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Session 1: Word List

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.

pentagon

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

synonym: five-sided shape, quinquangle

(1) equilateral **pentagon**, (2) **pentagon** building

The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided **pentagon**.

long-range

adj. relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities

synonym: far-reaching, extended, distant

(1) **long-range** radar, (2) **long-range** weather forecast

The military uses **long-range** missiles to hit targets from far away.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

specialize

v. to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business

synonym : narrow down, particularize

(1) **specialize** in child care, (2) **specialize** in market research

The restaurant has chefs who **specialize** in beef.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

military

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

synonym : armed, martial, warlike

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

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

generate

v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

synonym : create, yield, produce

(1) **generate** more electricity, (2) **generate** \$100 a month

The economic stimulation program would **generate** a lot of new jobs.

secretary

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

synonym : assistant, clerk, administrator

(1) a confidential **secretary**, (2) **secretary** general

The chief **secretary** was responsible for organizing the meeting.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

nation

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

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

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

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

grand

adj. important and large in size, scope, or extent

synonym : impressive, great, ambitious

(1) a **grand** meal, (2) **grand** bargain

This year's **grand** gathering will be held in Canada.

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.

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.

denial

n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist
synonym : refusal, rejection, veto

(1) state of **denial**, (2) an absolute **denial**

She gave us a categorical **denial** of the scandal.

asymmetrical

adj. lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position

synonym : uneven, lopsided, crooked

(1) **asymmetrical** design, (2) **asymmetrical** haircut

The **asymmetrical** shape of the vase made it unique and exciting.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

combat

n. a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force

synonym : battle, fight, warfare

(1) **combat** zone, (2) hand-to-hand **combat**

The veteran was honored for his service in **combat**.

distant

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

synonym: far, isolated, remote

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

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

capability

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

synonym: ability, capacity, competence

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

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

catastrophic

adj. extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction

synonym: fatal, disastrous, destructive

(1) victim of **catastrophic** injuries, (2) **catastrophic** climate change

The extinction rate of aquatic animals was **catastrophic**.

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.

Congress

n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups

synonym: legislature, parliament, assembly

(1) an international **Congress**, (2) peace **Congress**

Congress must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.

glaze

v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

synonym: coat, enamel, varnish

(1) **glaze** a window, (2) **glaze** over eyes

The baker used a brush to **glaze** the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym: territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

parody

n. a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work

synonym: spoof, satire, lampoon

(1) **parody** imitation, (2) comedic **parody**

The movie was a **parody** of classic horror films.

AI

n. (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

synonym: robot, machine learning, neural network

(1) **AI** expert, (2) apply **AI** technology to art

The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of **AI**.

embedded

adj. fixed firmly into the surface of something

synonym: ingrained, implanted, inserted

(1) **embedded** systems, (2) LED- **embedded** glass

The **embedded** chip in my credit card allows me to make

contactless payments.

instantaneous

adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment

synonym: immediate, prompt, rapid

(1) **instantaneous** reaction, (2) **instantaneous** message

The new software provides **instantaneous** results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.

peel

v. to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

synonym: pare, unclothe, disrobe

(1) **peel** a fruit, (2) **peel** off easily

The storm had **peeled** all paint off the siding.

tarmac

n. (also "blacktop") a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac

synonym: runway, airstrip, path

(1) **tarmac** repair, (2) **tarmac** a driveway

The plane pulled onto the **tarmac** and stopped at the gate.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym: step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

reveal

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

synonym: disclose, unveil, expose

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

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

heel *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

synonym : hindfoot

(1) **heel** bone, (2) **heel** wrestler

She wore high **heels** to the party.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

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

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

synonym : landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

definition

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

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

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

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

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.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

league

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

synonym: association, organization, alliance

(1) **league** championship, (2) a baseball **league**

He was recruited to play in the professional **league**.

insist

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

synonym: demand, assert, claim

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

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

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.

warfare

n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

synonym: combat, fighting, conflict

(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

casualty

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

synonym: victim, injured, fatality

(1) civilian **casualty**, (2) military **casualty**

Unfortunately, the driver was the only **casualty** in the car accident.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym: change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

naturally

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

synonym: by nature, inherently, intrinsically

(1) **naturally** arising, (2) **naturally** regenerated forest

He was **naturally** gifted.

