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Session 1: Word List

dabble

v. to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid

synonym: toy with, tinker with, play at

(1) **dabble** in a hobby, (2) **dabble** at French

They often **dabble** in new business ventures but only commit partially.

curator

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

synonym: conservator, custodian, administrator

(1) **curator** of a library, (2) interim **curator**

The museum **curator** conserved the ancient manuscripts.

architecture

n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings

synonym: design, structure, layout

(1) **architecture** design, (2) classic **architecture**

The city is known for its impressive **architecture** and beautiful old buildings.

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.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

absorb

v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually

synonym: consume, soak, ingest

(1) **absorb** energy, (2) **absorb** a shock

The sponge **absorbs** water well.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

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.

curate

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

synonym: minister, caretaker, (verb) arrange

(1) perpetual **curate**, (2) **curate** an art website

The art museum has hired a **curate** to select and display pieces from its collection.

preview

n. an early look or showing of a movie, book, or other creative work before its official release or presentation; a brief overview or introduction of something

synonym : sneak peek, trailer, teaser

(1) **preview** screening, (2) trailer **preview**

We watched a **preview** of the upcoming movie before it was released in theaters.

exhibition

n. a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

synonym : display, show, presentation

(1) a personal **exhibition**, (2) **exhibition** opening

The art museum is hosting an **exhibition** of contemporary paintings next month.

elastic

adj. flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and adaptable

synonym : stretchy, flexible, resilient

(1) **elastic** body, (2) **elastic** waistband

The skin of a snake is remarkably **elastic**, allowing it to slither through tight spaces.

decide

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

synonym : choose, determine, settle

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

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

involve

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

synonym : implicate, include, engage

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

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

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

rhythm

n. a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

synonym: beat, cadence, tempo

(1) in samba **rhythm**, (2) irregular heart **rhythm**

He beat out a jazz **rhythm** on the cajones.

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym: gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

zone

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

synonym: area, region, territory

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

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

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym: juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her

multitasking skills.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym : mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

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.

exceptional

adj. standing out from others in a noteworthy or superior way, unusually good or impressive; representing an exception or deviation from the norm

synonym : special, remarkable, extraordinary

(1) **exceptional** customer service, (2) **exceptional** career opportunities

Her **exceptional** talent in music allowed her to become a world-famous performer.

viewpoint

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

synonym : outlook, stance, perspective

(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**

We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.

resistance

n. the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

synonym : opposition, antagonism, defiance

(1) **resistance** movement, (2) **resistance** to insulin

The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much **resistance** from the public.

clog

v. to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something

synonym : block, jam, obstruct

(1) **clog** a filter, (2) **clog** artery

The drain was **clogged** with hair and needed to be cleaned out.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

malaise

n. a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify

synonym : unease, discomfort, dissatisfaction

(1) emotional **malaise**, (2) societal **malaise**

The country is experiencing economic **malaise**.

discomfort

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

synonym : affliction, despair, ache

(1) endure **discomfort** and pain, (2) **discomfort** in the abdomen

He felt no **discomfort** as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

elasticity

n. the ability of a material to return to its original shape after being stretched or compressed; flexibility; adaptability to change

synonym : flexibility, pliability, suppleness

(1) **elasticity** coefficient, (2) skin **elasticity**

The **elasticity** of the rubber band allowed it to stretch without breaking.

cherish

v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something

synonym : treasure, value, hold dear

(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships

She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.

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.

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym : show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

slide

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

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

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.

Renaissance

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

synonym: rebirth, golden age

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

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

gigantic

adj. extremely large

synonym: huge, enormous, immense

(1) **gigantic** proportions, (2) **gigantic** monsters

He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a **gigantic** appetite.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

peter

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

synonym: decrease, drop, lower

(1) eventually **peter** out, (2) begin to **peter** out

The music just **petered** out.

nanoscale

adj. on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale

(1) **nanoscale** device, (2) things at the **nanoscale**

This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling

the **nanoscale** lattice structure of the metal.

quantum

n. the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy

(1) probabilistic **quantum** theory, (2) laws of **quantum** mechanics

Big techs are now eager to develop **quantum** computers.

physics

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

(1) nuclear **physics**, (2) laws of **physics**

He studied the **physics** of radiation.

renew

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

synonym: renovate, restore, revitalize

(1) **renew** a contract, (2) **renew** its corporate image

I have to **renew** my passport by the middle of September.

passion

n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

synonym: fervor, zeal, ardor

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

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

atom

n. the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus

synonym: particle, element, fraction

(1) oxygen **atom**, (2) neutral hydrogen **atoms**

The outermost electron shell of an **atom** determines its chemical characteristics.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym: fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car

There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

affair

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

synonym: matter, incident, fling

(1) current **affairs**, (2) domestic **affairs**

Some critics say this exhibition will be a big **affair**.

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

synonym: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

founder

n. a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing

synonym: establisher, originator, architect

(1) **founder** of a company, (2) non-profit **founder**

The company's **founder** envisioned creating innovative technology that would change the world.

seed

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

synonym: germ, kernel, ovule

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

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

multimedia

adj. relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video

synonym : interactive, mixed media

(1) **multimedia** presentation, (2) **multimedia** design

I love using **multimedia** tools to create engaging presentations and projects.

salon

n. a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon

synonym : gathering place, meeting place, social venue

(1) beauty **salon**, (2) cultural **salon**

She frequented the **salon** for intellectual discussions and to keep up with the latest cultural trends.

apology

n. an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

synonym : regret, excuse, plea

(1) genuine **apology**, (2) accept his **apology**

She wrote a letter of **apology** to the renter.

fest

n. a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment

synonym : celebration, carnival

(1) film **fest**, (2) beer **fest**

The music **fest** was a huge success, with thousands of people in attendance.

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.

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

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.

architect

n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

synonym: creator, designer, planner

(1) landscape **architect**, (2) **architect** of the peace accord

The building **architect** tried to build the house above the tree.

installation

n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position

synonym: induction, introduction, furnishing

(1) **installation** fee, (2) a medical **installation**

The Queen attested the **installation** of state ministers to their portfolios.

serpentine

adj. characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression

synonym: twisting, winding, curving

(1) **serpentine** road, (2) **serpentine** design
The **serpentine** river snaked through the lush forest.

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.

sect

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

synonym: group, faction, cult

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

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

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

alphabet

n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language

synonym: ABC's

(1) letters of an **alphabet**, (2) an **alphabet** of manual signs

He strove to memorize the Hebrew **alphabet**.

protein

n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

(1) stress **protein**, (2) **protein** synthesis

The body needs a certain amount of **protein** to build and repair tissues.

literally

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

synonym: actually, truly, verily

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

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

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

stud

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

synonym: beam, scantling, framing

(1) horse **stud**, (2) wall **stud**

He bought a new **stud** to attach the strap to his watch.

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.

tutor

n. a person who teaches or gives private instruction in a particular subject or skill

synonym : teacher, instructor, mentor

(1) freelance **tutor**, (2) **tutor** student

The skillful **tutor** helped me improve my grades in math.

bunch

n. a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

synonym : group, assemblage, bundle

(1) a **bunch** of trees, (2) a **bunch** of schoolgirls

One bad apple spoils the whole **bunch**.

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym : component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

nail

n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

synonym : pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

grab

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

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

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

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

particle

n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

synonym: atom, grain, bit

(1) charged **particle**, (2) **particle** energy

We can calculate the position of the **particles** statistically.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

mate

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

synonym: companion, partner, spouse

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

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

enhance

v. to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

synonym: improve, enrich, refine

(1) **enhance** value, (2) **enhance** the flavor of the vanilla

The new strategy will **enhance** the profitability of our company.

typewriter

n. a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over

(1) **typewriter** keys, (2) electronic **typewriter**

I found an old **typewriter** at a thrift store and used it to write

my novel.

sperm

n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
synonym: seed, semen, seminal fluid

(1) man with a low **sperm** count, (2) production of **sperm**
The male **sperm** fertilizes the female egg.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

poem

n. a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

synonym: ballad, lyric, verse

(1) a narrative **poem**, (2) **poem** to the dead

A great **poem** is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.

ejaculation

n. a sudden and forceful expulsion of something from the body, especially of semen, during sexual activity; a sudden and forceful expression of emotion or sound, similar to a cry

synonym: climax, orgasm, cry

(1) **ejaculation** disorder, (2) inhibited **ejaculation**

Diabetes and multiple sclerosis are among the medical conditions that can cause retrograde **ejaculation**.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

tissue

n. an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function

synonym: structure, texture, anatomy

(1) a facial **tissue**, (2) loss of muscle **tissue**

The researcher separated the nervous **tissue** for microscopic examinations.

mixture

n. a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties

synonym: blend, amalgam, concoction

(1) **mixture** of emotions, (2) perfect **mixture**

The paint was a **mixture** of different pigments to achieve the desired color.

lab

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

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

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

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

amazing

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

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

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

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym: task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

