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Session 1: Word List

tragedy

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

synonym: disaster, adversity, calamity

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

lighthearted

adj. carefree and cheerful; free from anxiety or seriousness; playful or humorous

synonym: carefree, playful, jovial

(1) **lighthearted** banter, (2) **lighthearted** humor

The couple shared a **lighthearted** moment at the amusement park, reminiscing about their childhoods.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym: soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**
Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

confer

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

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

cocaine

n. a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor

synonym : narcotic, coke, snow

(1) powder **cocaine**, (2) **cocaine** overdose

The drug dealer was arrested for possession of **cocaine**.

epidemic

n. the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

synonym : outbreak, contagion, plague

(1) a worldwide **epidemic**, (2) health **epidemic**

The disease is now reaching **epidemic** proportions in our country.

glamorous

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

synonym : alluring, bewitching, enchanting

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

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

jewelry

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal

adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

synonym : accessories, ornaments, adornments

(1) **jewelry** designer, (2) precious **jewelry**

I received a beautiful piece of **jewelry** from my partner for our anniversary.

bling

n. a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials

synonym : jewelry, accessories, ornaments

(1) flashy **bling**, (2) **bling** jewelry

She loves to accessorize with lots of **bling**, but I prefer a different style.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

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.

gang

n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity

synonym : crew, posse, group

(1) a motorcycle **gang**, (2) **gang** member

The street **gang** was known for its violent behavior.

realistic

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

synonym : practical, pragmatic, down-to-earth

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

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

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym: persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent
I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea
My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym: power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life
The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important
Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

superficial

adj. existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

synonym: shallow, facile, cursory

(1) **superficial** wound, (2) **superficial** knowledge
The journalist's **superficial** reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan
I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

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.

association

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

synonym : affiliation, collaboration, society

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

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

theme

n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

synonym : subject, topic, motif

(1) **theme** park, (2) central **theme**

The **theme** of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.

delight

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

synonym : pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

nudity

n. the state or condition of being naked or unclothed; the absence of clothing, typically applied to the human body

synonym : nakedness, bareness, undress

(1) **nudity** in art, (2) accidental **nudity**

The art exhibit featured a few sculptures that portrayed

nudity.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym: clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

malfunction

v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate

synonym: malfunction, break down, fail

(1) **malfunction** alarm, (2) **malfunction** and start moving unpredictably

The car's engine **malfunctioned** on the highway, so we had to call for a tow truck.

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.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

prestige

n. respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality

synonym : honor, distinction, reputation

(1) national **prestige**, (2) **prestige** company

The university has great **prestige** in the academic community.

marijuana

n. a psychoactive drug derived from the Cannabis plant, used for medicinal or recreational purposes; a drug that is illegal in some countries and states but legal in others for specific purposes

synonym : cannabis, weed, pot

(1) recreational **marijuana**, (2) medical **marijuana**

Studies have shown that long-term use of **marijuana** can have adverse effects on cognitive abilities.

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.

petty

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

synonym : minor, insignificant, trivial

(1) **petty** crime, (2) **petty** cash

The **petty** arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

chunky

adj. characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

synonym : chubby, stocky, bulky

(1) **chunky** sweater, (2) a **chunky** necklace

I prefer **chunky** peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

sauce

n. a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods

synonym: condiment, gravy, dressing

(1) a flavorful **sauce**, (2) soy **sauce**

The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato **sauce**.

unbelievable

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

synonym: unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

invention

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

synonym: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

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

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

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

efficient

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

synonym: productive, effective, competent

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

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

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.

snort

v. to forcefully inhale air through the nose in a loud manner, often to express amusement, derision, or disgust; to inhale drugs or other substances through the nose

synonym: sniff, inhale, snuffle

(1) **snort** with laughter, (2) **snort** cocaine

The horse **snorted** as I approached it in the field.

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.

addictive

adj. causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming

synonym: habit-forming, captivating, compelling

(1) highly **addictive**, (2) **addictive** substance

The new video game was so **addictive** that he stayed up all night playing it.

mathematics

n. the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

synonym: arithmetic, calculation, calculus

(1) a good grounding in **mathematics**, (2) **mathematics** competition

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

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.

sociology

n. the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form

synonym: anthropology, demography, folklore

(1) **sociology** professor, (2) animal **sociology**

She studied **sociology** in college, learning about different societies and how they function.

grateful

adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful

synonym: thankful, appreciative, indebted

(1) a **grateful** breeze, (2) put a **grateful** expression

She was **grateful** for the help he provided.

freak

n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected

synonym: anomaly, deviation, oddity

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

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

boundary

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

synonym: border, frontier, limitation

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

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

sight

n. the ability to see; anything that is seen

synonym: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

sociologist

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

(1) religious **sociologist**, (2) French **sociologist**

Sociologist studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

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.

survey

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

synonym:

study, examination, poll

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

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

notorious

adj. widely and unfavorably known or considered; famous or well-known, typically for some unfavorable or undesirable quality, action, or reputation

synonym : infamous, disreputable, ill-famed

(1) **notorious** scandal, (2) **notorious** reputation

The police finally apprehended the **notorious** criminal.

statistics

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

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

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

suburb

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

synonym : outskirts, district, quarter

(1) **suburb** development, (2) **suburb** life

He grew up in the **suburbs** but always dreamed of living in the city.

dutiful

adj. motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations

synonym : obedient, compliant, responsible

(1) **dutiful** obedience, (2) **dutiful** employee

The secretary was appreciated for her **dutiful** service and organization in the office.

clipboard

n. a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

synonym : notepad, writing board, memo pad

(1) **clipboard** with a pen, (2) write on a **clipboard**

The nurse carried a **clipboard** with the patient's medical information.

stairwell

n. a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps

(1) emergency **stairwell**, (2) open **stairwell**

Tom noticed them when he peered down the **stairwell**.

dice

n. a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games

synonym: cube, die

(1) **dice** game, (2) playing **dice**

He rolled the **dice**, hoping for a lucky outcome.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym: summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

mantra

n. a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

synonym: hymn, chant, phrase

(1) campaign **mantra**, (2) chant the **mantra** of structural reform

She repeated her personal **mantra** to herself to stay motivated.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

(1) **probable** outcome, (2) **probable** cause of a fire

It seems **probable** that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

rival

n. a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area

synonym : adversary, competitor, contender

(1) **rival** bidder, (2) merge with a **rival** company

He interfered with his **rivals** in various ways during the campaign.

greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

synonym : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

academic

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

synonym : educational, scholarly, theoretical

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

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

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym : buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

hostage

n. a person who is held by another as security, typically to fulfill certain conditions or demands; a person who is forcibly confined or controlled

synonym : captive, prisoner, detainee

(1) political **hostage**, (2) **hostage** negotiations

The terrorists took several tourists as **hostages** in a bid to advance their demands.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

gunfire

n. the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time

synonym : gunshots, firing, shooting

(1) lethal **gunfire**, (2) burst of **gunfire**

The journalist heard the sound of **gunfire** while reporting in a war zone.

philosophy

n. the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

synonym : doctrine, attitude, creed

(1) **philosophy** of education, (2) western **philosophy**

Ethics is a branch of **philosophy**.