hell

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

synonym: inferno, agony, misery

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

The battlefield became **hell** on earth.

ledge

n. a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface

synonym: shelf, edge, brink

(1) **ledge** overlooking the ocean, (2) wooden **ledge**

He stood on the narrow **ledge**, looking down at the busy street below.

cartoon

n. a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

synonym: illustration, drawing, caricature

(1) **cartoon** character, (2) **cartoon** industry

He spent his afternoon watching **cartoon** movies on TV.

overwhelming

adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it

synonym: overpowering, astounding, amazing

(1) **overwhelming** majority, (2) an **overwhelming** victory

He has shown signs of uneasiness and **overwhelming** worry.

proportion

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

synonym: ratio, balance, consonance

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

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

lethal

adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

synonym: destructive, fatal, brutal

(1) **lethal** injection, (2) **lethal** weapon

Malignant hypertension is the most **lethal** form of hypertension.

ammunition

n. supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces

synonym: bullets, cartridges, shells

(1) **ammunition** storage, (2) **ammunition** depot

The soldiers were equipped with ample **ammunition** for the battle.

- riot**
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
- synonym* : disturbance, unrest, upheaval
- (1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas
- The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- legitimacy**
- n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
- synonym* : legality, lawfulness, authenticity
- (1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**
- I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.
- internal**
- adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
- synonym* : interior, inner, domestic
- (1) **internal** organs, (2) the **internal** economy
- The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve **internal** disputes.
- coalition**
- n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
- synonym* : union, confederation, alliance
- (1) a three-party **coalition**, (2) **coalition** forces
- The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a **coalition** in the next elections.
- leadership**
- n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
- synonym* : captaincy, direction, initiative
- (1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians
- The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

cattle

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

synonym : cows, herd, oxen

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

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

fodder

n. feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else

synonym : forage, feed, provender

(1) **fodder** shortage, (2) **fodder** options

The farmer bundled the hay into **fodder** stacks for the livestock to eat.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

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

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

administer

v. to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something

synonym : allocate, distribute, dispense

(1) **administer** justice, (2) **administer** the funds

After the accident, three governmental bodies **administer** the company.

outcome

n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

synonym : result, consequence, effect

(1) improved student **outcomes**, (2) a desirable **outcome**

They awaited news of the **outcome** of the election.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym : candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

opponent

n. a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

synonym: adversary, competitor, enemy

(1) computer **opponent**, (2) death-penalty **opponent**

He was attempting to confuse his **opponent**.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

unparalleled

adj. without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other

synonym: outstanding, phenomenal, remarkable

(1) **unparalleled** views, (2) an **unparalleled** achievement

Several American technology companies have achieved **unparalleled** success in terms of customer numbers.

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.

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.

Senate

n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament

synonym: upper house, council, assembly

(1) **Senate** hearing, (2) **Senate** Finance Committee

The **Senate** majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.

testify

v. to provide evidence or give a statement under oath, often in a legal or formal setting, such as a court of law; to bear witness to or affirm the truth of something based on personal knowledge or experience

synonym: attest, affirm, declare

(1) **testify** under oath, (2) **testify** as an alibi witness

The witness took the stand to **testify** about what she saw on the night of the crime.

leviathan

n. a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful

synonym: giant, monster, behemoth

(1) **leviathan** of the sea, (2) financial **leviathan**

The company's new CEO was a corporate **leviathan** known for his aggressive business tactics.

administrator

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

synonym: manager, executive, supervisor

(1) school **administrator**, (2) network **administrator**

The university's **administrator** announced new policies regarding campus safety.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

process

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

synonym: procedure, method, system

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

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

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

bankrupt

adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental

synonym: insolvent, broke, ruined

(1) **bankrupt** business, (2) financially **bankrupt**

Unfortunately, the company went **bankrupt** and had to close its doors permanently.