- vitro** *n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
synonym : glass, container, vessel
(1) in **vitro** fermentation, (2) in **vitro** diagnostics
The lab technician used in **vitro** fertilization to help the couple conceive.
- ugly** *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
synonym : unattractive, unsightly, repulsive
(1) an **ugly** sound, (2) **ugly** building
The **ugly** truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
- steak** *n.* a thin slice of meat, typically beef, grilled or fried and served as a main dish
synonym : beef, chop, cutlet
(1) **steak** dinner, (2) salmon **steak**
He ordered a rare **steak** for dinner.
- cow** *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
synonym : bovine, cattle, kine
(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**
The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.
- countryside** *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
synonym : rural, rustic, pastoral
(1) **countryside** scenery, (2) **countryside** lifestyle
The small village in the **countryside** was perfect for a quiet getaway.
- scan** *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
synonym : look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

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.

resin

n. a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

synonym : sap, gum, pitch

(1) tree **resin**, (2) synthetic **resin**

The guitar was coated with a **resin** layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym : duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

banal

adj. lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar

synonym : trite, mundane, dull

(1) **banal** conversation, (2) **banal** plot

The restaurant's menu had a **banal** selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.

leather

n. a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and

other items

synonym : hide, skin, suede

(1) enameled **leather**, (2) **leather** boots

The **leather** jacket was worn in but still comfortable.

minuscule

adj. extremely small; tiny

synonym : tiny, insignificant, microscopic

(1) **minuscule** amount, (2) **minuscule** letters

This ore emits **minuscule** quantities of radiation

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

resolution

n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

synonym : determination, decision, settlement

(1) **resolution** of a conflict, (2) display **resolution**

He made a New Year's **resolution** to exercise more and eat healthier.

faze

v. to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster

synonym :

disturb, unsettle, bother

(1) **faze** a decision-maker, (2) unlikely to **faze** him
I won't let a little criticism **faze** me from pursuing my dreams.

comfort

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

synonym: ease, solace, coziness

(1) words of **comfort**, (2) **comfort** level

He found **comfort** in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

manipulate

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

synonym: control, exploit, abuse

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

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

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.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym: commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

fry

v. to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil

synonym: cook, roast, bake

(1) **fry** an egg, (2) **fry** over low heat

She devoted herself to **frying** the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.

chimpanzee

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

synonym : ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

chromosome

n. a long and string-like DNA molecule containing the part or all of the genetic material of an organism that controls what an animal or plant is like

synonym : DNA

(1) a sex **chromosome**, (2) the end of **chromosome**

Human females normally have two X **chromosomes**.

distinguish

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

synonym : determine, differentiate, characterize

(1) **distinguish** these two things, (2) **distinguish** man from the other animals

This study **distinguished** four different ways to run a business.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

visual

adj. relating to seeing or sight

synonym : optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

choreography

n. the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

synonym : composition, arrangement, dance notation

(1) original **choreography**, (2) **choreography** art

The dance performance featured intricate **choreography**.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

diagram

n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something

synonym : chart, figure, graph

(1) 3D **diagram**, (2) in a **diagram**

He is drawing a **diagram** illustrating how the equipment operates.

homologous

adj. having the same or similar structure, position, or function, particularly in different species or organisms; related by common ancestry

synonym : corresponding, analogous, similar

(1) **homologous** genes, (2) **homologous** structures

Homologous recombination is a process that can occur during DNA repair.

aesthetic

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

synonym : beautiful, artistic, esthetic

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

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

discuss

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

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

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

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

meeting tomorrow.

presentation

n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

synonym: exhibition, display, speech

(1) **presentation** skills, (2) **presentation** slides

She gave a fantastic **presentation** at the conference and received a standing ovation.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym: mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

blond

adj. of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

synonym: blonde, light-haired

(1) **blond** fuzz, (2) ash- **blond** ringlet

She is a natural **blond** and doesn't need to dye her hair.

background

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

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

aspect

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

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

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

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

production.

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.

promising

adj. having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement

synonym : hopeful, optimistic, encouraging

(1) **promising** idea, (2) **promising** start

Several top teams scouted **promising** young athletes.

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

synonym : composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership

Product development is a **collective** effort.

laptop

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

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

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

collaboration

n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something

synonym : affiliation, alliance, coalition

(1) **collaboration** between companies, (2) **collaboration** platform

The partnership program requires a mutual **collaboration** between both agencies.

mash

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions;
(noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

synonym : crush, grind, pulverize

(1) **mash** his words, (2) potato **mash**

She **mashed** the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

merry

adj. cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

synonym : jolly, happy, cheerful

(1) **merry-making**, (2) **merry** laughter

We had a **merry** time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

interface

n. (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

synonym : junction, surface, UI

(1) **interface** between gas and liquid, (2) the user **interface**

Detergent weakens the surface tension at the **interface** of two liquids.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym : connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym : equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

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.

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.

maximum

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

synonym : peak, top, highest

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

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

bubble

n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses

synonym : blob, balloon, mania

(1) **bubble** in the champagne glass, (2) economic **bubble**

Many people worry that the current real estate market is a **bubble** that could burst soon.

metaphysics

n. the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space

(1) **metaphysics** study, (2) the nature of **metaphysics**

Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating **metaphysics** as a discipline.

subway

n. an underground railway system, typically in a city
synonym: underground, metro, tube

(1) **subway** train, (2) rapid transit **subway**

He took the **subway** to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

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.

solitude

n. the state of being alone and isolated from others

synonym: isolation, seclusion, loneliness

(1) live in **solitude**, (2) enjoyment of **solitude**

He sought **solitude** in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.

expansion

n. the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process

synonym: growth, enlargement, development

(1) industrial **expansion**, (2) **expansion** project

The company is undergoing an **expansion**, opening new locations in several states.

technique

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

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

spa

n. a resort or facility offering various health, beauty, and relaxation treatments, such as massages, saunas, and mud baths; a hot spring or mineral spring believed to have therapeutic properties

synonym: resort, salon, wellness center

(1) **spa** treatment, (2) luxurious **spa**

The aromatherapy oils used during my **spa** treatment helped me feel more relaxed and rejuvenated.

conversation

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

synonym: chat, discussion, dialogue

(1) **conversation** in English, (2) a friendly **conversation**

Your **conversation** reflects your thoughts.

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.

facial

adj. of or relating to a person's face

synonym: forward, front, surface

(1) **facial** nerve, (2) **facial** expressions

Facial profiling is a new form of airport security.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) **rub** shoulders, (2) **rub** a glass window

She **rubbed** the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

temperature

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

synonym: climate, warmth, degree

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

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

isolation

n. the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups

synonym : aloneness, seclusion, separateness

(1) **isolation** booth, (2) the country's **isolation**

That incident led to his **isolation**.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

synonym : existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**

The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high technical ability.

military

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

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

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

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

physically

adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind

(1) **physically** and mentally, (2) stay **physically** fit

Having a **physically** healthy physique is essential for a great life.

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.

unclear

adj. poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive

synonym : ambiguous, fuzzy, obscure

(1) an **unclear** match, (2) in no **unclear** terms

It is important not to undertake tasks with **unclear** objectives to improve productivity.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym: bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

distance

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

synonym: space, gap, span

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

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

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

manufacture

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

synonym: create, fabricate, assemble

(1) **manufacture** an enzyme, (2) **manufacture** a product

The majority of synthetic vitamins are **manufactured** from oil.

bound

v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something

synonym: jump, bounce, leap

(1) **bounded** with delight, (2) **bound** up a staircase

Canada **bounds** on the United States.

prototype

n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

(1) complete a **prototype** product, (2) early **prototype**

The flying car is presently in the **prototype** stage.

carving

n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

synonym : cutting, engraving, sculpture

(1) a wood **carving**, (2) **carving** instrument

The intricate **carving** on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.

foam

n. a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water

synonym : froth, lather, bubble

(1) the **foam** on a beer, (2) plastics **foam** material

The waves crashed against the rocks, creating white **foam**.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

lithograph

n. a printmaking process that involves creating a design on a flat stone or metal plate, transferring the design to paper using ink, and then printing multiple copies of the design

synonym : print, etching, engraving

(1) **lithograph** print, (2) limited edition **lithograph**

The art gallery showcased a collection of colorful **lithographic** prints by renowned artists.

laser

n. a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification

synonym : beam, bar, ray

(1) **laser** printer, (2) pulse **laser**

The company holds patents on core components of **laser** jet printers.

solidify

v. to make solid, firm, or compact; to cause to become solid

synonym: set, harden, congeal

(1) **solidify** a bond, (2) **solidify** a decision

The committee's decision helped to **solidify** the rules of the game.

powder

n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

synonym: dust, crumb, grain

(1) **powder** additive, (2) curry **powder**

She used a **powder** brush to apply her foundation evenly.

liquid

n. a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym: fluid

(1) colorless **liquid**, (2) hazardous **liquid**

The sponge takes up the **liquid** well.

vat

n. a large container, especially one used for storing or holding liquids

synonym: barrel, cask, container

(1) **vat** of acid, (2) a large **vat** for fermenting beer

The restaurant owner bought a large **vat** of cooking oil for frying.

matrix

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

synonym: grid, cast, table

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

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

margin

n. the space around the edge of a page or document;
(finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

synonym : edge, border, periphery

(1) **margin** error, (2) a profit **margin**

Unfortunately, the book's **margin** was too small to make notes.