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.

threat

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

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

shower

n. a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

synonym: rain, sprinkle, downpour

(1) take a quick **shower**, (2) bridal **shower**

The weather forecast predicted a **shower** in the afternoon.

nap

n. a short sleep, especially during the day

synonym: rest, doze, drowse

(1) take a **nap**, (2) daytime **nap**

She woke the kids up from their **nap**.

dissertation

n. a long and formal written treatise or discourse, often presenting research or analysis on a particular subject or topic, in support of a degree or academic qualification

synonym: essay, treatise, paper

(1) **dissertation** research, (2) doctoral **dissertation**

My **dissertation** topic focuses on the impact of social media on mental health.

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.

jail

n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison

synonym: prison, slammer, penitentiary

(1) county **jail**, (2) be in **jail**

The police escorted the prisoner to the **jail**.

apartment

n. a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

synonym: flat, dwelling, unit

(1) rented **apartment**, (2) furnished **apartment**

I am seeking a spacious **apartment** with a balcony and a parking spot.

disk

n. a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music

synonym: record, platter, plate

(1) **disk** drive, (2) **disk** space

The computer's hard **disk** was full, so she had to delete some files.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym: highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

excel

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

synonym: outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication

The company **excels** in customer service.

spreadsheet

n. a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

(1) a **spreadsheet** program, (2) plug numbers into a **spreadsheet**

I accidentally deleted all the contents of the **spreadsheet**.

unequal

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
synonym : unfair, uneven, imbalanced

(1) **unequal** distribution, (2) **unequal** opportunity

The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly **unequal**.

beneficiary

n. a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will

synonym : recipient, heir, inheritor

(1) the **beneficiary** of a trust, (2) primary **beneficiary**

She was the sole **beneficiary** of her grandfather's estate.

outsider

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

synonym : stranger, foreigner, alien

(1) **outsider** perspective, (2) **outsider** artist

Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an **outsider** at times.

summarize

v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something

synonym : recap, outline, digest

(1) **summarizes** the main ideas, (2) **summarize** text

Each chapter **summarizes** the most critical issues.

parallel

adj. being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

synonym : aligned, side-by-side, similar

(1) a **parallel** case, (2) **parallel** processing

He walked a road **parallel** to the railroad.

organization

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

synonym : association, institution, community

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

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.

hierarchy

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

synonym : ranking, order, scale

(1) top of the **hierarchy**, (2) **hierarchy** of folders

She has taken a step up in the organizational **hierarchy**.

chart

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

synonym : diagram, graph, map

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

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

assign

v. to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

synonym : entrust, delegate, designate

(1) **assign** projects, (2) **assign** top priority

Please **assign** a different color to each other kind of item.

stripped-down

adj. having only essential or minimal features

synonym : simplified, unadorned, uncomplicated

(1) a **stripped-down** budget, (2) **stripped-down** design

The **stripped-down** version of the software was easier to use.

simplify

v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

synonym :

streamline, clarify, elucidate

(1) **simplify** my life, (2) **simplify** the process
Please **simplify** your explanation for the children.

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.

sophisticated

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

synonym: refined, cultured, worldly

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

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment
The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

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

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation
The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

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.

franchise

n. a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election

synonym: dealership, enterprise, suffrage

(1) **franchise** agreement, (2) **franchise** owner

The fast-food **franchise** kept expanding and opening new restaurants across the country.

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.

undertake

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

synonym: assume, take on, embark

(1) **undertake** an enterprise, (2) **undertake** routine duties

Young people in this country should **undertake** military duties.

entrepreneur

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

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

exclusive

adj. not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

merchandise

n. goods or products that are available for sale, especially those that are part of a company's stock or inventory; anything that is marketed or sold to customers as a commodity or product

synonym : product, commodity, stock

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

The store sells various **merchandise**, including clothes, electronics, and home goods.

profit

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

synonym : earnings, gain, proceeds

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

This business yields little **profit**.

typical

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

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

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

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

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

foreshadow

v. to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future

synonym : predict, hint at, suggest

(1) **foreshadow** future events, (2) **foreshadow** the recession

The dark clouds **foreshadowed** a storm.

crappy

adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory

synonym : poor, unsatisfactory, inferior

(1) **crappy** service, (2) **crappy** Spanish

The food at the restaurant was **crappy** and overpriced.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym : profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

moonlight

n. the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

synonym : moonshine, moonbeam, moon glow

(1) **moonlight** as a bartender, (2) **moonlight** serenade

The garden looked magical in the **moonlight**, with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.

wage

n. a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
synonym: payment, compensation, salary

(1) unpaid **wages**, (2) increase in the minimum **wage**

His **wages** continued to rise as his skills improved.

consumption

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

synonym: usage, uptake, utilization

(1) average fuel **consumption**, (2) the **consumption** of food

In our country, water **consumption** usually decreases during the winter.

fiction

n. the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

synonym: fantasy, fable, invention

(1) stuff of science **fiction**, (2) non- **fiction** bestseller

Truth is stranger than **fiction**.

equivalent

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

synonym: equal, counterpart, match

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

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

ramification

n. the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches

synonym: fork, branching, complication

(1) **ramifications** of the scenario, (2) political **ramification**

The court's decision had many unforeseen **ramifications**.

talented

adj. having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

synonym : gifted, able, skilled

(1) a very **talented** actor, (2) **talented** athlete

She is a **talented** musician, able to play several instruments.

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.

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.

strive

v. to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

synonym : preserve, endure, persist

(1) **strive** hard to get, (2) **strive** for excellence

They **strived** to make their dream come true.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

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

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

admittedly

adv. used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly

synonym : notably, honestly, truly

(1) **admittedly** true, (2) **admittedly** controversial

The book was **admittedly** difficult to follow but still worth reading.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym : extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

violent

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

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

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

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

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym : reference, allude, cite

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

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

arrest

v. to take into custody

synonym : capture, detain, imprison

(1) **arrest** the thief, (2) **arrest** the progress

A police officer has the authority to **arrest** a criminal.

likelihood

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

synonym : probability, chance, possibility

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

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

comparison

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

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

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

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

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym: dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

murder

n. the crime of killing somebody intentionally

synonym: slaying, killing

(1) **murder** in the second degree, (2) attempted **murder**

This intriguing **murder** mystery remains unsolved.

convict

v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime;
(noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison

synonym: condemn, sentence, judge

(1) **convict** him of manslaughter, (2) **convict** in a jail

He was **convicted** on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.

row

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

synonym: line, sequence, layer

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

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

execution

n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

synonym: carrying out, implementation, completion

(1) compulsory **execution**, (2) **execution** by injection

The **execution** of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

penalty

n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

synonym : punishment, sentence, fine

(1) death **penalty**, (2) corner of the **penalty** area

The lawyer was reinstated after paying the **penalty**.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

deterrent

n. something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle

synonym : hindrance, obstacle, impediment

(1) criminal **deterrent**, (2) nuclear **deterrent**

The threat of punishment serves as a **deterrent** for many people who might consider committing a crime.

negative

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

synonym : minus, adverse, pessimistic

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

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

random

adj. made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern

synonym : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**
To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

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.

literal

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

synonym: exact, precise, accurate

(1) **literal** translation, (2) **literal** understanding
Her **literal** interpretation of the text caused her to miss the deeper meaning behind the author's words.