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.

sovereign

n. a king or queen

synonym: ruler, monarch, majesty

(1) **sovereign** wealth fund, (2) a **sovereign** state

King George was the **sovereign** of England.

bankruptcy

n. the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors

synonym : insolvency, default, ruin

(1) **bankruptcy** court, (2) **bankruptcy** filing

The **bankruptcy** of the company has left many workers without jobs.

argue

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

synonym : debate, dispute, quarrel

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

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

transparent

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

synonym : translucent, evident, diaphanous

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

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

certainty

n. the state of being certain

synonym : inevitability, confidence, assurance

(1) scientific **certainty**, (2) reach **certainty** about the theory

Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into **certainty**.

distinguish

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

synonym : determine, differentiate, characterize

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

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

accomplished

adj. having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something

synonym : achieved, finished, completed

(1) **accomplished** at a very early age, (2) **accomplished** goal

She felt **accomplished** after finishing her book.

extant

adj. still in existence; surviving or currently present

synonym: existing, surviving, remaining

(1) **extant** documents, (2) **extant** species

Many ancient artifacts are still **extant** and can be viewed in museums worldwide.

security

n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym: safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym: board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election

The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

jury

n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

synonym: panel, tribunal, adjudicators

(1) **jury** verdict, (2) **jury** duty

The judge instructed the **jury** on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.

indict

v. to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

synonym: accuse, charge, prosecute

(1) **indict** a suspect, (2) **indict** him of injuries

The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to **indict** the corrupt politician.

debate

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

synonym: argument, discussion, dispute

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

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

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

uncertain

adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

synonym: doubtful, skeptical, pending

(1) numerous **uncertain** factors, (2) take an **uncertain** attitude

She was **uncertain** about her friend's intentions.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

holocaust

n. the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction

synonym : genocide, mass murder, devastation

(1) nuclear **holocaust**, (2) the **holocaust** museum

Many **holocaust** survivors still suffer from the trauma they experienced during that time.

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.

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.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

(1) **immediately** recall a product, (2) write him an answer **immediately**

A suspension order from the court is effective **immediately**.

doctrine

n. a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups

synonym : creed, principle, tenet

(1) religious **doctrine**, (2) **doctrine** of non-violence

The church **doctrine** teaches that all are equal in the eyes of God.

downstream

adv. in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current

synonym : lower, below, later

(1) go **downstream** in a boat, (2) **downstream** processing
The boat drifted **downstream** and was carried away by the current.

criminal

n. a person who has committed a crime
synonym: offender, lawbreaker, delinquent

(1) wanted **criminal**, (2) **criminal** investigation

The police are searching for the **criminal** who stole the jewels.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

whip

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

synonym: thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape
The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

imminent

adj. coming or likely to happen very soon

synonym: looming, coming, impending

(1) **imminent** danger, (2) **imminent** arrest

This country was long faced with **imminent** peril.

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.

missile

n. a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism

synonym: projectile, rocket, bomb

(1) **missile** defense, (2) cruise **missile** attack

The military launched a ballistic **missile** at the enemy's stronghold.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

bygone

adj. belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period

synonym: past, former, old-fashioned

(1) **bygone** civilization, (2) **bygone** traditions

The historian studied the **bygone** era with great detail.

era *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
synonym : epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance
Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

scare *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
synonym : frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

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

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

scream *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym : cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet
She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

cigarette *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking

synonym : smoke, cigar, tobacco

(1) a mild **cigarette**, (2) a **cigarette** case

He lit a **cigarette** and leaned against the wall.

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

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer
The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars
Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

sweeping

adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

synonym: broad, extensive, vast

(1) **sweeping** changes, (2) **sweeping** landscapes
The **sweeping** views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.

loot

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

synonym: plunder, pillage, rob

(1) **loot** the ship, (2) war **loot**
The bandits **looted** the small town, leaving it in ruins.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week
They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

wreck

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

synonym: collapse, destruction, devastation

(1) the house was a **wreck**, (2) a worthless **wreck**

The divers accidentally discovered a **wreck** on the ocean floor.

insurgence

n. an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion

synonym: revolt, uprising, rebellion

(1) violent **insurgence**, (2) quell **insurgence**

The government's decision sparked an **insurgence** among the citizens.

lob

v. to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory

synonym: toss, throw, heave

(1) **lob** the bait into the water, (2) **lob** a grenade

I learned how to **lob** a tennis ball over the net during my first lesson.

resurrect

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again

synonym: revive, bring back, bring to life

(1) **resurrect** the dead, (2) **resurrect** an argument

They tried to **resurrect** the ancient tradition.