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

implication

n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something

synonym : suggestion, association, conclusion

(1) the **implication** in a crime, (2) the **implication** of a word

His poem has a very significant **implication**.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

regard

v. to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way

synonym : consider, see, reckon

(1) **regard** him as an enemy, (2) **regard** the situation as unfortunate

Frugality and industry are still **regarded** as virtues.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

buyer

n. a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor

synonym: purchaser, shopper, customer

(1) potential **buyer**, (2) house **buyer**

The online marketplace connects **buyers** with sellers all over the world.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

warehouse

n. a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops

synonym: storage, repository, depot

(1) a rental **warehouse**, (2) **warehouse** debt

The fire ruined all the food stored in the **warehouse**.

retool

v. to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its

intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands

synonym : revamp, remodel, adapt

(1) **retool** a strategy, (2) **retool** a business

We need to **retool** our manufacturing process and invest in new technology to stay competitive in the market.

invest

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

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym : antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

desktop

n. a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities

synonym : computer, workstation, PC

(1) **desktop** software, (2) **desktop** wallpaper

I need to upgrade my **desktop** computer since it's become quite slow.

textile

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

synonym : cloth, material, fabric

(1) **textile** production, (2) tissue **textiles**

China's **textile** industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

vase

n. a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects

synonym :

urn, jug, pot

(1) a ceramic **vase**, (2) **vase** pottery

The exquisite **vase** was filled with a bouquet of flowers.

retrace

v. to trace again, reexamine, or follow the path or course of something; to go back over something or retrace one's steps

synonym: backtrack, follow back

(1) **retrace** my life, (2) **retrace** a journey

I need to **retrace** my steps to find the lost keys.

communal

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

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

nowadays

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

synonym: currently, presently, today

(1) young people **nowadays**, (2) not to be seen **nowadays**

People can clone a sheep **nowadays**.

expand

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

synonym: extend, grow, boost

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

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

capability

n. the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function

synonym: ability, capacity, competence

(1) **capability** assessment, (2) technological **capability**

The company's pricing strategy limits its **capability** to compete with other businesses in the market.

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.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

olfactory

adj. relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents

synonym : olfactive, scent-based, aromatic

(1) **olfactory** cortex, (2) **olfactory** memory

The **olfactory** senses play a key role in our taste and flavor perception.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym : tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

reflex

n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli

synonym : reaction, response, instinct

(1) **reflex** test, (2) knee **reflex**

My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the **reflex** hammer.

detect

v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

synonym : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders
The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
synonym: expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

signify

v. to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

synonym: indicate, express, convey

(1) **signify** importance, (2) actions that **signify** agreement

The red lights on the dashboard **signify** that the car needs maintenance.

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.

endeavor

v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective

synonym: attempt, strive, undertake

(1) **endeavor** to succeed, (2) **endeavor** as much as possible

We will **endeavor** to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.

scenario

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

synonym: plan, scheme, procedure

(1) the worst case **scenario**, (2) number of different **scenarios**

The president prepared several possible **scenarios** for an enemy attack.

accompany

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

synonym: follow, escort, attend

(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book

Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

needy

adj. lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent

synonym: dependent, impoverished, destitute

(1) **needy** families, (2) **needy** situation

The community came together to aid and assist those in **needy** areas affected by natural disasters.

nervous

adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym: neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**

He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

calm

adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

synonym: quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

accessory

n. an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature

synonym: add-on, embellishment, attachment

(1) fashion **accessory**, (2) car **accessory**

She bought a new handbag as a stylish **accessory** for her outfit.

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.

breakup

n. the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

synonym: breakdown, divorce, separation

(1) a **breakup** hug, (2) air **breakup**

He got over the big **breakup** with his wife.

annoying

adj. making someone feel slightly angry

synonym: aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit

The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

plat

n. a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes

synonym: map, chart, diagram

(1) **plat** book, (2) a former **plat** of farmland

The city planning department keeps detailed **plats** of all the

local properties.

- doll** *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
synonym : puppet, dolly, toy
(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**
The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.
- leukemia** *n.* a type of cancer that affects the blood and bone marrow, in which abnormal white blood cells are produced and grow uncontrollably
synonym : blood cancer
(1) childhood **leukemia**, (2) acute **leukemia**
The symptoms of **leukemia** may include fatigue, weakness, and fever.
- transplant** *v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
synonym : relocate, emigrate, graft
(1) **transplant** a heart, (2) **transplant** my family to America
He tried to **transplant** the seedling into a larger pot.
- spider** *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
synonym : arachnid, wanderer
(1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**
The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
- gene** *n.* the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
synonym : factor, cistron

(1) **gene** expression, (2) **gene** cloning

A defective **gene** is responsible for the disease.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym : grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

Bluetooth

n. a short-range wireless communication technology that allows electronic devices to connect and exchange data wirelessly over short distances, commonly used for connecting devices such as smartphones, headphones, and speakers

(1) **Bluetooth** connection, (2) **Bluetooth-enabled** device

I need a **Bluetooth** headset for my conference calls.

sculpt

v. to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques

synonym : carve, mold, shape

(1) **sculpt** an image, (2) **sculpt** prototype

He spent hours every day **sculpting** figures out of clay.

passee

adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

afterlife

n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions

synonym : eternal life, immortality, hereafter

(1) **afterlife** name, (2) corporate **afterlife**

The belief in an **afterlife** comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.

tangible

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

synonym : palpable, real, actual

(1) **tangible** assets, (2) produce **tangible** results

A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes **tangible**.

gastric

adj. relating to the stomach or the digestive system; characterized by or causing discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen

synonym : stomachic, digestive, belly

(1) **gastric** issues, (2) **gastric** cancer

After eating spicy food, some people experience **gastric** distress like heartburn and indigestion.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym : attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

battery

n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them

synonym : electric cell, array, batch

(1) a dry **battery**, (2) **battery** charging

The engine did not start because the **battery** was flat.

flashlight

n. a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

synonym : torch, lamp, beacon

(1) **flashlight** beam, (2) **flashlight** batteries

He used a backup **flashlight** to find his way through the dark cave.

- toy** *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
synonym: plaything, game, trinket
(1) **toy** store, (2) **toy** box
He gave his daughter a new **toy** for her birthday.
- hop** *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
synonym: jump, bounce, skip
(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another
The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.
- trace** *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
synonym: seek, follow, depict
(1) **trace** a telephone call, (2) **trace** back to medieval times
Let's **trace** the origins of some familiar foreign words.
- portrait** *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
synonym: illustration, image, portraiture
(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure
A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.
- advance** *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
synonym: progress, boost, come along
(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship
Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. nontechnical as ___ts of the job | <i>n.</i> one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc. |
| 2. cou_____de scenery | <i>n.</i> rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery |
| 3. a m__s of molten rock | <i>n.</i> a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together |
| 4. fla_____ht beam | <i>n.</i> a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off |
| 5. de___e a question | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options |
| 6. exc_____al career opportunities | <i>adj.</i> standing out from others in a noteworthy or superior way, unusually good or impressive; representing an exception or deviation from the norm |
| 7. dis_____sh man from the other animals | <i>v.</i> to notice or understand the difference between two people or things |
| 8. de___t a bad event | <i>v.</i> to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc. |
| 9. bo__ded with delight | <i>v.</i> to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something |

ANSWERS: 1. aspect, 2. countryside, 3. mass, 4. flashlight, 5. decide, 6. exceptional, 7. distinguish, 8. detect, 9. bound

10. pr____n synthesis *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
11. en____e the flavor of the vanilla *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
12. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
13. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
14. re____d the situation as unfortunate *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
15. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
16. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
17. pulse la__r *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
18. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
19. sc____t prototype *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
20. a narrative p__m *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

ANSWERS: 10. protein, 11. enhance, 12. military, 13. concentration, 14. regard, 15. participate, 16. automatically, 17. laser, 18. revolution, 19. sculpt, 20. poem

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| 21. ind_____al freedom | <i>n.</i> | a single person or thing, as distinct from a group |
| 22. eventually pe__r out | <i>v.</i> | to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end |
| 23. di_____y merchandise | <i>v.</i> | to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value |
| 24. domestic af____rs | <i>n.</i> | event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship |
| 25. cultural sa__n | <i>n.</i> | a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon |
| 26. classic arc_____ure | <i>n.</i> | the art and science of designing and constructing buildings |
| 27. sl__e a card across the table | <i>v.</i> | to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption |
| 28. gr__h theory | <i>n.</i> | a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other |
| 29. mo_____ng ritual | <i>n.</i> | the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving |
| 30. pa_____n hobby | <i>n.</i> | intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction |
| 31. man_____re an enzyme | <i>v.</i> | to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines |

ANSWERS: 21. individual, 22. peter, 23. display, 24. affair, 25. salon, 26. architecture, 27. slide, 28. graph, 29. mourning, 30. passion, 31. manufacture

32. in no un_____r terms *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
33. in____t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
34. ti____r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
35. loss of muscle ti____e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
36. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
37. ab____b a shock *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
38. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
39. web sp____r *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
40. 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

ANSWERS: 32. unclear, 33. invest, 34. tinker, 35. tissue, 36. multitasking, 37. absorb, 38. balance, 39. spider, 40. mass

41. irregular heart rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
42. the runner's p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
43. el_____t design *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
44. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
45. the eq_____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
46. Peruvian ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
47. the user in_____ce *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
48. na_____le device *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
49. cu_____te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
50. enameled le_____r *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

ANSWERS: 41. rhythm, 42. pace, 43. elegant, 44. fragile, 45. equation, 46. artifact, 47. interface, 48. nanoscale, 49. cultivate, 50. leather

51. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
52. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
53. af_____fe name *n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
54. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
55. pa_____n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
56. a rental wa_____se *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
57. pa__e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
58. 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
59. de_____p software *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities

ANSWERS: 51. brand, 52. hop, 53. afterlife, 54. temperature, 55. passion, 56. warehouse, 57. passe, 58. launch, 59. desktop

60. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
61. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
62. st__k dinner *n.* a thin slice of meat, typically beef, grilled or fried and served as a main dish
63. m__h his words *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water
64. re_____e my life *v.* to trace again, reexamine, or follow the path or course of something; to go back over something or retrace one's steps
65. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
66. synthetic re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
67. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

ANSWERS: 60. reproduce, 61. passe, 62. steak, 63. mash, 64. retrace, 65. reproduce, 66. resin, 67. nervous

68. the country's is _____ on *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
69. he is ob ___ sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
70. struck d __ b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
71. stress pr _____ n *n.* a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues
72. talented ph _____ st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
73. re _____ on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
74. potential bu __ r *n.* a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
75. ex ___ e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
76. ob ___ s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
77. ex ___ d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
78. produce ta _____ le results *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

ANSWERS: 68. isolation, 69. obsess, 70. dumb, 71. protein, 72. physicist, 73. relation, 74. buyer, 75. excuse, 76. obsess, 77. expand, 78. tangible

79. the evidence of the pr____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
80. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
81. a s__d coat *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
82. ex____d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
83. ba__l conversation *adj.* lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
84. is____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
85. mistaken id____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
86. 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
87. ta____le assets *adj.* real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value
88. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else

ANSWERS: 79. presence, 80. topic, 81. seed, 82. expand, 83. banal, 84. isolate, 85. identity, 86. achieve, 87. tangible, 88. involve

89. early pr_____pe *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
90. acute le_____ia *n.* a type of cancer that affects the blood and bone marrow, in which abnormal white blood cells are produced and grow uncontrollably
91. bring my la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
92. at your own p__e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
93. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
94. col_____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
95. is_____e a patient *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
96. ne__y families *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent
97. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

ANSWERS: 89. prototype, 90. leukemia, 91. laptop, 92. pace, 93. communal, 94. collaboration, 95. isolate, 96. needy, 97. brand

98. aesthetic vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
99. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
100. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
101. metallic sp____e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
102. plastics f__m material *n.* a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water
103. corporate af_____fe *n.* life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
104. the f__m on a beer *n.* a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water
105. wall s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 98. viewpoint, 99. hop, 100. technique, 101. sponge, 102. foam, 103. afterlife, 104. foam, 105. stud

106. nuclear ph____s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
107. 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
108. pr_____ng start *adj.* having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement
109. re___d him as an enemy *v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
110. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
111. fashion ac_____ry *n.* an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature
112. rapid transit su___y *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
113. s__n a document into PDF *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
114. eja_____on disorder *n.* a sudden and forceful expulsion of something from the body, especially of semen, during sexual activity; a sudden and forceful expression of emotion or sound, similar to a cry

ANSWERS: 106. physics, 107. debate, 108. promising, 109. regard, 110. mechanism, 111. accessory, 112. subway, 113. scan, 114. ejaculation

115. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
116. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
117. c__g artery *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
118. g__e expression *n.* the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
119. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
120. beauty sa__n *n.* a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon
121. 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
122. la__r printer *n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
123. a po_____it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
124. f__e a decision-maker *v.* to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster

ANSWERS: 115. fantastic, 116. experiment, 117. clog, 118. gene, 119. transform, 120. salon, 121. achieve, 122. laser, 123. portrait, 124. faze

125. curry po___r *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
126. c__m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
127. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
128. house bu__r *n.* a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
129. tra_____nt my family to America *v.* to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
130. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
131. chi_____ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
132. non-profit fo_____r *n.* a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing
133. pre_____ion slides *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

ANSWERS: 125. powder, 126. calm, 127. instance, 128. buyer, 129. transplant, 130. relate, 131. chimpanzee, 132. founder, 133. presentation

134. perpetual cu___e *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
135. enjoyment of so____de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
136. love him non_____ss *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
137. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
138. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
139. st____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
140. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
141. young people no____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past
142. ca___r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

ANSWERS: 134. curate, 135. solitude, 136. nonetheless, 137. enact, 138. military, 139. stimming, 140. doll, 141. nowadays, 142. cancer

143. so____fy a bond *v.* to make solid, firm, or compact; to cause to become solid
144. en____e value *v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something
145. st____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
146. en____or to succeed *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
147. f_y an egg *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
148. s__n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
149. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
150. me__y laughter *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
151. in vi__o fermentation *n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
152. autistic st____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

ANSWERS: 143. solidify, 144. enhance, 145. stretch, 146. endeavor, 147. fry, 148. scan, 149. visualize, 150. merry, 151. vitro, 152. stimming

153. in vi__o diagnostics *n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
154. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
155. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
156. cap_____ty assessment *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
157. cu_____te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
158. dis_____rt in the abdomen *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
159. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
160. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
161. potato m__h *v.* to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

ANSWERS: 153. vitro, 154. pregnant, 155. cow, 156. capability, 157. cultivate, 158. discomfort, 159. excuse, 160. blind, 161. mash

162. a profit ma___n *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
163. bu___e in the champagne glass *n.* a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
164. stay phy_____ly fit *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
165. field of con_____ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
166. ser_____ne road *adj.* characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression
167. ad___e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
168. me__y-making *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
169. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
170. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
171. t_y store *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children

ANSWERS: 162. margin, 163. bubble, 164. physically, 165. contemporary, 166. serpentine, 167. advance, 168. merry, 169. manufacture, 170. background, 171. toy

172. an____ng banner ad *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
173. ga____c issues *adj.* relating to the stomach or the digestive system; characterized by or causing discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen
174. skin ela____ty *n.* the ability of a material to return to its original shape after being stretched or compressed; flexibility; adaptability to change
175. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
176. chi____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
177. a large v_t for fermenting beer *n.* a large container, especially one used for storing or holding liquids
178. ac____ny a chicken dish *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
179. gi____ic proportions *adj.* extremely large
180. sc____t an image *v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
181. perfect mi____e *n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
182. 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

ANSWERS: 172. annoying, 173. gastric, 174. elasticity, 175. amazing, 176. chimpanzee, 177. vat, 178. accompany, 179. gigantic, 180. sculpt, 181. mixture, 182. organ

183. re___l a strategy *v.* to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
184. ca___r diagnosis *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
185. ca_____g instrument *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design
186. lit_____ph print *n.* a printmaking process that involves creating a design on a flat stone or metal plate, transferring the design to paper using ink, and then printing multiple copies of the design
187. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
188. a sex chr_____me *n.* a long and string-like DNA molecule containing the part or all of the genetic material of an organism that controls what an animal or plant is like
189. laws of qu_____m mechanics *n.* the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy

ANSWERS: 183. retool, 184. cancer, 185. carving, 186. lithograph, 187. sect, 188. chromosome, 189. quantum

190. cou_____de lifestyle *n.* rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
191. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
192. bo__d up a staircase *v.* to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
193. el_____c waistband *adj.* flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and adaptable
194. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
195. tr__e back to medieval times *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
196. da___e in a hobby *v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
197. dog-loving m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
198. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people

ANSWERS: 190. countryside, 191. distance, 192. bound, 193. elastic, 194. enormous, 195. trace, 196. dabble, 197. mate, 198. collective

199. ba__l plot	<i>adj.</i> lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
200. absolutely fa_____ic event	<i>adj.</i> extremely good; excellent
201. film f__t	<i>n.</i> a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment
202. ti___r with the settings	<i>v.</i> to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
203. ad_____e a cooperative relationship	<i>v.</i> to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
204. nonmetallic el_____ts	<i>n.</i> a fundamental or essential part of something
205. field of vi___l arts	<i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight
206. hi_____ic accomplishment	<i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so
207. ol_____ry cortex	<i>adj.</i> relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents
208. an u__y sound	<i>adj.</i> unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
209. Bl_____th connection	<i>n.</i> a short-range wireless communication technology that allows electronic devices to connect and exchange data wirelessly over short distances, commonly used for connecting devices such as smartphones, headphones, and speakers

ANSWERS: 199. banal, 200. fantastic, 201. fest, 202. tinker, 203. advance, 204. element, 205. visual, 206. historic, 207. olfactory, 208. ugly, 209. Bluetooth

210. landscape ar_____ct *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
211. his majestic pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
212. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
213. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
214. ol_____ry memory *adj.* relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents
215. Bl_____th-enabled device *n.* a short-range wireless communication technology that allows electronic devices to connect and exchange data wirelessly over short distances, commonly used for connecting devices such as smartphones, headphones, and speakers
216. col_____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
217. artistic ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
218. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 210. architect, 211. presence, 212. graph, 213. mechanism, 214. olfactory, 215. Bluetooth, 216. collaborate, 217. Renaissance, 218. decide

219. re_____e a journey *v.* to trace again, reexamine, or follow the path or course of something; to go back over something or retrace one's steps
220. res_____on of a conflict *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
221. cu_____r of a library *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
222. the biggest tree in ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
223. write el_____t sentences *adj.* pleasing and graceful in appearance or manner, or showing good taste and refinement
224. p__t book *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
225. a ro__l palace *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
226. ab___b energy *v.* to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
227. a l__e flight *adj.* solitary or single
228. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