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.

rite

n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice

synonym: ceremony, ritual, practice

(1) perform the **rite**, (2) **rite** of passage into adulthood
The bishop performed the **rite** of consecration for the new church.

wealth

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

synonym: affluence, assets, fortunate

(1) majority of his **wealth**, (2) material **wealth**
The **wealth** inequality was unavoidable.

logical

adj. characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason

synonym : rational, reasonable, coherent

(1) **logical** conclusion, (2) **logical** reasoning

The mathematical equation had a **logical** solution that was easy to follow.

generation

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

synonym : cohort, age group, era

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

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

striking

adj. attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

synonym : arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym : roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

silicon

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

(1) **silicon** wafer, (2) crystalline **silicon**

Silicon is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym : canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym : choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding

I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

firm

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

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

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

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

passe

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

synonym : outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

stick

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

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

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

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

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym: catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

trickery

n. the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

synonym: deception, deceit, chicanery

(1) political **trickery**, (2) cunning **trickery**

He achieved the illusion through clever **trickery** that left the audience in awe.

entourage

n. a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person

synonym: retinue

(1) presidential **entourage**, (2) member of his **entourage**

The politician and his **entourage** arrived half an hour late.

fancy

v. to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

synonym: imagine, visualize, (noun) fantasy

(1) **fancy** a cup of coffee, (2) a flight of **fancy**

I don't **fancy** acting in such an important role.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

lease

n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified

period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee;
(verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other
assets to someone for a specified period of time in
exchange for payment

synonym : rental, tenancy, agreement

(1) long-term **lease**, (2) commercial **lease**

The landlord offered me a one-year **lease** for the apartment.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do
something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and
faked it

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over
or from side to side

synonym : spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got
home.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed
by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym : liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

indenture

n. a legal agreement between two parties, typically a
contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that
is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by
indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often
used to bind a person to a specific job or service

synonym : contract, covenant, agreement

(1) **indenture** agreement, (2) legal **indenture**

The legal contract included an **indenture** that stipulated the responsibilities of each party.

servant

n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

synonym : attendant, helper, assistant

(1) **servant** of God, (2) fellow **servant**

The faithful **servant** had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.

economics

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

synonym : social science, finance, business

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

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

economical

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

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

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

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

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym : unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

economy

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

seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

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

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

unfettered

adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

synonym : unrestricted, free, unchained

(1) **unfettered** access, (2) **unfettered** capitalism

The athlete felt **unfettered** by her recent injury and performed with ease.

capitalism

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

synonym : commercialism

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

Capitalism also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

principle

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

synonym : rule, creed, code

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

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

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

compensate

v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

synonym : reimburse, pay, recompense

(1) **compensate** a loss, (2) **compensate** for a car accident

The company offered to **compensate** the employees for the overtime they worked.

differential

n. an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference

synonym : contrasting, disparate, distinct

(1) **differential** wages, (2) **differential** equation

The two countries pledged to maintain the **differential** between their two currencies.

increment

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

synonym : increase, expansion, addendum

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

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

indifferent

adj. having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral

synonym : apathetic, disinterested, unmoved

(1) an **indifferent** glance, (2) emotionally **indifferent**

Despite the good news, she remained **indifferent** to the situation.

unpleasant

adj. not enjoyable or comfortable

synonym : disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful

(1) **unpleasant** behavior, (2) with **unpleasant** body odor

It is **unpleasant** to see criminal behavior even though it is minor.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

synonym : waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

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.

capture

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

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

articulate

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

synonym: express, state, utter

(1) **articulate** his position, (2) eloquently **articulate**

She was able to **articulate** her argument in the debate clearly.

equilibrium

n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

synonym: balance, stability, harmony

(1) **equilibrium** point, (2) political **equilibrium**

The company struggled to maintain an **equilibrium** between its profits and social responsibilities.

translate

v. to convert or change words into another language

synonym: convert, transcribe, render

(1) **translate** a document into English, (2) **translate** the emotion to a movement

Translate the text from Italian into English.

decision

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

synonym : choice, determination, judgment

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

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

tactic

n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

synonym : strategy, approach, method

(1) an imprudent **tactic**, (2) alternative **tactic**

The coach implemented a new **tactic** to win the game.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

synonym : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

turf

n. a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn

synonym : territory, ground, land

(1) artificial **turf**, (2) **turf** battle

The soccer players fought for control of the **turf** during the game.

observe

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

synonym : watch, monitor, scrutinize

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

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

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.

bonus

n. an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work

synonym: extra, perk, compensation

(1) **bonus** appraisal, (2) annual **bonus**

The committee abolished the controversial **bonus** system.

hypothesis

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

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

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

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

analyze

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

synonym: explore, examine, investigate

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. gross pr___t
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
2. in___e a lot of paperwork
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
3. cr___y service
adj. of poor quality; not satisfactory
4. small in_____nts
n. a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
5. co_____te right
adj. of or relating to a large company
6. accidental nu___y
n. the state or condition of being naked or unclothed; the absence of clothing, typically applied to the human body
7. a motorcycle g__g
n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
8. si___fy my life
v. to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
9. adm_____ly controversial
adv. used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly
10. pa__e entertainment
adj. no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

ANSWERS: 1. profit, 2. involve, 3. crappy, 4. increment, 5. corporate, 6. nudity, 7. gang, 8. simplify, 9. admittedly, 10. passe

11. have a ne____ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
12. sup_____al knowledge *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
13. a man of pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
14. a weather ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
15. unpaid w__es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
16. mo_____ht serenade *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
17. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
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ANSWERS: 11. negative, 12. superficial, 13. property, 14. chart, 15. wage, 16. moonlight, 17. decision, 18. discuss, 19. dice

29. co_____e overdose *n.* a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor
30. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
31. the bo_____ry between reality and fantasy *n.* a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
32. unp_____nt behavior *adj.* not enjoyable or comfortable
33. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
34. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
35. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
36. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
37. nu_____y in art *n.* the state or condition of being naked or unclothed; the absence of clothing, typically applied to the human body
38. mo_____ht as a bartender *n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer

ANSWERS: 29. cocaine, 30. unfortunate, 31. boundary, 32. unpleasant, 33. roll, 34. brain, 35. eventually, 36. ultimate, 37. nudity, 38. moonlight

39. common in _____ on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
40. a scholarship ass _____ on *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
41. emotionally ind _____ nt *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
42. pe __ y cash *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
43. recreational ma _____ na *n.* a psychoactive drug derived from the Cannabis plant, used for medicinal or recreational purposes; a drug that is illegal in some countries and states but legal in others for specific purposes
44. st __ k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
45. lu _____ ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
46. str _____ own design *adj.* having only essential or minimal features
47. change ri __ y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

ANSWERS: 39. invention, 40. association, 41. indifferent, 42. petty, 43. marijuana, 44. stick, 45. lucrative, 46. stripped-down, 47. risky

48. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
49. si_____fy the process *v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do
50. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
51. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
52. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
53. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
54. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
55. write on a cl_____rd *n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place
56. ho_____e negotiations *n.* a person who is held by another as security, typically to fulfill certain conditions or demands; a person who is forcibly confined or controlled
57. 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: 48. debt, 49. simplify, 50. quest, 51. unique, 52. crack, 53. statistics, 54. mathematics, 55. clipboard, 56. hostage, 57. organ

58. long-term le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
59. pe__y crime *adj.* of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters
60. a gr____ul breeze *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
61. as__n projects *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
62. a flavorful sa__e *n.* a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
63. advance cap____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
64. time z__e *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
65. t__f battle *n.* a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn
66. with de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
67. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 58. lease, 59. petty, 60. grateful, 61. assign, 62. sauce, 63. capitalism, 64. zone, 65. turf, 66. delight, 67. opportune

68. com_____te for a car accident *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
69. g__g member *n.* a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
70. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
71. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
72. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
73. so_____gy professor *n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
74. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
75. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
76. the pr_____nd depths of the sea *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
77. western phi_____hy *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

ANSWERS: 68. compensate, 69. gang, 70. mathematics, 71. economical, 72. comparison, 73. sociology, 74. brilliant, 75. garbage, 76. profound, 77. philosophy

78. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
79. a very ta____ed actor *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
80. li____l translation *adj.* adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning
81. non-fi____n bestseller *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
82. tr____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
83. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
84. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
85. ind____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
86. an____e a chemical compound *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
87. a flight of fa__y *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
88. online mer____se *n.* goods or products that are available for sale, especially those that are part of a company's stock or inventory; anything that is marketed or sold to customers as a commodity or product

ANSWERS: 78. crack, 79. talented, 80. literal, 81. fiction, 82. transform, 83. obvious, 84. instance, 85. individual, 86. analyze, 87. fancy, 88. merchandise

89. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
90. ad_____ve substance *adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming
91. alternative ta____c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
92. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
93. ta_____ed athlete *adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area
94. po____r additive *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
95. national pr_____ge *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
96. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
97. open st_____ll *n.* a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps
98. stuff of science fi_____n *n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true
99. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 89. statistics, 90. addictive, 91. tactic, 92. ultimate, 93. talented, 94. powder, 95. prestige, 96. principle, 97. stairwell, 98. fiction, 99. individual

100. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
101. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
102. for_____ow future events *v.* to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future
103. cl_____rd with a pen *n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place
104. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
105. permanent br__n damage *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
106. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
107. mer_____se display *n.* goods or products that are available for sale, especially those that are part of a company's stock or inventory; anything that is marketed or sold to customers as a commodity or product
108. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
109. 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
110. majority of his we___h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns

ANSWERS: 100. confer, 101. opt, 102. foreshadow, 103. clipboard, 104. passe, 105. brain, 106. extreme, 107. merchandise, 108. probable, 109. discuss, 110. wealth

111. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
112. take a quick sh____r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
113. rented ap_____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
114. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
115. attempted mu____r *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
116. 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
117. an ind_____nt glance *adj.* having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
118. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
119. st____ng innovation *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

ANSWERS: 111. involve, 112. shower, 113. apartment, 114. disaster, 115. murder, 116. relate, 117. indifferent, 118. organization, 119. striking

120. sn__t cocaine *v.* to forcefully inhale air through the nose in a loud manner, often to express amusement, derision, or disgust; to inhale drugs or other substances through the nose
121. un_____ke an enterprise *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
122. r__l down his cheeks *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
123. compulsory ex_____on *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
124. 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
125. emergency st_____ll *n.* a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps
126. daytime n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
127. burst of gu_____e *n.* the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
128. chant the ma___a of structural reform *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
129. health ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

ANSWERS: 120. snort, 121. undertake, 122. roll, 123. execution, 124. presentation, 125. stairwell, 126. nap, 127. gunfire, 128. mantra, 129. epidemic

130. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
131. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
132. curry po___r *n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
133. bombs fell at ra___m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
134. recent su___y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
135. walk-in wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
136. unb_____ble beauty *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
137. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
138. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
139. energy-ef_____nt appliances *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
140. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 130. transform, 131. afford, 132. powder, 133. random, 134. survey, 135. wardrobe, 136. unbelievable, 137. extreme, 138. relation, 139. efficient, 140. hook

141. political ram_____ion *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
142. 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
143. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
144. make a pr___t *n.* money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
145. highly ad_____ve *adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming
146. ri__l bidder *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
147. be in j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
148. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
149. bridal sh___r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
150. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 141. ramification, 142. doll, 143. exclusive, 144. profit, 145. addictive, 146. rival, 147. jail, 148. invention, 149. shower, 150. secondly

151. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
152. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
153. no_____us reputation *adj.* widely and unfavorably known or considered; famous or well-known, typically for some unfavorable or undesirable quality, action, or reputation
154. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
155. improve the lik_____od of a cure *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
156. 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
157. su_____ze text *v.* to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
158. legal in_____re *n.* a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
159. corner of the pe_____y area *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
160. the con_____on of food *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

ANSWERS: 151. legitimate, 152. probable, 153. notorious, 154. capture, 155. likelihood, 156. doll, 157. summarize, 158. indenture, 159. penalty, 160. consumption

161. a tremor of de____t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
162. ex_____on by injection *n.* the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty
163. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
164. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
165. dif_____ial equation *n.* an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference
166. nuclear de_____nt *n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
167. an unf_____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
168. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
169. ec_____cs professor *n.* the branch of social science that deals with the production, consumption, and transfer of goods and services

ANSWERS: 161. delight, 162. execution, 163. threat, 164. opportune, 165. differential, 166. deterrent, 167. unfortunate, 168. peak, 169. economics

170. animal so_____gy *n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
171. playing d__e *n.* a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
172. commercial le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
173. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
174. a worldwide ep_____ic *n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time
175. unf_____ed capitalism *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled
176. a comprehensive su____y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
177. th__e park *n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation

ANSWERS: 170. sociology, 171. dice, 172. lease, 173. disaster, 174. epidemic, 175. unfettered, 176. survey, 177. theme

178. en_____or to succeed *v.* to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
179. fa__y a cup of coffee *v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy
180. dis_____ion research *n.* a long and formal written treatise or discourse, often presenting research or analysis on a particular subject or topic, in support of a degree or academic qualification
181. adm_____ly true *adv.* used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly
182. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
183. lik_____od of the success *n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
184. an imprudent ta____c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
185. phi_____hy of education *n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind
186. ec_____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 178. endeavor, 179. fancy, 180. dissertation, 181. admittedly, 182. peak, 183. likelihood, 184. tactic, 185. philosophy, 186. economy

187. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
188. presidential en_____ge *n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
189. gr__t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
190. criminal de_____nt *n.* something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
191. tr_____te the emotion to a movement *v.* to convert or change words into another language
192. merge with a ri__l company *n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
193. va____y bottom *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
194. political tr_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
195. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
196. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
197. criminal on death r_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars

ANSWERS: 187. well-being, 188. entourage, 189. greet, 190. deterrent, 191. translate, 192. rival, 193. valley, 194. trickery, 195. translate, 196. intense, 197. row

198. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
199. en____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
200. a re____ic goal *adj.* having or showing a sensible and practical idea that is possible to achieve
201. perform the r__e *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
202. chemical pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
203. lig____ted banter *adj.* carefree and cheerful; free from anxiety or seriousness; playful or humorous
204. ram____ions of the scenario *n.* the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches
205. mi____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
206. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
207. ty____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

ANSWERS: 198. firm, 199. enormous, 200. realistic, 201. rite, 202. property, 203. lighthearted, 204. ramification, 205. miserable, 206. firm, 207. typical

208. ef_____nt operation *adj.* performing at the highest level of productivity with the least wasted effort or resources; capable of achieving maximum output with minimum wasted effort, time, or materials
209. cunning tr_____ry *n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation
210. a r_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line; (verb) to propel a boat through the water using oars
211. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
212. flashy bl__g *n.* a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
213. si_____n wafer *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
214. a spr_____et program *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
215. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
216. se_____t of God *n.* a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant

ANSWERS: 208. efficient, 209. trickery, 210. row, 211. equivalent, 212. bling, 213. silicon, 214. spreadsheet, 215. exclusive, 216. servant

217. st_____ng water	<i>adj.</i> existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
218. pre_____ion skills	<i>n.</i> the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
219. a sonic b__m	<i>n.</i> a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
220. eve_____ly succeed	<i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
221. lethal gu_____e	<i>n.</i> the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time
222. geographical bo_____ry	<i>n.</i> a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
223. ar____t the thief	<i>v.</i> to take into custody
224. a ne_____ve number	<i>adj.</i> having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
225. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis	<i>n.</i> the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
226. br_____nt performance	<i>adj.</i> extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
227. je_____y designer	<i>n.</i> decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

ANSWERS: 217. standing, 218. presentation, 219. boom, 220. eventually, 221. gunfire, 222. boundary, 223. arrest, 224. negative, 225. comparison, 226. brilliant, 227. jewelry

228. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
229. sn__t with laughter *v.* to forcefully inhale air through the nose in a loud manner, often to express amusement, derision, or disgust; to inhale drugs or other substances through the nose
230. a ch___y necklace *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
231. pr_____ge company *n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
232. some une_____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
233. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
234. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
235. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
236. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
237. an unexpected si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
238. pa_____el processing *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

ANSWERS: 228. essentially, 229. snort, 230. chunky, 231. prestige, 232. unexpected, 233. organ, 234. warn, 235. assignment, 236. amazing, 237. sight, 238. parallel

239. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
240. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
241. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
242. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
243. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
244. in_____re agreement *n.* a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
245. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
246. st___e hard to get *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
247. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
248. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
249. d__k drive *n.* a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music

ANSWERS: 239. decide, 240. convince, 241. territory, 242. relation, 243. essentially, 244. indenture, 245. typical, 246. strive, 247. innovation, 248. well-being, 249. disk

250. sup_____al wound *adj.* existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
251. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
252. un___e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
253. un_____ke routine duties *v.* to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility
254. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
255. co___r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
256. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
257. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
258. top of the hi_____hy *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

ANSWERS: 250. superficial, 251. influence, 252. unique, 253. undertake, 254. labor, 255. confer, 256. spirit, 257. entrepreneur, 258. hierarchy

259. under the umbrella of cap_____sm *n.* an economic system based on the private ownership of the means of production and their operation for profit
260. bo__s appraisal *n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work
261. du_____l obedience *adj.* motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations
262. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
263. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
264. su___b life *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
265. steady in_____ntal growth *n.* a regular increase in the amount of something, such as money; a process of becoming larger, longer, or more important
266. no_____us scandal *adj.* widely and unfavorably known or considered; famous or well-known, typically for some unfavorable or undesirable quality, action, or reputation
267. eloquently art_____te *v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language

ANSWERS: 259. capitalism, 260. bonus, 261. dutiful, 262. perspective, 263. hook, 264. suburb, 265. increment, 266. notorious, 267. articulate

268. precious je____y *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
269. du____l employee *adj.* motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations
270. dif____ial wages *n.* an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference
271. minimalist wa____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
272. hi____hy of folders *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
273. doctoral dis____ion *n.* a long and formal written treatise or discourse, often presenting research or analysis on a particular subject or topic, in support of a degree or academic qualification
274. pr____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
275. ou____er artist *n.* a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

ANSWERS: 268. jewelry, 269. dutiful, 270. differential, 271. wardrobe, 272. hierarchy, 273. dissertation, 274. principle, 275. outsider

276. cause unb_____ble damage *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
277. furnished ap_____nt *n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping
278. z__e defense *n.* a specific area, region, or section that is marked off or defined in some way
279. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
280. French soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
281. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
282. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
283. mal_____on alarm *v.* to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
284. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
285. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 276. unbelievable, 277. apartment, 278. zone, 279. decision, 280. sociologist, 281. perspective, 282. assignment, 283. malfunction, 284. hypothesis, 285. observe

286. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
287. dull si__t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
288. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
289. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
290. fr_____se owner *n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election
291. plug numbers into a spr_____et *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
292. death pe_____y *n.* a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract
293. gr__t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
294. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

ANSWERS: 286. sophisticated, 287. sight, 288. boom, 289. tragedy, 290. franchise, 291. spreadsheet, 292. penalty, 293. greet, 294. pause

295. ac____ic probation *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
296. mi_____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
297. ex__l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
298. ex__l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
299. take a n_p *n.* a short sleep, especially during the day
300. annual bo__s *n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work
301. mu___r in the second degree *n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
302. mal_____on and start moving unpredictably *v.* to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
303. powder co_____e *n.* a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor
304. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

ANSWERS: 295. academic, 296. miserable, 297. excel, 298. excel, 299. nap, 300. bonus, 301. murder, 302. malfunction, 303. cocaine, 304. standing

305. d__k space *n.* a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music
306. medical ma_____na *n.* a psychoactive drug derived from the Cannabis plant, used for medicinal or recreational purposes; a drug that is illegal in some countries and states but legal in others for specific purposes
307. word ass_____ons *n.* a people or groups of people who have joined in a single organization together for a particular purpose; a social or business connection or relationship
308. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
309. increase in the minimum w__e *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
310. an_____e your real motives *v.* to think about in-depth and evaluate to discover essential features or meaning
311. county j__l *n.* a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
312. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
313. 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
314. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
315. as___n top priority *v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone

ANSWERS: 305. disk, 306. marijuana, 307. association, 308. communal, 309. wage, 310. analyze, 311. jail, 312. mention, 313. decide, 314. fake, 315. assign

316. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
317. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
318. member of his en_____ge *n.* a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
319. af____d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
320. fr_____se agreement *n.* a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election
321. campaign ma____a *n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation
322. an une_____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
323. 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
324. unf_____ed access *adj.* not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

ANSWERS: 316. concept, 317. sophisticated, 318. entourage, 319. afford, 320. franchise, 321. mantra, 322. unexpected, 323. relate, 324. unfettered

325. un_____l distribution *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
326. lo_____l conclusion *adj.* characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason
327. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
328. a pa_____el case *adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations
329. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
330. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
331. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
332. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
333. an ac_____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
334. cr____y Spanish *adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory
335. ga_____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

ANSWERS: 325. unequal, 326. logical, 327. organization, 328. parallel, 329. economical, 330. communal, 331. quest, 332. overnight, 333. academic, 334. crappy, 335. garbage

