someone or something greatly admired

210. The _____ group launched a series of attacks on government buildings.

- n.* willing to use force or violence to achieve a political or social goal

ANSWERS: 203. suspension, 204. miller's, 205. inconceivable, 206. quotation, 207. atheistic, 208. organization, 209. awe-inspiring, 210. militant

211. The concept of Social _____ was often misused to justify socioeconomic inequalities.
- n.* the theory of evolution proposed by Charles Darwin, stating that species evolve through natural selection, survival of the fittest, and adaptation to the environment
212. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
- n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
213. The _____ of responsibility fell on the project manager to meet the deadline.
- n.* a burden, responsibility, or obligation; something that is required to be done or achieved
214. The company released its _____ earnings report.
- adj.* happening every three months
215. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
216. The mother was _____ as she searched for her lost child.
- adj.* marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion; wild; frenzied
217. The paper is _____ worth reading thoroughly.
- adv.* without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
218. The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing _____.
- n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

ANSWERS: 211. Darwinism, 212. chant, 213. onus, 214. quarterly, 215. suspected, 216. frantic, 217. definitely, 218. worldviews

219. The _____ of the ancient civilization can still be seen in the city's ruins.

- n.* the leftover parts or pieces of something that have been destroyed, removed, or consumed; the physical or biological remains of a deceased person, plant, animal

220. The _____ beauty of the sunset left us in awe.

- adj.* complete or total, often used to emphasize the extreme or uncompromising nature of something; not mixed with anything else; transparent or nearly transparent

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

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

222. Death gets more than its share of attention from _____.

- n.* an expert or student who studies theology

223. The _____ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

- adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed

224. The employee was _____ to a week of vacation time.

- v.* to give someone the right to have or do something; to give a title to someone or something

225. _____ 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

ANSWERS: 219. remains, 220. sheer, 221. proverb, 222. theologians, 223. hostile, 224. entitled, 225. Christmas

226. The new software will streamline the workflow, _____ increasing productivity.
adv. as a result; consequence of a particular action or set of conditions
227. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
adj. belonging to the same or present time
228. He is a man admired for the depth of his _____.
n. a belief, opinion, or image you have based on how you regard, understand, or interpret something; the ability to see, hear, or notice something through the senses
229. The new student's exceptional talent in mathematics _____ his classmates.
v. to impress or influence someone through the use of power, authority, or an overwhelming presence; to intimidate or awe someone into submission or compliance
230. The _____ description of a website is an important element for search engine optimization.
adj. pertaining to or involving a higher or more abstract level of analysis, interpretation, or self-reference, often used to describe aspects of gaming, social media, or other online communities that involve self-conscious or self-referential elements
231. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
232. I _____ that I will always stand by my beliefs.
v. to assert that something is true or real; to state positively
233. We bought a Spanish _____ book.
n. a group of words that mean something specific when used together

ANSWERS: 226. thereby, 227. Contemporary, 228. perception, 229. overawed, 230. meta, 231. mentioned, 232. affirm, 233. phrase

234. He is still _____ stealing the money from the cash register.
- v. to state that one refuses to admit the existence or truth of something
235. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
236. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
237. The government issued a decree to _____ new laws regarding environmental conservation.
- v. to make known or announce officially; to publicly declare or communicate a law, rule, belief, or idea
238. Gödel's incompleteness _____ prove the limitations of formal systems, including mathematical ones.
- n. a statement or proposition that can be demonstrated or proved to be true, typically by logical or mathematical reasoning
239. The rousing speech by the politician _____ the audience to action.
- v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
240. He seems _____ of understanding what she says.
- adj. unable to do, control, or achieve something
241. The media has been _____ the politician for his controversial statements.
- v. to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them

ANSWERS: 234. denying, 235. threat, 236. Democracy, 237. promulgate, 238. theorems, 239. aroused, 240. incapable, 241. vilifying

242. The museum houses a _____ collection of Celtic artifacts.

adj. extremely interesting

243. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

244. He was ordained as a _____ in the Catholic Church.

n. a person who performs religious duties and ceremonies, especially in the Christian faith

245. Her _____ application was denied due to a technical error.

n. the status of being a member of a particular country

246. The _____ sculpture made me feel uneasy.

adj. bizarre or fantastic in shape, appearance, or character; fantastic; bizarre

247. For _____ of the discussion, he prepared supporting materials.

n. the act or process of making a statement or situation less confusing and more understandable; the act of removing solid particles from a liquid