ANSWERS: 219. retrace, 220. resolution, 221. curator, 222. existence, 223. elegant, 224. plat, 225. royal, 226. absorb, 227. lone, 228. background

229. dis_____sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
230. rusty n__l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
231. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
232. a former p__t of farmland *n.* a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
233. v__e pottery *n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
234. ae_____ic value *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
235. 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
236. an_____ng habit *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
237. oxygen a__m *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
238. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

ANSWERS: 229. distinguish, 230. nail, 231. prototype, 232. plat, 233. vase, 234. aesthetic, 235. universe, 236. annoying, 237. atom, 238. maximum

239. pr____w screening	<i>n.</i>	an early look or showing of a movie, book, or other creative work before its official release or presentation; a brief overview or introduction of something
240. te____e production	<i>n.</i>	any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
241. tu__r student	<i>n.</i>	a person who teaches or gives private instruction in a particular subject or skill
242. en__t the smoking ban	<i>v.</i>	to make a law; to put something into practice
243. da____e at French	<i>v.</i>	to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
244. re____on of inclusion	<i>n.</i>	the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
245. words of co____t	<i>n.</i>	a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
246. the atmospheric tem____re	<i>n.</i>	the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
247. economic bu____e	<i>n.</i>	a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
248. hazardous li____d	<i>n.</i>	a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
249. laws of ph____s	<i>n.</i>	the science of matter and energy and their interactions

ANSWERS: 239. preview, 240. textile, 241. tutor, 242. enact, 243. dabble, 244. relation, 245. comfort, 246. temperature, 247. bubble, 248. liquid, 249. physics

250. in___t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
251. mi_____le letters *adj.* extremely small; tiny
252. po_____it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
253. ex_____on project *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
254. res_____ce movement *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
255. fla_____ht batteries *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
256. n__l clipper *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
257. de___t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
258. horse s__d *n.* a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

ANSWERS: 250. inject, 251. minuscule, 252. portrait, 253. expansion, 254. resistance, 255. flashlight, 256. nail, 257. detect, 258. stud

259. a gas ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
260. mi____le amount *adj.* extremely small; tiny
261. col____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
262. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
263. re__w its corporate image *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
264. mi____e of emotions *n.* a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties
265. a medical ins____ion *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
266. u__y building *adj.* unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
267. beer f__t *n.* a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment

ANSWERS: 259. chamber, 260. minuscule, 261. collective, 262. relate, 263. renew, 264. mixture, 265. installation, 266. ugly, 267. fest

268. in____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
269. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
270. c__m sea *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
271. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
272. interim cu____r *n.* a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.
273. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
274. actions that si____y agreement *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
275. in__t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
276. theoretical ph_____st *n.* a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
277. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

ANSWERS: 268. involve, 269. organ, 270. calm, 271. opportune, 272. curator, 273. cow, 274. signify, 275. inject, 276. physicist, 277. construct

278. ela_____ty coefficient *n.* the ability of a material to return to its original shape after being stretched or compressed; flexibility; adaptability to change
279. tissue te_____es *n.* any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting
280. co_____t level *n.* a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint
281. industrial ex_____on *n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
282. lose some of my sh_____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
283. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
284. vi____l navigation *adj.* relating to seeing or sight
285. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
286. sp____r venom *n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
287. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
288. tr__e a telephone call *v.* to find or discover someone or something that was lost
289. neutral hydrogen a__ms *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus

ANSWERS: 278. elasticity, 279. textile, 280. comfort, 281. expansion, 282. shyness, 283. concept, 284. visual, 285. concept, 286. spider, 287. element, 288. trace, 289. atom

290. mul_____ia presentation *adj.* relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video
291. ma___n error *n.* the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold
292. live in so_____de *n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others
293. in a di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
294. cu___e an art website *n.* a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation
295. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
296. typ_____er keys *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
297. get ne_____s *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

ANSWERS: 290. multimedia, 291. margin, 292. solitude, 293. diagram, 294. curate, 295. discuss, 296. typewriter, 297. nervous

298. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
299. ae_____ic feeling *adj.* connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty
300. decision-making pr_____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
301. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
302. v_t of acid *n.* a large container, especially one used for storing or holding liquids
303. le_____r boots *n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items
304. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
305. air br_____p *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
306. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
307. a friendly con_____ion *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

ANSWERS: 298. collaboration, 299. aesthetic, 300. process, 301. enormous, 302. vat, 303. leather, 304. individual, 305. breakup, 306. construct, 307. conversation

308. re__w a contract *v.* to begin or resume something again after an interruption
309. sea sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
310. t_y box *n.* a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
311. as___ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
312. the lower ch____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
313. ac_____ny the book *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
314. exh_____on opening *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
315. ch_____h a stuffed animal *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
316. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
317. his research area of con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
318. po___r additive *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles

ANSWERS: 308. renew, 309. sponge, 310. toy, 311. aspect, 312. chamber, 313. accompany, 314. exhibition, 315. cherish, 316. visualize, 317. concentration, 318. powder

319. 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
320. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
321. begin to pe__r out *v.* to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end
322. genuine ap____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
323. exc_____al customer service *adj.* standing out from others in a noteworthy or superior way, unusually good or impressive; representing an exception or deviation from the norm
324. colorless li___d *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
325. pr_____ng idea *adj.* having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement
326. s_a treatment *n.* a resort or facility offering various health, beauty, and relaxation treatments, such as massages, saunas, and mud baths; a hot spring or mineral spring believed to have therapeutic properties
327. the worst case sc_____io *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

ANSWERS: 319. launch, 320. devote, 321. peter, 322. apology, 323. exceptional, 324. liquid, 325. promising, 326. spa, 327. scenario

328. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
329. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
330. 3D di_____m *n.* a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
331. re____x test *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
332. societal ma_____e *n.* a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify
333. display res_____on *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
334. we are non_____ss confident *adv.* in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
335. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
336. res_____ce to insulin *n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something
337. phy_____ly and mentally *adv.* in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
338. fa____l expressions *adj.* of or relating to a person's face

ANSWERS: 328. participate, 329. revolution, 330. diagram, 331. reflex, 332. malaise, 333. resolution, 334. nonetheless, 335. assignment, 336. resistance, 337. physically, 338. facial

339. the ma___x of Western civilization *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
340. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
341. salmon st__k *n.* a thin slice of meat, typically beef, grilled or fried and served as a main dish
342. arc_____ure design *n.* the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
343. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
344. 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
345. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
346. needs of pr_____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
347. industrial ren_____ce *n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music
348. a wood ca_____g *n.* the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

ANSWERS: 339. matrix, 340. maximum, 341. steak, 342. architecture, 343. grab, 344. debate, 345. possibility, 346. pregnant, 347. Renaissance, 348. carving

349. sh____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
350. s__d money *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
351. number of different sc____ios *n.* a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work
352. freelance tu__r *n.* a person who teaches or gives private instruction in a particular subject or skill
353. the nature of met____cs *n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
354. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
355. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
356. politically fr____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
357. el____c body *adj.* flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and adaptable
358. gi____ic monsters *adj.* extremely large

ANSWERS: 349. shyness, 350. seed, 351. scenario, 352. tutor, 353. metaphysics, 354. blind, 355. rub, 356. fragile, 357. elastic, 358. gigantic

359. con_____ion in English *n.* an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.
360. bite his tongue li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
361. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
362. mo_____ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
363. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
364. original cho_____phy *n.* the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance
365. the imp_____on of a word *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
366. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 359. conversation, 360. literally, 361. process, 362. mourning, 363. literally, 364. choreography, 365. implication, 366. historic

367. in samba rh___m *n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing
368. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
369. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
370. endure dis_____rt and pain *n.* a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain
371. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
372. su___y train *n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city
373. childhood le_____ia *n.* a type of cancer that affects the blood and bone marrow, in which abnormal white blood cells are produced and grow uncontrollably
374. pre_____ion skills *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
375. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
376. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

ANSWERS: 367. rhythm, 368. balance, 369. lab, 370. discomfort, 371. sect, 372. subway, 373. leukemia, 374. presentation, 375. transform, 376. discuss

377. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
378. en____or as much as possible *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
379. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
380. ne__y situation *adj.* lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent
381. man with a low sp__m count *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
382. mul_____ia design *adj.* relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video
383. a bu__h of trees *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
384. in_____ce between gas and liquid *n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things
385. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
386. hom_____us structures *adj.* having the same or similar structure, position, or function, particularly in different species or organisms; related by common ancestry

ANSWERS: 377. communal, 378. endeavor, 379. rub, 380. needy, 381. sperm, 382. multimedia, 383. bunch, 384. interface, 385. modern, 386. homologous

387. f_y over low heat *v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
388. accept his ap_____y *n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble
389. the end of chr_____me *n.* a long and string-like DNA molecule containing the part or all of the genetic material of an organism that controls what an animal or plant is like
390. car ac_____ry *n.* an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature
391. is_____on booth *n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
392. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
393. ch_____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
394. ins_____ion fee *n.* the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
395. limited edition lit_____ph *n.* a printmaking process that involves creating a design on a flat stone or metal plate, transferring the design to paper using ink, and then printing multiple copies of the design