336. primary ben_____ry *n.* a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will
337. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
338. ob_____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
339. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
340. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
341. li_____l understanding *adj.* adhering strictly to the exact meaning or interpretation of words or language; without exaggeration or metaphorical meaning
342. average fuel con_____on *n.* the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials
343. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 336. beneficiary, 337. entrepreneur, 338. observe, 339. stick, 340. tragedy, 341. literal, 342. consumption, 343. intense

344. a bold hyp_____is
n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
345. art_____te his position
v. to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
346. the gen_____on of electricity
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
347. en_____or as much as possible
v. to make an earnest attempt or effort; to strive or work hard towards a goal or objective
348. the most am_____g feeling
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
349. en_____us amount
adj. extremely large or great
350. central th__e
n. a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
351. su_____zes the main ideas
v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
352. equ_____nt amounts
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
353. with unp_____nt body odor
adj. not enjoyable or comfortable
354. soy sa__e
n. a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
355. vi_____t incident
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
356. artificial t__f
n. a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn

ANSWERS: 344. hypothesis, 345. articulate, 346. generation, 347. endeavor, 348. amazing, 349. enormous, 350. theme, 351. summarize, 352. equivalent, 353. unpleasant, 354. sauce, 355. violent, 356. turf

357. un_____l opportunity *adj.* different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair
358. a statistical ch__t *n.* a visual display of information such as a diagram, lists of figures, etc.; a map designed to assist navigation by air or sea
359. r__e of passage into adulthood *n.* a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
360. equ_____um point *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
361. political ho_____e *n.* a person who is held by another as security, typically to fulfill certain conditions or demands; a person who is forcibly confined or controlled
362. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
363. the ben_____ry of a trust *n.* a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will
364. material we____h *n.* a large amount of money, property, or other things that someone or an organization owns
365. lo_____l reasoning *adj.* characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason
366. st_____ng evidence *adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

ANSWERS: 357. unequal, 358. chart, 359. rite, 360. equilibrium, 361. hostage, 362. legitimate, 363. beneficiary, 364. wealth, 365. logical, 366. striking

367. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
368. lig_____ted humor *adj.* carefree and cheerful; free from anxiety or seriousness; playful or humorous
369. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
370. a pr_____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
371. ar____t the progress *v.* to take into custody
372. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
373. fr__k weather *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
374. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
375. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
376. st____e for excellence *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
377. a str_____own budget *adj.* having only essential or minimal features
378. o_t out of society *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
379. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 367. convince, 368. lighthearted, 369. glamorous, 370. profound, 371. arrest, 372. pause, 373. freak, 374. instance, 375. fake, 376. strive, 377. stripped-down, 378. opt, 379. economy

380. su___b development *n.* an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods
381. 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
382. a ra___m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
383. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
384. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
385. religious soc_____st *n.* a person who studies the institutions and development of human society
386. lu_____ve deal *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
387. co_____te environment *adj.* of or relating to a large company
388. for_____ow the recession *v.* to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future
389. seasonal la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

ANSWERS: 380. suburb, 381. mechanism, 382. random, 383. territory, 384. debt, 385. sociologist, 386. lucrative, 387. corporate, 388. foreshadow, 389. labor

390. put a gr____ul expression *adj.* feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
391. co____t him of manslaughter *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
392. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
393. com____te a loss *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
394. an indomitable sp____t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
395. 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
396. ch____y sweater *adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
397. w__ned me of the plan *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
398. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 390. grateful, 391. convict, 392. obvious, 393. compensate, 394. spirit, 395. mechanism, 396. chunky, 397. warn, 398. threat

399. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
400. crystalline si_____n *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers
401. co_____t in a jail *v.* to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
402. political equ_____um *n.* a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced
403. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
404. cast gl_____us eyes *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
405. a rock fr__k *n.* an abnormality that is not typical or expected
406. basin-shaped va___y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
407. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
408. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
409. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

ANSWERS: 399. secondly, 400. silicon, 401. convict, 402. equilibrium, 403. generation, 404. glamorous, 405. freak, 406. valley, 407. overnight, 408. risky, 409. influence

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. It is _____ to see criminal behavior even though it is minor.
adj. not enjoyable or comfortable
2. The _____ accident caused the car to flip over and land on its roof.
n. an abnormality that is not typical or expected
3. He was _____ on fraud charges and sentenced to five years in prison.
v. to prove or declare someone to be guilty of a crime; (noun) a person serving a sentence in a jail or prison
4. The fast-food _____ kept expanding and opening new restaurants across the country.
n. a legal agreement between two parties in which one party grants the other the right to use or sell its products or services under a specific brand name and business model; a business that operates under such an agreement; the right to vote in an election
5. The pasta dish was served with a rich tomato _____.
n. a liquid or semi-solid food served on or used in preparing other foods
6. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
7. The south coast is less _____ yet has many clean and appealing hotels.
adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

ANSWERS: 1. unpleasant, 2. freak, 3. convicted, 4. franchise, 5. sauce, 6. observe, 7. glamorous

8. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
9. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
10. The police escorted the prisoner to the _____.
n. a facility where criminals are kept to be punished for their crimes; a prison
11. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
12. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.
n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
13. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
14. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
15. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

ANSWERS: 8. capture, 9. innovation, 10. jail, 11. concept, 12. hypothesis, 13. peak, 14. Translate, 15. unfortunate

16. The bishop performed the _____ of consecration for the new church.
n. a formal or ceremonial act or set of acts performed in a traditional or prescribed way; a religious or spiritual ceremony or practice
17. He rolled the _____ hoping for a lucky outcome.
n. a small cube with each side marked with a different number of spots (from 1 to 6) used in gambling and some games
18. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
19. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company
20. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
21. _____ a society is an organism.
adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
22. The faithful _____ had been working for the family for many years and was well-trusted.
n. a person who performs duties for others, especially a person employed in a house on domestic duties or as a personal attendant
23. The athlete felt _____ by her recent injury and performed with ease.
adj. not constrained or restricted by limitations or rules; free, unrestricted, unbridled

ANSWERS: 16. rite, 17. dice, 18. principle, 19. corporate, 20. disaster, 21. Essentially, 22. servant, 23. unfettered

24. The art exhibit featured a few sculptures that portrayed _____.
- n.* the state or condition of being naked or unclothed; the absence of clothing, typically applied to the human body
25. The university has great _____ in the academic community.
- n.* respect and admiration felt or shown for someone or something based on a perception of their achievements or quality
26. The _____ of the novel is the corrupting influence of power.
- n.* a subject or topic of discourse or artistic representation
27. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.
- v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
28. 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
29. He interfered with his _____ in various ways during the campaign.
- n.* a person, company, or thing competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
30. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.
- n.* a long or challenging search for something
31. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 24. nudity, 25. prestige, 26. theme, 27. crack, 28. presentation, 29. rivals, 30. quest, 31. violent

32. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
33. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.
adj. extremely large or great
34. She woke the kids up from their _____.
n. a short sleep, especially during the day
35. He wandered the _____ between life and death by gunfire.
n. a real or imaginary line that marks the limit or extent of something and separates it from other things or places
36. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.
adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
37. She was _____ for the help he provided.
adj. feeling or showing an appreciation of kindness; thankful
38. The soccer players fought for control of the _____ during the game.
n. a layer of grass and soil covering a particular area of land, especially used as a playing surface in sports or as a lawn
39. Despite the good news, she remained _____ to the situation.
adj. having no strong feelings or preferences one way or the other, neutral
40. The court's decision had many unforeseen _____.
n. the act or process of branching out or dividing into branches

ANSWERS: 32. equivalent, 33. enormous, 34. nap, 35. boundary, 36. legitimate, 37. grateful, 38. turf, 39. indifferent, 40. ramifications

41. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

42. The _____ inequality was unavoidable.

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

43. This pie _____ represents our market share.

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

44. 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

45. The dark clouds _____ a storm.

v. to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future

46. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.

v. to take into custody

47. The income inequality in the country is becoming increasingly _____.

adj. different in amount, size, degree, or value; not fair

48. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 41. overnight, 42. wealth, 43. chart, 44. involves, 45. foreshadowed, 46. arrest, 47. unequal, 48. unique,

49. The police finally apprehended the _____ criminal.

adj. widely and unfavorably known or considered; famous or well-known, typically for some unfavorable or undesirable quality, action, or reputation

50. I've included the two designs for a _____.

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

51. _____ is the second most abundant element on earth after oxygen.

n. a chemical element with the symbol Si that is a hard, brittle crystalline solid with a blue-grey metallic luster and used for the transistors and integrated circuit chips in computers

52. The journalist's _____ reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

adj. existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

53. The landlord offered me a one-year _____ for the apartment.

n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

54. I prefer _____ peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

adj. characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

55. The threat of punishment serves as a _____ for many people who might consider committing a crime.

n. something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle

ANSWERS: 49. notorious, 50. comparison, 51. Silicon, 52. superficial, 53. lease, 54. chunky, 55. deterrent

56. The politician and his _____ arrived half an hour late.
n. a group of people who attend or surround an important and influential person
57. Each chapter _____ the most critical issues.
v. to give a brief statement of the most important facts or ideas about something
58. The street _____ was known for its violent behavior.
n. a group of people who organize and engage in criminal activity
59. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
60. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
61. Studies have shown that long-term use of _____ can have adverse effects on cognitive abilities.
n. a psychoactive drug derived from the Cannabis plant, used for medicinal or recreational purposes; a drug that is illegal in some countries and states but legal in others for specific purposes
62. Many famous _____ are within walking distance.
n. the ability to see; anything that is seen
63. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.
n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
64. Tom noticed them when he peered down the _____.
n. a long, vertical route through a structure that is surrounded by a series of steps

ANSWERS: 56. entourage, 57. summarizes, 58. gang, 59. property, 60. ultimate, 61. marijuana, 62. sights, 63. garbage, 64. stairwell

65. The company offered to _____ the employees for the overtime they worked.

v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

66. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

67. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

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

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

69. _____ also guarantees intellectual property rights and thus promotes innovation.

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

70. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front _____.

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

71. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

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

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 65. compensate, 66. miserable, 67. brain, 68. economical, 69. Capitalism, 70. row, 71. Communal, 72. transformed

73. He became in _____ after losing his job.

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

74. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

75. _____ studies the changes in family structure due to modernization.

n. a person who studies the institutions and development of human society

76. Living in a foreign country can make you feel like an _____ at times.

n. a person who is not part of a particular group, community, or society; someone who is considered to be on the periphery or outside of established social circles

77. He _____ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

78. He drinks an _____ amount of beer.

adj. beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

79. He grew up in the _____ but always dreamed of living in the city.

n. an outlying district or residential area of a city or town, typically comprising middle-class and affluent neighborhoods

80. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.

adj. not divided or shared with others

81. 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

ANSWERS: 73. debt, 74. amazing, 75. Sociologist, 76. outsider, 77. greeted, 78. unbelievable, 79. suburbs, 80. exclusive, 81. organ

82. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
- n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
83. The committee abolished the controversial _____ system.
- n.* an extra amount of money that is added to payment as a present or reward for good work
84. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
- v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
85. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
86. The coach implemented a new _____ to win the game.
- n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
87. Please _____ a different color to each other kind of item.
- v.* to give a specific job or piece of work to a someone
88. The _____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.
- adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
89. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
- n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 82. influence, 83. bonus, 84. warn, 85. confer, 86. tactic, 87. assign, 88. firm, 89. boom

90. Her _____ selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.
- n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
91. He has a flair for _____.
- n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
92. He cannot _____ a holiday.
- v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
93. This intriguing _____ mystery remains unsolved.
- n.* the crime of killing somebody intentionally
94. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.
- adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
95. The garden looked magical in the _____ with the flowers and trees casting eerie shadows.
- n.* the light of the moon, which is reflected sunlight and is much weaker than direct sunlight; (verb) to work at a second job, often in addition to one's regular employment, usually without the knowledge or approval of one's employer
96. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
97. The computer's hard _____ was full, so she had to delete some files.
- n.* a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music

ANSWERS: 90. wardrobe, 91. mathematics, 92. afford, 93. murder, 94. random, 95. moonlight, 96. perspective, 97. disk

98. The store sells various _____ including clothes, electronics, and home goods.
- n.* goods or products that are available for sale, especially those that are part of a company's stock or inventory; anything that is marketed or sold to customers as a commodity or product
99. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.
- n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
100. 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
101. The man _____ before opening the door.
- v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
102. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
103. She was able to _____ her argument in the debate clearly.
- v.* to express oneself clearly and effectively in spoken or written language
104. The _____ of the project being completed on time is uncertain.
- n.* the probability or chance that something will happen or be the case
105. I accidentally deleted all the contents of the _____.
- n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

ANSWERS: 98. merchandise, 99. well-being, 100. relations, 101. paused, 102. stick, 103. articulate, 104. likelihood, 105. spreadsheet

106. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.

- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

107. She repeated her personal _____ to herself to stay motivated.

- n.* a word or phrase, often repeated, that is used as a focus for the mind during meditation

108. She is a _____ musician, able to play several instruments.

- adj.* having a natural ability or aptitude for something; showing exceptional skill or ability in a particular area

109. The journalist heard the sound of _____ while reporting in a war zone.

- n.* the sound or act of shooting a firearm; the noise created by multiple guns firing at the same time

110. The two plays have many _____ parallels.

- adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

111. I decided to ___ for premature retirement.

- v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities

112. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

- n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something

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

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

ANSWERS: 106. spirit, 107. mantra, 108. talented, 109. gunfire, 110. striking, 111. opt, 112. instances, 113. realistic,

114. The couple shared a _____ moment at the amusement park, reminiscing about their childhoods.
adj. carefree and cheerful; free from anxiety or seriousness; playful or humorous
115. The company _____ in customer service.
v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
116. The movie has received almost universally _____ criticism.
adj. having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
117. The car's engine _____ on the highway, so we had to call for a tow truck.
v. to fail to operate or work properly; to break down or stop functioning as expected or intended; (noun) a failure or defect in the way a machine, system, or device is supposed to operate
118. The two countries pledged to maintain the _____ between their two currencies.
n. an amount, value, or size of the difference between things that are compared; (adjective) relating to or showing a difference
119. The mathematical equation had a _____ solution that was easy to follow.
adj. characterized by clear and sound reasoning; following a rational and systematic approach; based on or in accordance with logic or reason
120. She loves to accessorize with lots of _____ but I prefer a different style.
n. a slang term that refers to flashy, showy, or ostentatious jewelry, often characterized by its high cost or precious materials
121. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 114. lighthearted, 115. excels, 116. negative, 117. malfunctioned, 118. differential, 119. logical, 120. bling, 121. mentioned

122. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.

- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

123. The nurse carried a _____ with the patient's medical information.

- n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

124. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.

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

125. The secretary was appreciated for her _____ service and organization in the office.

- adj.* motivated by a sense of duty or obligation; willingly and conscientiously fulfilling one's responsibilities or obligations

126. She was the sole _____ of her grandfather's estate.

- n.* a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will

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

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

128. He achieved the illusion through clever _____ that left the audience in awe.

- n.* the use of deceitful or deceptive methods to achieve a goal or advantage; an act of duplicity, cunning, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 122. labor, 123. clipboard, 124. tragedy, 125. dutiful, 126. beneficiary, 127. efficient, 128. trickery

129. She studied _____ in college, learning about different societies and how they function.
- n.* the scientific study of human social behavior, including the way in which people interact with one another, the organizations and institutions they create, and the societies they form
130. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
131. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
132. 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
133. She is the president of a large international _____.
- n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
134. His _____ continued to rise as his skills improved.
- n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
135. She used a _____ brush to apply her foundation evenly.
- n.* a dry and fine substance that consists of very small, loose particles
136. 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

ANSWERS: 129. sociology, 130. probable, 131. invention, 132. individual, 133. organization, 134. wages, 135. powder, 136. passe

137. Young people in this country should _____ military duties.

v. to do or begin to do something, such as an enterprise or responsibility

138. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

139. The company struggled to maintain an _____ between its profits and social responsibilities.

n. a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced

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

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

141. The teacher attempted to _____ the root cause of our mistake.

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

142. Please hang your towel on a _____.

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

143. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

144. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

ANSWERS: 137. undertake, 138. extreme, 139. equilibrium, 140. economy, 141. analyze, 142. hook, 143. risky, 144. intense

145. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

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

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

147. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

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

148. The _____ arguments between coworkers were causing a toxic work environment.

adj. of little importance, trivial or insignificant; characterized by an undue concern for small details or rules; mean or spiteful in trivial matters

149. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

150. The _____ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

n. a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

151. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

152. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

ANSWERS: 145. valley, 146. literal, 147. decision, 148. petty, 149. secondly, 150. delight, 151. standing, 152. statistics

153. The weather forecast predicted a _____ in the afternoon.

- n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

154. I am seeking a spacious _____ with a balcony and a parking spot.

- n.* a self-contained living unit within a larger building or complex, typically consisting of one or more rooms or an open space used for living, cooking, and sleeping

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

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

156. His membership in the _____ provided him with numerous benefits.

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

157. 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

158. 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

159. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.

- v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

160. She has taken a step up in the organizational _____.

- n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

ANSWERS: 153. shower, 154. apartment, 155. generation, 156. association, 157. zone, 158. relate, 159. rolled, 160. hierarchy

161. The horse _____ as I approached it in the field.

- v.* to forcefully inhale air through the nose in a loud manner, often to express amusement, derision, or disgust; to inhale drugs or other substances through the nose

162. 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

163. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

- adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

164. The disease is now reaching _____ proportions in our country.

- n.* the widespread outbreak of a particular disease in a large number of people at the same time

165. The new video game was so _____ that he stayed up all night playing it.

- adj.* causing a strong desire or compulsion to use or consume repeatedly, often to the point of dependency or harm; habit-forming

166. The food at the restaurant was _____ and overpriced.

- adj.* of poor quality; not satisfactory

167. My _____ topic focuses on the impact of social media on mental health.

- n.* a long and formal written treatise or discourse, often presenting research or analysis on a particular subject or topic, in support of a degree or academic qualification

168. The bid _____ for this auction is \$100.

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

ANSWERS: 161. snorted, 162. doll, 163. faked, 164. epidemic, 165. addictive, 166. crappy, 167. dissertation, 168. increment

169. His class will cover an introduction to agricultural _____.

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

170. Ethics is a branch of _____.

- n.* the study of general and fundamental questions, such as those about existence, reason, knowledge, values, mind

171. Truth is stranger than _____.

- n.* the type of book or story, especially novels, that describes imaginary events and people; anything made up or imagined that is not true

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

- adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

173. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

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

174. I received a beautiful piece of _____ from my partner for our anniversary.

- n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

175. The drug dealer was arrested for possession of _____.

- n.* a highly addictive stimulant drug that is derived from the leaves of the coca plant, often used recreationally for its euphoric effects but also used in medicine as a local anesthetic and vasoconstrictor

ANSWERS: 169. economics, 170. philosophy, 171. fiction, 172. brilliant, 173. academic, 174. jewelry, 175. cocaine

176. The terrorists took several tourists as _____ in a bid to advance their demands.

- n.* a person who is held by another as security, typically to fulfill certain conditions or demands; a person who is forcibly confined or controlled

177. I don't _____ acting in such an important role.

- v.* to want to do or have something; (noun) something that many people believe but that is false, or that does not exist; imagination or fantasy

178. They _____ to make their dream come true.

- v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something

179. Please _____ your explanation for the children.

- v.* to make something more straightforward, more understandable, or easier to do

180. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.

- adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

181. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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

182. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.

- adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

183. He walked a road _____ to the railroad.

- adj.* being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations

ANSWERS: 176. hostages, 177. fancy, 178. strived, 179. simplify, 180. sophisticated, 181. threat, 182. profound, 183. parallel

184. The _____ version of the software was easier to use.

adj. having only essential or minimal features

185. Investing in real estate can be a _____ business if done correctly.

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

186. 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

187. The lawyer was reinstated after paying the _____.

n. a punishment for violating a law, rule, or contract

188. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

189. 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

190. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

191. In our country, water _____ usually decreases during the winter.

n. the amount used or eaten; the act of using up a resource such as energy, food, or materials

192. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

ANSWERS: 184. stripped-down, 185. lucrative, 186. assignment, 187. penalty, 188. typical, 189. endeavor, 190. unexpected, 191. consumption, 192. territory

193. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.
n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
194. That _____ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
n. an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
195. 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
196. The legal contract included an _____ that stipulated the responsibilities of each party.
n. a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
197. 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
198. This business yields little _____.
n. money that is earned in business or by selling things after deducting the costs involved
199. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

ANSWERS: 193. Entrepreneurs, 194. survey, 195. mechanisms, 196. indenture, 197. discuss, 198. profit, 199. eventually

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

201. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

202. 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

203. The book was _____ difficult to follow but still worth reading.

adv. used to acknowledge a fact or statement, often one that weakens or contradicts an argument or opinion; concededly

204. The _____ of the plan was flawless, resulting in a record-breaking profit for the company.

n. the act or process of carrying out a plan, order, or course of action; the act or process of carrying out the death penalty

205. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

ANSWERS: 200. obvious, 201. opportune, 202. decide, 203. admittedly, 204. execution, 205. convince