reconstruction

n. the process of rebuilding or repairing something that has been damaged or destroyed or of restoring something to its original condition

synonym: rebuilding, remodeling, renovation

(1) **reconstruction** aid, (2) **reconstruction** aid

The government announced a plan for the **reconstruction** of the city's infrastructure.

passee

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

synonym: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

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

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

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym: program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

synonym: govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak

The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

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.

kitty

n. a sum of money or a collection of funds that is pooled together by a group of people for a specific purpose, usually for a common expense, such as a shared meal, gambling, or other group activities

synonym: pot, pool, jackpot

(1) vacation **kitty**, (2) secret **kitty**

We put ten percent of our earnings into our home improvement **kitty** every week.

seed

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

synonym : germ, kernel, ovule

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

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

balk

v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something

synonym : hesitate, recoil, shy away

(1) **balk** at extra work, (2) **balk** in fear

After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't **balk** at trying again.

identity

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

synonym : character, personality, individuality

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

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

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym : ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

synonym : sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

desert

n. arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

split

v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

synonym: break, divide, break apart

(1) **split** a bill, (2) **split** a reward equally

Companies often **split** their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym: arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

submarine

n. a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea

synonym: sub, underwater vessel, sea-craft

(1) a **submarine** volcano, (2) **submarine** cable

The military **submarine** disappeared without a trace.

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.

naval

adj. of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy

synonym: marine, seafaring, maritime

(1) **naval** battles, (2) **naval** base

The **naval** officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.

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.

moving

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

voyage

n. a long journey, especially by sea or in space

synonym : journey, trip, excursion

(1) a **voyage** of discovery, (2) take a **voyage**

The astronaut trained for years before embarking on her **voyage** to the International Space Station.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

actualize

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

synonym : realize, accomplish, effectuate

(1) **actualize** your ideas, (2) **actualize** the company's vision

I need to **actualize** my plan to make it a reality.

drag

v. to pull or haul with force

synonym : haul, pull, draw

(1) **drag** a chair over, (2) **drag** a team down
He **dragged** the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

muck

n. dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste

synonym : dirt, mud, droppings

(1) construction **muck**, (2) **muck** on clothes

The horses waded through the **muck** in the field after the rainstorm.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

derision

n. contemptuous ridicule or mockery

synonym : ridicule, mockery, satire

(1) laugh in **derision**, (2) public **derision**

The proposal was met with **derision** from the opposition.

operate

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

synonym : work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

lynch

v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance

synonym : hang, execute, mob

(1) **lynch** law, (2) **lynch** him to death

The mob wanted to **lynch** the suspect before he could be tried in court.

rifle

n. a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy

synonym : gun, firearm, weapon

(1) **rifle** barrel, (2) hunting **rifle**

The police discovered a **rifle** case in the suspect's car during their investigation.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

messy

adj. disorganized and untidy

synonym : cluttered, disorganized, untidy

(1) **messy** data, (2) **messy** handling

His **messy** bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.

globalization

n. the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

synonym : worldwide integration

(1) the rapid pace of **globalization**, (2) **globalization** trend

The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural **globalization**.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity
These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**
Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

screw

v. to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together

synonym: tighten, fix, secure

(1) **screw** the cap, (2) a female **screw**
He had to **screw** the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.

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.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym: swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**
The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

gay

adj. homosexual; happy, carefree

synonym: cheerful, lively, joyful

(1) **gay** couple, (2) **gay** rights

The **gay** pride parade was a celebration of diversity and

acceptance.

deft

adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness

synonym: skillful, dexterous, adept

(1) **deft** handling of the problem, (2) **deft** touch

The **deft** musician played the complex piece flawlessly.

idiot

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

synonym: dummy, imbecile, bubblehead

(1) **idiot** driver, (2) what an **idiot**

He acted like an **idiot** and spilled his drink all over the floor.