ANSWERS: 387. fry, 388. apology, 389. chromosome, 390. accessory, 391. isolation, 392. slide, 393. cherish, 394. installation, 395. lithograph

405. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
406. emotional ma_____e *n.* a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify
407. prince ro__l *adj.* relating to or belonging to the king or queen or a member of their family
408. a dry ba_____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
409. con_____ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
410. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
411. an al_____et of manual signs *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
412. ser_____ne design *adj.* characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression
413. paleolithic ar_____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
414. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
415. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
416. not to be seen no_____ys *adv.* at the current time, in comparison to the past

ANSWERS: 405. dumb, 406. malaise, 407. royal, 408. battery, 409. contemporary, 410. zone, 411. alphabet, 412. serpentine, 413. artifact, 414. doll, 415. manipulate, 416. nowadays

417. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
418. fo_____r of a company *n.* a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing
419. a br_____p hug *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
420. letters of an al_____et *n.* a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
421. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
422. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
423. di_____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
424. things at the na_____le *adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
425. c__g a filter *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something

ANSWERS: 417. manipulate, 418. founder, 419. breakup, 420. alphabet, 421. identity, 422. grab, 423. display, 424. nanoscale, 425. clog

426. charged pa____le *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance
427. a facial ti___e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
428. technological cap_____ty *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
429. ash-bl__d ringlet *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color
430. luxurious s_a *n.* a resort or facility offering various health, beauty, and relaxation treatments, such as massages, saunas, and mud baths; a hot spring or mineral spring believed to have therapeutic properties
431. knee re___x *n.* an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
432. a scientific vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
433. medical l_b *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
434. de____p wallpaper *n.* a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities

ANSWERS: 426. particle, 427. tissue, 428. capability, 429. blond, 430. spa, 431. reflex, 432. viewpoint, 433. lab, 434. desktop

435. trailer pr____w *n.* an early look or showing of a movie, book, or other creative work before its official release or presentation; a brief overview or introduction of something
436. 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
437. driving di____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
438. so__d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
439. a l__e house in the field *adj.* solitary or single
440. exp____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
441. smoking m__e *n.* a person's partner in marriage or romantic relationship; an animal's sexual partner; a peer or friend; (of the game of chess) checkmate, which is the winning condition of the game
442. unlikely to f__e him *v.* to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster
443. bl__d fuzz *adj.* of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

ANSWERS: 435. preview, 436. universe, 437. distance, 438. solid, 439. lone, 440. experiment, 441. mate, 442. faze, 443. blond

444. current af___rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
445. the imp_____on in a crime *n.* something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
446. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
447. re___l a business *v.* to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands
448. inhibited eja_____on *n.* a sudden and forceful expulsion of something from the body, especially of semen, during sexual activity; a sudden and forceful expression of emotion or sound, similar to a cry
449. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
450. computer mul_____ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
451. met_____cs study *n.* the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space
452. st_____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 444. affair, 445. implication, 446. amazing, 447. retool, 448. ejaculation, 449. possibility, 450. multitasking, 451. metaphysics, 452. stretch

453. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
454. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
455. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
456. thin-and-light la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
457. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
458. fa___l nerve *adj.* of or relating to a person's face
459. an un_____r match *adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
460. ar_____ct of the peace accord *n.* a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings
461. a ceramic v___e *n.* a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
462. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
463. time z___e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
464. aut_____lly adjusted *adv.* without needing a direct human control
465. a personal exh_____on *n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery

ANSWERS: 453. assignment, 454. topic, 455. devote, 456. laptop, 457. solid, 458. facial, 459. unclear, 460. architect, 461. vase, 462. instance, 463. zone, 464. automatically, 465. exhibition

466. the struggle for ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
467. hom_____us genes *adj.* having the same or similar structure, position, or function, particularly in different species or organisms; related by common ancestry
468. ma___x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
469. tree re__n *n.* a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance
470. electronic typ_____er *n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
471. wa_____se debt *n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
472. pa_____le energy *n.* a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

ANSWERS: 466. existence, 467. homologous, 468. matrix, 469. resin, 470. typewriter, 471. warehouse, 472. particle

473. si____y importance *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
474. probabilistic qu____m theory *n.* the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy
475. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
476. ba____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
477. ga____c cancer *adj.* relating to the stomach or the digestive system; characterized by or causing discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen
478. p__m to the dead *n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery
479. production of sp__m *n.* the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal
480. a bu__h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

ANSWERS: 473. signify, 474. quantum, 475. technique, 476. battery, 477. gastric, 478. poem, 479. sperm, 480. bunch

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The art museum is hosting an _____ of contemporary paintings next month.
 - n.* a public event or display of works of art, scientific or industrial objects, or other items of interest, usually held in a museum or art gallery
2. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.
 - v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
3. A defective _____ is responsible for the disease.
 - n.* the fundamental unit of heredity and the sequence of nucleotides in DNA that codes for the creation of RNA or protein.
4. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.
 - n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
5. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
 - n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
6. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.
 - n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
7. A great _____ is a fountain forever overflowing with the waters of wisdom and delight.
 - n.* a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas by paying particular attention to diction (sometimes rhyme), rhythm, and imagery

ANSWERS: 1. exhibition, 2. tinkering, 3. gene, 4. matrix, 5. technique, 6. mourning, 7. poem

8. The belief in an _____ comforted those mourning the loss of their loved ones.
n. life after death, as believed in many cultures and religious traditions
9. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
10. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
11. His poem has a very significant _____.
n. something that is inferred or indirectly stated; the act or fact of being involved in something
12. Canada _____ on the United States.
v. to move forward by leaps and bounds; to form the boundary of something
13. He used a backup _____ to find his way through the dark cave.
n. a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
14. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
15. She _____ the memories of her childhood.
v. to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
16. The intricate _____ on the wooden box was the work of a master craftsman.
n. the act or process of cutting or shaping a hard material, such as wood or stone, into a specific form or design

ANSWERS: 8. afterlife, 9. artifacts, 10. assignment, 11. implication, 12. bounds, 13. flashlight, 14. experiments, 15. cherished, 16. carving

17. He finally overcame his _____.

- n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

18. He got over the big _____ with his wife.

- n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

19. The new strategy will _____ the profitability of our company.

- v.* to increase or improve the quality, amount, or strength of someone or something

20. She wrote a letter of _____ to the renter.

- n.* an act of saying or writing that you are sorry for something that has been done wrong or that causes a trouble

21. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

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

22. Folk music is now experiencing a _____.

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

23. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.

- v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

24. She bought a new handbag as a stylish _____ for her outfit.

- n.* an additional item or object that enhances or complements something else; a supplementary component or attachment; a nonessential but desirable item or feature

ANSWERS: 17. shyness, 18. breakup, 19. enhance, 20. apology, 21. grab, 22. renaissance, 23. reproduce, 24. accessory

25. The company is undergoing an _____ opening new locations in several states.
- n.* the process of becoming larger or more extensive, or the result of this process
26. They often _____ in new business ventures but only commit partially.
- v.* to engage in an activity in a casual or superficial way; to dip a foot or hand briefly into a liquid
27. I found an old _____ at a thrift store and used it to write my novel.
- n.* a mechanical device used for writing, consisting of type keys that, when pressed, imprint ink onto paper or other writing material, mainly used before modern computers, printers, and word processors took over
28. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
- n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
29. This process improves the strength of the metal by controlling the _____ lattice structure of the metal.
- adj.* on a scale that can be measured in nanometres (= one billionth of a meter); on a very small scale
30. He was reluctant to leave his comfort _____ and try something new.
- n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
31. The government _____ this law in 1925.
- v.* to make a law; to put something into practice

ANSWERS: 25. expansion, 26. dabble, 27. typewriter, 28. background, 29. nanoscale, 30. zone, 31. enacted

32. We watched a _____ of the upcoming movie before it was released in theaters.
- n.* an early look or showing of a movie, book, or other creative work before its official release or presentation; a brief overview or introduction of something
33. That incident led to his _____.
- n.* the condition of being alone or lonely; the act or state of separation between persons or groups
34. She devoted herself to _____ the chicken in a pan until it was crispy and golden brown.
- v.* to cook food, especially meat or fish, in hot fat or oil
35. It is important not to undertake tasks with _____ objectives to improve productivity.
- adj.* poorly stated or described and therefore not easy to understand; not easy to perceive
36. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.
- v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
37. The _____ traveler walked along the deserted road.
- adj.* solitary or single
38. The sponge takes up the _____ well.
- n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
39. 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

ANSWERS: 32. preview, 33. isolation, 34. frying, 35. unclear, 36. manipulate, 37. lone, 38. liquid, 39. mass

40. 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
41. The _____ river snaked through the lush forest.
adj. characterized by twists, turns, or curves shaped like a snake; sly, cunning, or devious in behavior or expression
42. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.
n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
43. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
44. The sponge _____ water well.
v. to take in a fluid or other substance gradually
45. Many people worry that the current real estate market is a _____ that could burst soon.
n. a thin, round, and often transparent mass of gas that is surrounded by a thin layer of liquid; a state of economic or social prosperity that is unsustainable and eventually collapses
46. The building _____ tried to build the house above the tree.
n. a person whose job is to design plans to be used in making something, such as buildings

ANSWERS: 40. organ, 41. serpentine, 42. temperatures, 43. process, 44. absorbs, 45. bubble, 46. architect