248. 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

249. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

ANSWERS: 242. fascinating, 243. strike, 244. priest, 245. citizenship, 246. grotesque, 247. clarification, 248. revealed, 249. exposed

250. The ____ traveler walked along the deserted road.

adj. solitary or single

251. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

252. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

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

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

254. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.

adj. relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media

255. I am going to trim this ____ off.

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

256. 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

257. She was tired and hungry, but _____ she persevered.

adv. in spite of that; yet

ANSWERS: 250. lone, 251. define, 252. remarkable, 253. coordinate, 254. editorial, 255. bush, 256. firm, 257. nevertheless,

258. The new tax law caused a _____ among small business owners.

n. a state of great excitement, public outrage, or public anger over something

259. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

260. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

261. The army used _____ maneuvers to gain an advantage in battle.

adj. relating to or constituting actions, plans, or strategies designed to achieve a particular purpose, especially an aggressive or political purpose; characterized by calculated planning, organization, and effectiveness

262. He _____ sharply to the critic's negative review of his work.

v. to answer back or respond sharply in a sarcastic or witty manner; to counter an argument or statement with a quick and incisive reply

263. Very few educational _____ go to Oxford or Cambridge.

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

264. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

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

265. The military _____ troops to the border.

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

ANSWERS: 258. furor, 259. reserve, 260. weird, 261. tactical, 262. retorted, 263. elites, 264. complexity, 265. mobilized

266. The _____ palace was a grand and imposing structure.

adj. relating to the pope (= the head of the Roman Catholic Church) or the Roman Catholic Church

267. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

268. We _____ a cease-fire.

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

269. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

270. We are very impressed with your strong _____ to quality.

n. a lot of time and energy that someone puts in for an activity or purpose because they believe it is important

271. I had to _____ down to pick up the coin that had rolled under the couch.

v. to bend forward and downward from the waist, often to pick something up or gain a better view; to lower oneself morally or socially

272. The _____ of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

n. a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

273. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.

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

ANSWERS: 266. papal, 267. pediatrics, 268. concluded, 269. preached, 270. dedication, 271. stoop, 272. layer, 273. blessed

274. I don't want to _____ for second best.

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

275. The _____ criminal was finally brought to justice.

adj. having a reputation for being very bad or wicked

276. The word 'home' _____ a sense of warmth and comfort.

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

277. The wild _____ galloped across the open plains, its mane flowing in the wind.

n. a small, hardy breed of horse found in the American West that typically has a stocky build, short mane, and a wild or untamed temperament

278. 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

279. The _____ approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.

adj. based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking

280. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

281. He kept his robust _____ in his company.

n. complete trust in something or someone's ability or knowledge; a strong belief in religion, divine power, etc.

ANSWERS: 274. settle, 275. infamous, 276. connotes, 277. mustang, 278. nation, 279. rational, 280. statistics, 281. faith

282. Enemy armies are _____ to their monarch.

adj. giving or remaining firm and constant support to a person, institution, product, etc.;

283. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

284. The _____ acid ate away at the metal pipes.

adj. having the ability to corrode or erode a material or substance; causing damage or deterioration over time; harmful or destructive

285. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.

adj. not readily apparent or visible

286. I missed the deadline due to a _____ in my memory.

n. a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended

287. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.

adj. very small in degree or amount

288. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

289. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

ANSWERS: 282. loyal, 283. hawk, 284. corrosive, 285. subtle, 286. lapse, 287. slight, 288. demonstrate, 289. explanation

290. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.

n. the condition of being extremely poor

291. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

292. The mischievous _____ flew gracefully through the forest, spreading magic wherever she went.

n. a mythical being of folklore and romance usually depicted as having magic powers

293. 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

294. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

295. 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

296. The artist's _____ fashion designs caught the attention of everyone at the runway show.

adj. unconventional, strange, or eccentric; departing from or deviating from the ordinary or usual; far from mainstream or traditional

ANSWERS: 290. poverty, 291. insisted, 292. fairy, 293. hero, 294. polls, 295. notion, 296. way-out

297. The _____ of the palace was breathtaking.

n. the quality or state of being extremely good, beautiful, or deserving to be admired

298. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

299. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

300. He was awfully _____ by the news.

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

301. She is highly _____ of handling multiple tasks at once.

adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise

302. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

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

n. a great victory or achievement

304. Ethics is a branch of _____.

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

ANSWERS: 297. magnificence, 298. holy, 299. largely, 300. upset, 301. capable, 302. launch, 303. triumph, 304. philosophy

305. The secretary's _____ was so good that she could type up meeting minutes within minutes.

- n.* a system of rapid handwriting or abbreviation that uses symbols, abbreviations, or other devices to represent words or phrases; a short and simple way of expressing or describing something

306. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

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

307. The battle had an _____ impact on the nation.

- adj.* unlimited or very great; impossible to measure

308. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.