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.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym: recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind

It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym: split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

jerk

v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

synonym: wrench, jolt, twitch

(1) **jerk** her head back, (2) **jerk** the rope

The driver suddenly **jerked** the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

guru

n. a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area

synonym: sage, mentor, master

(1) **guru** meditation, (2) spiritual **guru**

He was considered a **guru** in economics and consulted by many leaders.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

pronounce

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

synonym: articulate, enunciate, voice

(1) **pronounce** a judgment, (2) **pronounce** a name

She struggled to **pronounce** the word in a foreign language.

acronym

n. a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)

synonym: abbreviation, initialism, shortcut

(1) **acronym** definition, (2) use an **acronym**

RADAR is an **acronym** for radio detection and ranging.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym: decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

empire

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

synonym: imperium, conglomerate, kingdom

(1) **empire** building, (2) **empire** of the Maya

He has built a thriving e-commerce **empire**.

enforcement

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

synonym: implementation, application, execution

(1) **enforcement** action, (2) **enforcement** officer

The **enforcement** of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

minimal

adj. tiny in amount; the least possible

synonym: tiniest, essential, minimum

(1) **minimal** effort, (2) **minimal** amount

The process was carried out at **minimal** cost.

maximum

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

synonym: peak, top, highest

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

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

governance

n. the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes

synonym : administration, management, direction

(1) good **governance**, (2) corporate **governance**

The United Nations assists countries in building strong **governance** frameworks and institutions.

prefer

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

synonym : choose, like, favor

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

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

phrase

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

synonym : expression, idiom, term

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

We bought a Spanish **phrase** book.

enforce

v. to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation

synonym : execute, implement, administer

(1) **enforce** the law, (2) **enforce** a contract

Governments make rules, and police **enforce** them.

connectivity

n. the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other

synonym : linkage, network

(1) digital **connectivity**, (2) global **connectivity**

The hotel offers high-speed internet **connectivity** for all its guests.

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.

vilify

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

synonym: defame, slander, malign

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

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

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

homeland

n. a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs

synonym: motherland, native country, fatherland

(1) beloved **homeland**, (2) **homeland** pride

I miss my **homeland** and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.

constitution

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

synonym: fundamental law, establishment, formation

(1) the national **constitution**, (2) the national **constitution**

When the **constitution** is amended, it often creates a great

deal of controversy throughout the country

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.

baton

- n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

synonym : staff, stick, wand

(1) conducting **baton**, (2) twirl the **baton**

The police officer used his **baton** to disperse the crowd.

merge

- v. to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen

synonym : combine, join, coalesce

(1) **merge** into a new party, (2) **merge** those systems into a new one

This consulting firm decided to **merge** the two companies into one.

rationale

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

synonym : justification, reasoning, explanation

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

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

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.

trigger

v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

synonym: activate, spark, drive

(1) **trigger** a biochemical response, (2) **trigger** inflation

The incident **triggered** a political controversy.

delay

v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

synonym: block, adjourn, detain

(1) **delay** a flight three hours, (2) **delay** the new project

We **delayed** the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

mattress

n. a large rectangular pad filled with soft material, used as a bed or part of a bed

synonym: bed, pad, cushion

(1) soft **mattress**, (2) queen-size **mattress**

The air **mattress** was so comfortable I slept like a baby all night.

nuke

v. (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

synonym: blast, bomb, attack

(1) **nuke** a city, (2) **nuke** missile

The government threatened to **nuke** the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym : reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

embed

v. to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass

synonym : entrench, fix, set

(1) **embed** scripts in the message, (2) **embed** a sensor

The company **embedded** a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.

contextualize

v. to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something

synonym : analyze, interpret, place in context

(1) **contextualize** information, (2) **contextualize** social issues

The teacher asked the students to **contextualize** their answers with relevant examples.

employ

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

synonym : hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

bifurcate

v. to divide or split into two branches or parts

synonym : branch, fork, divide

(1) **bifurcate** at the top of the mountain, (2) **bifurcate** into two separate tracks

The river **bifurcates** ahead, so we must decide which branch to take.

agriculture

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

synonym : farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

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.

killing

n. the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

synonym : slaughter, homicide, assassination

(1) **killing** spree, (2) profit- **killing**

The **killing** of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.

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.