47. She _____ the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

48. I need to _____ my steps to find the lost keys.

v. to trace again, reexamine, or follow the path or course of something; to go back over something or retrace one's steps

49. The art museum has hired a _____ to select and display pieces from its collection.

n. a clergyman who is in charge of a parish; a person in charge of a museum, gallery, or church, responsible for the care and display of its collections and exhibitions; (verb) to carefully select, organize, and maintain items in a collection, exhibition, or presentation

50. She frequented the _____ for intellectual discussions and to keep up with the latest cultural trends.

n. a place for social gathering, especially for exchanging ideas and discussing artistic or cultural matters; a place of beauty treatment, such as a hair salon

51. China's _____ industry has developed rapidly with the input of foreign capital.

n. any type of cloth made by weaving or felting or knitting

52. The building makes a remarkable _____ impact.

adj. relating to seeing or sight

53. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

54. We can calculate the position of the _____ statistically.

n. a small piece of something; a word or piece of a term with grammatical function but little or no significance

ANSWERS: 47. rubbed, 48. retrace, 49. curate, 50. salon, 51. textile, 52. visual, 53. identity, 54. particles

55. 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
56. I need a _____ headset for my conference calls.
- n.* a short-range wireless communication technology that allows electronic devices to connect and exchange data wirelessly over short distances, commonly used for connecting devices such as smartphones, headphones, and speakers
57. He spent hours every day _____ figures out of clay.
- v.* to create a work of art by carving, casting, or other shaping techniques
58. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.
- n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
59. The community came together to aid and assist those in _____ areas affected by natural disasters.
- adj.* lacking the necessities of life, such as food, shelter, and clothing; requiring the help or support of others; excessively demanding or dependent
60. The phone call is an _____ interruption.
- adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
61. We will _____ to find a solution to the problem as quickly as possible.
- v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
62. The bill to increase the consumption tax had passed despite much _____ from the public.
- n.* the act of defending oneself from an aggressor or refusing to accept something

ANSWERS: 55. individual, 56. Bluetooth, 57. sculpting, 58. graph, 59. needy, 60. annoying, 61. endeavor, 62. resistance

63. The city planning department keeps detailed _____ of all the local properties.
n. a map or a plan that shows the division and layout of land into lots or parcels; a piece of land typically used for building or agricultural purposes
64. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
65. 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
66. He was so hungry from the long journey that he had a _____ appetite.
adj. extremely large
67. Diabetes and multiple sclerosis are among the medical conditions that can cause retrograde _____.
n. a sudden and forceful expulsion of something from the body, especially of semen, during sexual activity; a sudden and forceful expression of emotion or sound, similar to a cry
68. The _____ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.
n. a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing
69. The _____ truth was that he had been lying to her for months.
adj. unattractive in appearance; unpleasant to look at
70. We had a _____ time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.
adj. cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood

ANSWERS: 63. plats, 64. dumb, 65. existence, 66. gigantic, 67. ejaculation, 68. spider, 69. ugly, 70. merry

71. 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
72. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
73. Many zoos have _____ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.
n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
74. My leg kicked involuntarily when the doctor tapped my knee with the _____ hammer.
n. an automatic and unthinking response to a particular stimulus; a physical reaction to external stimuli
75. The tiny marine _____ has existed for more than 500 million years.
n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
76. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
77. He is drawing a _____ illustrating how the equipment operates.
n. a simplified illustration of the appearance, structure, or workings of something
78. The male _____ fertilizes the female egg.
n. the reproductive cell produced by a man or male animal

ANSWERS: 71. royal, 72. collaborate, 73. chimpanzee, 74. reflex, 75. sponge, 76. concept, 77. diagram, 78. sperm

79. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
80. The security camera has _____ four intruders.
v. to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
81. The music _____ was a huge success, with thousands of people in attendance.
n. a festive celebration, often one that lasts for several days and involves music, food, and other forms of entertainment
82. You should not _____ them from the community.
v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
83. The skillful _____ helped me improve my grades in math.
n. a person who teaches or gives private instruction in a particular subject or skill
84. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.
adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged
85. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
86. The exquisite _____ was filled with a bouquet of flowers.
n. a container, typically ornamental, for holding flowers or other decorative objects
87. The committee's decision helped to _____ the rules of the game.
v. to make solid, firm, or compact; to cause to become solid

ANSWERS: 79. stretch, 80. detected, 81. fest, 82. isolate, 83. tutor, 84. fragile, 85. decide, 86. vase, 87. solidify

88. The fire ruined all the food stored in the _____.
- n.* a large building for storing goods and merchandise, especially before they are sold, used, or sent out to shops
89. The company holds patents on core components of _____ jet printers.
- n.* a device that emits powerful and narrow light that can be used as a tool to cut metal through a process of optical amplification
90. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
- n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
91. Big techs are now eager to develop _____ computers.
- n.* the smallest amount or unit of something, especially (electromagnetic) energy
92. The symptoms of _____ may include fatigue, weakness, and fever.
- n.* a type of cancer that affects the blood and bone marrow, in which abnormal white blood cells are produced and grow uncontrollably
93. The red lights on the dashboard _____ that the car needs maintenance.
- v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
94. Frugality and industry are still _____ as virtues.
- v.* to think about or consider somebody or something in a specified way
95. The _____ of the rubber band allowed it to stretch without breaking.
- n.* the ability of a material to return to its original shape after being stretched or compressed; flexibility; adaptability to change

ANSWERS: 88. warehouse, 89. laser, 90. distance, 91. quantum, 92. leukemia, 93. signify, 94. regarded, 95. elasticity

96. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
97. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.
n. a fundamental or essential part of something
98. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
99. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.
n. a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
100. He tried to _____ the seedling into a larger pot.
v. to move or transfer something from one place or person to another; to take living tissue or an organ from one person, animal, part of the body, etc. and put it into or onto another
101. _____ recombination is a process that can occur during DNA repair.
adj. having the same or similar structure, position, or function, particularly in different species or organisms; related by common ancestry
102. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
103. Kant's thoughts provided the foundational ideas for treating _____ as a discipline.
n. the branch of philosophy that deals with the fundamental nature and the first principles of reality, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, identity, time, and space

ANSWERS: 96. mechanisms, 97. element, 98. sect, 99. battery, 100. transplant, 101. Homologous, 102. amazing, 103. metaphysics

104. The outermost electron shell of an _____ determines its chemical characteristics.
n. the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
105. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered _____ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
106. The company's pricing strategy limits its _____ to compete with other businesses in the market.
n. the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
107. They each choose _____ to battle.
adv. in spite of what has just been said or done; nevertheless
108. The small village in the _____ was perfect for a quiet getaway.
n. rural areas or regions outside of cities and urban centers often characterized by open fields, farmland, forests, and countryside scenery
109. I love using _____ tools to create engaging presentations and projects.
adj. relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video
110. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.
v. to take part in something
111. He made a New Year's _____ to exercise more and eat healthier.
n. a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display

ANSWERS: 104. atom, 105. passe, 106. capability, 107. nonetheless, 108. countryside, 109. multimedia, 110. participated, 111. resolution

112. The lab technician used in _____ fertilization to help the couple conceive.
n. (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
113. 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
114. The online marketplace connects _____ with sellers all over the world.
n. a person or organization that purchases or acquires goods, property, or services from a seller or vendor
115. The city is known for its impressive _____ and beautiful old buildings.
n. the art and science of designing and constructing buildings
116. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.
v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
117. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
118. Having a _____ healthy physique is essential for a great life.
adv. in a way related to a person's body or appearance rather than their mind
119. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

ANSWERS: 112. vitro, 113. relations, 114. buyers, 115. architecture, 116. visualize, 117. cancer, 118. physically, 119. revolution

120. He studied the _____ of radiation.

n. the science of matter and energy and their interactions

121. He ordered a rare _____ for dinner.

n. a thin slice of meat, typically beef, grilled or fried and served as a main dish

122. The president prepared several possible _____ for an enemy attack.

n. a description of possible actions or events in the future; a written outline of a play, film, or literary work

123. I have to _____ my passport by the middle of September.

v. to begin or resume something again after an interruption

124. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.

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

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

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

126. Unfortunately, the book's _____ was too small to make notes.

n. the space around the edge of a page or document; (finance) the net sales minus the cost of goods and services sold

127. The paint was a _____ of different pigments to achieve the desired color.

n. a combination of different elements, substances, or entities, usually in non-uniform proportions, resulting in a homogeneous or heterogeneous blend of physical or chemical properties

ANSWERS: 120. physics, 121. steak, 122. scenarios, 123. renew, 124. military, 125. portrait, 126. margin, 127. mixture

128. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.