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

309. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

- n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

310. The club _____ does not have absolute power.

- n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

311. The founding fathers fought for the _____ of the American people.

- n.* the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views

312. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.

- n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics

ANSWERS: 305. shorthand, 306. alternative, 307. infinite, 308. negative, 309. mass, 310. president, 311. liberty, 312. physicist

313. We _____ taking media training every six months.

- v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

314. _____ and discrimination have no place in our society.

- n.* intolerance toward those who hold different opinions from oneself

315. Many people believe in the concept of _____ and an afterlife.

- n.* the state or quality of being able to live or last forever

316. He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the _____ of heaven or hell.

- n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing

317. Human behavior has _____ characteristics.

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

318. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.

- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

319. The _____ palace was built in the 18th century.

- adj.* very impressive or beautiful; magnificent

320. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.

- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 313. recommend, 314. Bigotry, 315. immortality, 316. existence, 317. fundamental, 318. fins, 319. splendid, 320. elected

321. Some overzealous environmentalists claim celebrities are committing carbon dioxide _____.
n. the offense against a religious or moral law or against God
322. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.
n. the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services
323. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.
adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
324. The _____ sting left a painful rash on my arm.
n. a herbaceous plant with stinging hairs that cause a sharp, prickly sensation upon contact; a person or thing that irritates or annoys
325. He gained debt _____.
n. the act of stopping feeling angry or resentful towards someone for a mistake or offense with compassion
326. In southward, the average annual water _____ increases.
n. the amount or number of something; magnitude
327. The _____ homeowner diligently saved every penny by reducing energy consumption and conserving water.
adj. excessively frugal or stingy; unwilling to spend money or resources; extremely economical to the point of being overly cautious
328. I need to _____ my statement because I realized it was incorrect.
v. to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

ANSWERS: 321. sins, 322. economics, 323. academic, 324. nettle, 325. forgiveness, 326. quantity, 327. parsimonious, 328. retract

329. I wouldn't _____ to speak to him like that.

v. to have the courage to do something

330. Several courses in the theology department delve into the complexities and challenges of contemporary _____.

n. the belief in the existence of a god or gods, often associated with organized religion and the worship of a higher power

331. 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

332. Her scientific background led her to be _____ about the existence of a higher power.

n. a person who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a god

333. The fruit was _____ and ready to eat.

adj. (of fruit or crops) fully developed and ready to be eaten or harvested

334. The _____ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.

n. the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case

335. Her _____ attitude caused tension in the workplace.

adj. characterized by a readiness to confront others, particularly in a challenging or aggressive manner; inclined to argue or disagree rather than compromise or find common ground

336. The people of the village showed great _____ for the elderly.

n. a deep respect for someone or something

ANSWERS: 329. dare, 330. theism, 331. stack, 332. agnostic, 333. ripe, 334. likelihood, 335. confrontational, 336. reverence

337. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.

v. to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

338. 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

339. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

340. We all _____ to think about what will happen if the company goes bankrupt.

v. to be very afraid of or worried about something that is going to happen or that might happen

341. We seek a person _____ for the post.

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

342. He was wearing a _____ T-shirt with the American flag on it.

adj. having or showing love for one's country and a desire for its success and welfare

343. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

344. His _____ behavior at the office party led to his suspension.

adj. not suitable or fitting for a particular role, position, or character; inappropriate or inappropriate in behavior, appearance, or manner

ANSWERS: 337. prefer, 338. myth, 339. complaining, 340. dread, 341. qualified, 342. patriotic, 343. numerous, 344. unbecoming

345. She tried to _____ her brother to join her on the trip, but he was too busy with work.
- v.* to convince or induce someone to do something by presenting a reason or argument; to sway or influence someone's decision or opinion
346. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
347. We have finally lost our last _____.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
348. The advanced math problem was _____ but the student was determined to solve it.
- adj.* difficult, demanding, or requiring a high degree of skill or effort; presenting a difficult problem or obstacle
349. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
350. He is more of a hypocrite than a _____ to be honest.
- n.* a person who loves their nation and would fight for it if required
351. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
352. 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: 345. persuade, 346. vast, 347. prop, 348. challenging, 349. argument, 350. patriot, 351. planet, 352. ID

353. She has a _____ of spiders and always avoids them.

- n.* an extreme or irrational fear of a particular object, person, situation, or activity; a type of anxiety disorder

354. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.

- adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement

355. The gospel _____ sang beautifully at the church service.

- n.* a group of singers, especially one that sings in a church or cathedral

356. The bid _____ for this auction is \$100.

- n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important

357. The woods _____ the house.

- v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

358. The wheelchair user needed a _____ to access the building's entrance.

- n.* a sloping surface connecting two levels or inclines, typically used for the movement of people, vehicles, or goods

359. The colors of the shirt and pants totally _____ making the outfit look ridiculous.

- v.* to put together or match items that are not compatible or do not fit well together; to be different from or not correspond to something else

360. You should not _____ them from the community.

- v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

ANSWERS: 353. phobia, 354. elegant, 355. choir, 356. increment, 357. embrace, 358. ramp, 359. mismatch, 360. isolate

361. 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

362. She is willing to give up her position in the _____ family to marry him.

adj. relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family

363. I didn't mean to _____ out the answer, but it came out before I could stop.

v. to utter suddenly and impulsively, without prior thought or consideration; to let something slip out unintentionally

364. 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

365. He _____ chose not to take any risks before the important exam.

adv. done with careful consideration or thought; deliberately or intentionally

366. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

367. Her influence on teenagers is _____.

adj. not possible to deny; true or certain

368. The pandemic was a _____ business opportunity for certain companies.

adj. fairly large in size, value, or importance

369. She _____ her friend a favor for helping her move.

v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

ANSWERS: 361. distant, 362. royal, 363. blurt, 364. metaphors, 365. advisedly, 366. journals, 367. undeniable, 368. substantial, 369. owes

370. Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the _____ belt to understand the early solar system better.
- n.* (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
371. 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
372. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.
- n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
373. _____ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
374. God _____ you should regret your marriage.
- v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
375. The number of tourists in the city now _____ the locals.
- v.* to be more numerous or greater in number than another group or entity; to exceed in quantity or number
376. The voices of the political and academic _____ dominated the debate.
- n.* the educated and intellectual elite of society, particularly those involved in cultural or artistic pursuits

ANSWERS: 370. asteroid, 371. belong, 372. organ, 373. Essentially, 374. forbid, 375. outnumber, 376. intelligentsia

377. The newborn baby was _____ in a ceremony at the church.

- v.* to give a name to a baby at a Christian ceremony to welcome them into the Christian Church

378. She was an _____ without any belief in a higher power.

- n.* a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

379. A suspected _____ in the neighborhood has caused worry among parents

- n.* a person who is sexually attracted to children, particularly those under the age of 13; a person who engages in sexual activity with children

380. He _____ thought the red liquid was juice, but it was paint.

- adv.* in a mistaken or incorrect way; wrongly

381. The police found a hidden _____ of weapons in the suspect's house.

- n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

382. I claim on my _____ that it is true.

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

383. You won't have to pay college tuition if you're a _____.

- n.* professor; a person who studies a topic in considerable depth, particularly in a university

384. He placed the coins in a _____ to save for a trip.

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

ANSWERS: 377. christened, 378. atheist, 379. pedophile, 380. mistakenly, 381. arsenal, 382. honor, 383. scholar, 384. jar

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

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

386. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

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

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

388. It's important to be _____ even when you disagree with someone.

adj. showing consideration, respect, or deference towards others; having good manners, civility, or courteous behavior

389. He _____ his life to helping others.

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

390. Common salt is a sodium and chlorine _____.

n. an item composed of two or more distinct elements combined; a chemical formed by the combination of two or more elements

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

adv. at the same time

392. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

393. He liked the car because of the _____ of the design.

n. the quality or condition of being natural and plain or easy to understand or do

ANSWERS: 385. biology, 386. typical, 387. poetic, 388. polite, 389. dedicated, 390. compound, 391. simultaneously, 392. folk, 393. simplicity

394. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

395. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

396. The _____ beach is a popular destination for those who enjoy being clothing-free.

n. a person who engages in social or solitary activities while not wearing clothing; a person who believes that being naked is natural and healthy and that clothing is unnecessary in certain situations

397. Too _____ a regulation for the private sector will stifle innovation.

adj. strongly limiting someone's freedom; allowing no deviation from a standard, rule, belief, etc.

ANSWERS: 394. crater, 395. characteristic, 396. nudist, 397. strict