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**.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

disparate

adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

synonym : different, distinct, separate

(1) **disparate** impact, (2) physically **disparate** location

The organization worked to bring together **disparate** groups in the community.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym : helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

guarantee

v. to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met

synonym : assure, promise, warrant

(1) **guarantee** a high quality, (2) **guarantee** women equality

We cannot **guarantee** enough raw material sources.

mount

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or

someone

synonym : climb, increase, get on

(1) **mount** a hill, (2) **mount** a counterattack

They **mounted** pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

differ

v. to be not like someone or something in some way

synonym : vary, diverge, disagree

(1) **differ** from the majority, (2) **differ** according to species

The two products **differed** in their quality and price.

colony

n. a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

synonym : settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

array

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

synonym : collection, display, batch

(1) a two-dimensional **array**, (2) an **array** of troops

The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable **array** of products.

nongovernmental

adj. not belonging to or controlled by a government

synonym : private, non-public, non-state

(1) **nongovernmental** aid worker, (2) **nongovernmental** agency

The **nongovernmental** organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.

voluntary

adj. done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced

synonym : self-willed, spontaneous, discretionary

(1) **voluntary** action, (2) **voluntary** participation

The program is **voluntary**, so participants can choose whether or not to take part.

contractor

n. a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service

synonym: builder, declarer, construction company

(1) management **contractor**, (2) major defense **contractor**

The company hired a **contractor** to remodel their office building.

joint

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people;
(*noun*) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

synonym: collaborative, cooperative, combined

(1) a **joint** venture, (2) the bone of a **joint**

After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a **joint** statement.

agency

n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

synonym: organization, bureau, institution

(1) real estate **agency**, (2) intelligence **agency**

The government **agency** regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

confirm

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

synonym: affirm, verify, assure

(1) **confirm** the diagnosis, (2) **confirm** a transaction
Please write to **confirm** your reservation.

unmarried

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

synonym : single, unwed, celibate

(1) young **unmarried** couple, (2) **unmarried** status

She has chosen to remain **unmarried** and focus on her career.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym : barely, narrowly, scarcely

(1) increase **slightly**, (2) **slightly** alkaline soils

He moved his body **slightly** to the left.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

balanced

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

synonym : equitable, congruous, flat

(1) a **balanced** diet, (2) a well- **balanced** mind

We conducted a **balanced** assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

educated

adj. having received a high standard of education

synonym : knowledgeable, erudite, enlightened

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

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

posse

n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group

of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

synonym: crew, gang, retinue

(1) **posse** member, (2) **posse** of citizens

My friends and I formed a **posse** to search for the lost hiker.

restriction

n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

synonym: limitation, constraint, control

(1) nutritional **restriction**, (2) **restriction** on trade

The **restriction** on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.

obliterate

v. to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

synonym: destroy, eliminate, erase

(1) **obliterate** all traces, (2) **obliterate** data

The accident at that nuclear power plant **obliterated** the local ecosystem.

purview

n. the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization

synonym: scope, range, domain

(1) the **purview** of the committee, (2) beyond the **purview** of the law

The issue falls within the **purview** of the legal department.

centric

adj. tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group;
(noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system

synonym: focused, centralized, concentrated

(1) technology- **centric** approach, (2) employee- **centric** policies

The hotel's customer- **centric** approach always puts the

needs and satisfaction of guests first.

facilitate

v. to make something easier or more likely to happen
synonym : aid, assist, help

(1) **facilitate** a smooth transition, (2) **facilitate** the process
The company implemented a new software system to **facilitate** employee communication and collaboration.

draft

n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form

synonym : blueprint, outline, rough drawing

(1) a working **draft**, (2) write the first **draft**

During debates in the legislature, the **draft** of the law caused a lot of controversies.

revolution

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

synonym : coup, innovation, rebellion

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

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

affair

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

synonym : matter, incident, fling

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

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

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.

civilian

n. a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility

synonym : citizen, inhabitant, resident

(1) **civilian** casualties, (2) **civilian** life

The army is instructed not to target any **civilians** during the conflict.