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

129. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

130. She wore an _____ evening gown to the gala.

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

131. This study _____ four different ways to run a business.

v. to notice or understand the difference between two people or things

132. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.

n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship

133. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

134. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

v. to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines

135. The company's _____ envisioned creating innovative technology that would change the world.

n. a person who establishes an organization, institution, or business; the structural component of a ship or boat that provides stability and resistance against capsizing

ANSWERS: 128. expand, 129. cows, 130. elegant, 131. distinguished, 132. affair, 133. equations, 134. manufactured, 135. founder

136. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

137. My _____ standards are quite different from hers.

adj. connected with the enjoyment or study of beauty

138. Her _____ talent in music allowed her to become a world-famous performer.

adj. standing out from others in a noteworthy or superior way, unusually good or impressive; representing an exception or deviation from the norm

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

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

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

adj. extremely good; excellent

141. She stood on the podium and _____ an audience.

v. to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

142. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

143. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

ANSWERS: 136. presence, 137. aesthetic, 138. exceptional, 139. literally, 140. fantastic, 141. scanned, 142. relate, 143. chambers

144. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
145. He strove to memorize the Hebrew _____.
n. a character set that includes letters and is used to write a language
146. She gave a fantastic _____ at the conference and received a standing ovation.
n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
147. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
148. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.
adj. worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
149. The restaurant owner bought a large ____ of cooking oil for frying.
n. a large container, especially one used for storing or holding liquids
150. Please let me know if you want to _____ me to my hometown.
v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
151. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.
n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

ANSWERS: 144. modern, 145. alphabet, 146. presentation, 147. instances, 148. nervous, 149. vat, 150. accompany, 151. stimming

152. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's ____.

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

153. We looked at this issue from a different _____.

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

154. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

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

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

156. The museum _____ conserved the ancient manuscripts.

n. a person whose job is to manage the objects or artworks in a museum, art gallery, etc.

157. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.

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

158. He felt no _____ as the dentist drilled his deadened tooth.

n. a feeling of being uncomfortable physically or mentally or being embarrassed; a slight pain

159. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 152. lab, 153. viewpoint, 154. opportune, 155. involves, 156. curator, 157. aspects, 158. discomfort, 159. enormous

160. He beat out a jazz _____ on the cajones.

- n.* a strong regular repeated pattern of sounds, words, or musical notes that are used in music, poetry, and dancing

161. The _____ jacket was worn in but still comfortable.

- n.* a material made from the skin of an animal, typically by tanning, and used for clothing, shoes, furniture, and other items

162. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.

- n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

163. He took the _____ to work every day to avoid traffic congestion.

- n.* an underground railway system, typically in a city

164. The country is experiencing economic _____.

- n.* a general feeling of discomfort, illness, or unease whose exact cause is difficult to identify

165. He sought _____ in the wilderness to escape the distractions of modern life.

- n.* the state of being alone and isolated from others

166. I won't let a little criticism _____ me from pursuing my dreams.

- v.* to disturb or disconcert someone, often causing them to lose their confidence or composure; to unsettle, intimidate, or fluster

167. 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

ANSWERS: 160. rhythm, 161. leather, 162. nail, 163. subway, 164. malaise, 165. solitude, 166. faze, 167. achieve

168. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

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

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

170. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

171. The rabbit _____ over the fence.

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

172. The guitar was coated with a _____ layer to protect the wood and enhance the tone.

n. a sticky, viscous substance typically obtained from trees and plants, particularly conifers and evergreens; a material used in the manufacture of adhesives, plastics, and other products, particularly those that require stiffness or abrasion resistance

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

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

174. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.

adv. without needing a direct human control

175. 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: 168. transformed, 169. slide, 170. inject, 171. hopped, 172. resin, 173. laptop, 174. automatically, 175. universe

176. People can clone a sheep _____.

adv. at the current time, in comparison to the past

177. I need to upgrade my _____ computer since it's become quite slow.

n. a flat working surface or table that is usually placed on top of a desk, typically used for a computer or other work-related activities

178. She _____ the potatoes with a fork until they were smooth and creamy.

v. to crush or grind something into a soft, wet, pulpy mass; to talk or behave amorously, without serious intentions; (noun) a mixture of crushed malt grains and hot water

179. Several top teams scouted _____ young athletes.

adj. having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement

180. After eating spicy food, some people experience _____ distress like heartburn and indigestion.

adj. relating to the stomach or the digestive system; characterized by or causing discomfort or pain in the stomach or upper abdomen

181. Your _____ reflects your thoughts.

n. an informal talk between two or more people to exchange their views, ideas, information, etc.

182. _____ profiling is a new form of airport security.

adj. of or relating to a person's face

183. University is a great place to _____ our minds and expertise.

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

ANSWERS: 176. nowadays, 177. desktop, 178. mashed, 179. promising, 180. gastric, 181. conversation, 182. Facial, 183. cultivate

184. She used a _____ brush to apply her foundation evenly.
n. a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
185. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
186. The art gallery showcased a collection of colorful _____ prints by renowned artists.
n. a printmaking process that involves creating a design on a flat stone or metal plate, transferring the design to paper using ink, and then printing multiple copies of the design
187. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.
n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
188. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
189. The skin of a snake is remarkably _____ allowing it to slither through tight spaces.
adj. flexible, resilient, or adaptable; (noun) a stretchy material or band that can be stretched and then returned to its original shape; something that is flexible and adaptable
190. The researcher separated the nervous _____ for microscopic examinations.
n. an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function

ANSWERS: 184. powder, 185. collaboration, 186. lithographic, 187. passion, 188. blind, 189. elastic, 190. tissue

191. A problem that has been pointed out for years finally becomes _____.

adj. real and concrete; able to be perceived, especially able to be touched; (of business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value

192. He found _____ in the warm embrace of his loved ones.

n. a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint

193. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

194. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

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

195. The waves crashed against the rocks, creating white _____.

n. a mass of small air bubbles formed on the surface of a liquid; a substance that forms a lather when mixed with water

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

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

197. 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

198. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

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

ANSWERS: 191. tangible, 192. comfort, 193. constructs, 194. discuss, 195. foam, 196. mate, 197. launch, 198. maximum

199. This ore emits _____ quantities of radiation

adj. extremely small; tiny

200. We need to _____ our manufacturing process and invest in new technology to stay competitive in the market.

v. to adapt, modify, or overhaul something, often a system or process, to make it more efficient or effective for its intended purpose or to meet changing needs or demands

201. He bought a new _____ to attach the strap to his watch.

n. a small object with a head on one end and a sharp point on the other, used for fastening clothing, leather, or other materials; an animal used for breeding, typically a male horse or bull that is of superior breeding stock; (verb) to decorate or adorn with studs; to provide with studs for support

202. She could finish all her work on time because of her _____ skills.

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

203. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

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

204. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

205. The body needs a certain amount of _____ to build and repair tissues.

n. a molecule made up of a long chain of amino acids, which is essential for the structure and function of the body's tissues

ANSWERS: 199. minuscule, 200. retool, 201. stud, 202. multitasking, 203. doll, 204. devoted, 205. protein

206. The _____ of water is called ice.

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

207. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

208. Let's _____ the origins of some familiar foreign words.

v. to find or discover someone or something that was lost

209. Product development is a _____ effort.

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

210. The music just _____ out.

v. to fail or lose power, efficiency, or value gradually before coming to an end

211. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

212. She is a natural _____ and doesn't need to dye her hair.

adj. of a light, yellowish-brown or golden color, typically describing hair color; (also spelled "blonde") a female with such hair color

213. The dance performance featured intricate _____.

n. the art and technique of arranging dance movements and patterns in a work of ballet or modern dance; the sequence of movements and positions in a dance

214. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

ANSWERS: 206. solid-state, 207. pace, 208. trace, 209. collective, 210. petered, 211. obsessed, 212. blond, 213. choreography, 214. advance

215. Einstein was an outstanding and famous _____ of the 20th century.
n. a scientist who specializes in the field of physics
216. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.
n. a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
217. 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
218. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
219. The drain was _____ with hair and needed to be cleaned out.
v. to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
220. The restaurant's menu had a _____ selection of generic dishes with no unique or exciting options.
adj. lacking originality, creativity, or freshness; uninteresting or dull due to being overused or overly familiar
221. _____ music has gained different followers from existing music.
adj. belonging to the same or present time
222. The aromatherapy oils used during my _____ treatment helped me feel more relaxed and rejuvenated.
n. a resort or facility offering various health, beauty, and relaxation treatments, such as massages, saunas, and mud baths; a hot spring or mineral spring believed to have therapeutic properties

ANSWERS: 215. physicist, 216. prototype, 217. debate, 218. Communal, 219. clogged, 220. banal, 221. Contemporary, 222. spa

223. The Queen attested the _____ of state ministers to their portfolios.
n. the act or process of fixing furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; the act or process of putting into an office or a position
224. Human females normally have two X _____.
n. a long and string-like DNA molecule containing the part or all of the genetic material of an organism that controls what an animal or plant is like
225. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
226. He gave his daughter a new ____ for her birthday.
n. a thing, typically a small model or replica of something that is played with, especially by children
227. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so
228. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly _____ and at peace.
adj. not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
229. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
230. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true

ANSWERS: 223. installation, 224. chromosomes, 225. concentration, 226. toy, 227. historic, 228. calm, 229. excuse, 230. possibility

231. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.

- n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

232. The _____ senses play a key role in our taste and flavor perception.

- adj.* relating to the sense of smell; connected with the perception of odors or scents

233. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.

- n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

234. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

235. One bad apple spoils the whole _____.

- n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together

236. She vacated the position when she got _____.

- adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

237. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.

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

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

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

ANSWERS: 231. brand, 232. olfactory, 233. balance, 234. display, 235. bunch, 236. pregnant, 237. invest, 238. seed

239. Detergent weakens the surface tension at the _____ of two liquids.

- n.* (computer science) a program that controls a display for the user and that allows the user to interact with the system; (chemistry) a surface forming a common boundary between two things

240. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

- n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

ANSWERS: 239. interface, 240. topic