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.

inter

v. to bury or place a dead body in a tomb or grave; to temporarily detain or imprison someone; (prefix) between or among

synonym : bury, entomb, inhume

(1) **inter** a dead body, (2) **inter-disciplinary**

The funeral director explained the process of how they **inter** remains after cremation.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym : apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

slide

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

synonym : glide, drift, drop

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

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

custody

n. the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time

synonym : guardianship, care, detention

(1) take a person into **custody**, (2) **custody** arrangement
After a lengthy court battle, the child's **custody** was granted to the father.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life
Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

tense

adj. unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid

synonym : tight, stretched, strained

(1) **tense** atmosphere, (2) have a **tense** face
This story makes me **tense**.

boon

n. something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life

synonym : benefit, favor, blessing

(1) a **boon** companion, (2) prove a great **boon**
The increased demand for semiconductors worldwide has been a significant **boon** for the country's economy.

highland

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

synonym : upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture
This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

command

n. authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

synonym : control, authority, leadership

(1) **command** and control, (2) **command** a battery

The general gave a **command** to his troops to prepare for battle.

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

airborne

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

synonym : flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

armor

n. a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage

synonym : shield, protection, plate

(1) **armor** plates, (2) protective **armor**

The knights wore heavy **armor** for protection during battle.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

argument

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

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

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

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed

policy was heated.

airlift

n. the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict

synonym : airdrop, air transport

(1) humanitarian **airlift**, (2) military **airlift**

The humanitarian organization organized an **airlift** of supplies to the disaster-stricken area.

specification

n. a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

synonym : description, requirement, guideline

(1) functional **specification**, (2) engineering **specification**

The project's **specifications** outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.

bastardize

v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something

synonym : corrupt, debase, pervert

(1) **bastardize** a recipe, (2) **bastardize** culture

We do not want to **bastardize** the text's original meaning through poor translations.

playground

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

synonym : park, garden, sandbox

(1) a well-equipped **playground**, (2) a **playground** on the roof

There is a woods with a creek near the school **playground**.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym : relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

pervert

v. to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

synonym : distort, corrupt, twist

(1) **pervert** justice, (2) **pervert** young men

The teacher warned the students not to **pervert** the story's meaning by twisting the facts.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym : acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym : keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

component

n. one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger

synonym : element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all

types of successful organizations.

firefighter

n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires

(1) forest **firefighter**, (2) decided to be a **firefighter**

The **firefighter** broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.

intelligence

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

synonym: brains, brightness, cleverness

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

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

analytical

adj. relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze

synonym: investigative, logical, cogent

(1) **analytical** approach, (2) **analytical** ability

He is **analytical** and can break down complex problems into manageable parts.

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

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**.

sunglasses

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

synonym : shades, eyewear, specs

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

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

cancel

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

synonym : suppressor, scrutineer, examiner

(1) **cancel** a book, (2) **cancel** a TV program

The newspaper editor decided to **cancel** the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

transparency

n. the condition or quality of being easy to see through

synonym : clearness, clarity, translucence

(1) lack of **transparency**, (2) **transparency** during the trials

The main discussion topic is government **transparency**.

overhead

n. the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky

synonym : expense, upkeep, (adverb) aloft

(1) **overhead** capital, (2) a cloud passing **overhead**

This merger will help them reduce **overhead** costs substantially.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. tr____r a biochemical response | v. to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function |
| 2. pa__e entertainment | <i>adj.</i> no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date |
| 3. cruise mi____e attack | <i>n.</i> a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism |
| 4. re___l a plan | v. to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible |
| 5. military st____gy | <i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal. |
| 6. the def_____on of a word | <i>n.</i> a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol |
| 7. real estate ag____y | <i>n.</i> an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action |
| 8. a working dr__t | <i>n.</i> a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form |

ANSWERS: 1. trigger, 2. passe, 3. missile, 4. reveal, 5. strategy, 6. definition, 7. agency, 8. draft

9. physically di_____te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
10. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
11. mo_____g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
12. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
13. publicly vi_____y *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
14. sw_____ng changes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
15. le_____an of the sea *n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
16. reach ce_____ty about the theory *n.* the state of being certain
17. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 9. disparate, 10. process, 11. moving, 12. component, 13. vilify, 14. sweeping, 15. leviathan, 16. certainty, 17. pretension

18. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
19. id____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
20. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
21. adm_____er justice *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
22. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
23. the house was a wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
24. con_____ize social issues *v.* to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something
25. ai_____ne troop *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
26. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
27. ar__t the progress *v.* to take into custody

ANSWERS: 18. riot, 19. identity, 20. brilliant, 21. administer, 22. tradition, 23. wreck, 24. contextualize, 25. airborne, 26. probable, 27. arrest

28. the in____al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
29. a so_____gn state *n.* a king or queen
30. re_____ct an argument *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
31. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
32. take an un_____in attitude *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose
33. cat_____hic climate change *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
34. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
35. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
36. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
37. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
38. non_____tal agency *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
39. vo_____ry participation *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
40. management con_____or *n.* a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service

ANSWERS: 28. internal, 29. sovereign, 30. resurrect, 31. maximum, 32. uncertain, 33. catastrophic, 34. heal, 35. echo, 36. democracy, 37. nation, 38. nongovernmental, 39. voluntary, 40. contractor

41. Se___e Finance Committee *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
42. ca_____n industry *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
43. a three-party co_____on *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
44. scientific ce_____ty *n.* the state of being certain
45. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
46. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
47. engineering spe_____ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
48. take a vo___e *n.* a long journey, especially by sea or in space
49. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
50. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 41. Senate, 42. cartoon, 43. coalition, 44. certainty, 45. distant, 46. damn, 47. specification, 48. voyage, 49. collapse, 50. gap

51. dual ge___r *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
52. bi_____te at the top of the mountain *v.* to divide or split into two branches or parts
53. do_____ne of non-violence *n.* a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups
54. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
55. pa__e trend *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
56. fo___r options *n.* feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else
57. me__y data *adj.* disorganized and untidy
58. na__l battles *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
59. intelligence ag___y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

ANSWERS: 51. gender, 52. bifurcate, 53. doctrine, 54. stream, 55. passe, 56. fodder, 57. messy, 58. naval, 59. agency

60. ar___t the thief *v.* to take into custody
61. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
62. global con_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other
63. non_____tal aid worker *adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
64. re___l secrets *v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
65. state of de___l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist
66. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
67. hi___ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
68. ana_____al ability *adj.* relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze
69. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
70. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 60. arrest, 61. decide, 62. connectivity, 63. nongovernmental, 64. reveal, 65. denial, 66. largely, 67. historic, 68. analytical, 69. operate, 70. amazing

71. sp__t a bill
v. to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
72. a pla_____nd on the roof
n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
73. ta___c a driveway
n. (also "blacktop") a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac
74. sh___k the tumor
v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
75. re_____nt by a diagram
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
76. the pu_____w of the committee
n. the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization
77. the st___m of time
n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
78. po___e of citizens
n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait
79. cr_____al investigation
n. a person who has committed a crime

ANSWERS: 71. split, 72. playground, 73. tarmac, 74. shrink, 75. represent, 76. purview, 77. stream, 78. posse, 79. criminal

80. g_y rights *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
81. tra_____ncy during the trials *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
82. a well-equipped pla_____nd *n.* an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park
83. protective ar__r *n.* a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage
84. g_y couple *adj.* homosexual; happy, carefree
85. ly__h him to death *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
86. na__l base *adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
87. 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
88. w__p egg whites *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

ANSWERS: 80. gay, 81. transparency, 82. playground, 83. armor, 84. gay, 85. lynch, 86. naval, 87. threat, 88. whip

89. major defense con_____or *n.* a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service
90. mo__t a counterattack *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
91. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
92. bas_____ze a recipe *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
93. bi_____te into two separate tracks *v.* to divide or split into two branches or parts
94. de___e competition *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives

ANSWERS: 89. contractor, 90. mount, 91. function, 92. bastardize, 93. bifurcate, 94. debate

95. 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
96. spiritual wa_____e *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
97. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
98. plant a co___y *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
99. cap_____ty assessment *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
100. mo__t a hill *v.* to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone
101. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
102. secret ki__y *n.* a sum of money or a collection of funds that is pooled together by a group of people for a specific purpose, usually for a common expense, such as a shared meal, gambling, or other group activities

ANSWERS: 95. threat, 96. warfare, 97. amazing, 98. colony, 99. capability, 100. mount, 101. loose, 102. kitty

113. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
114. en____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
115. civilian ca____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
116. designer sun____es *n.* a pair of darkened glasses worn to protect the eyes from harsh sunlight or glare
117. nutritional res____on *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something
118. re____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
119. spiritual g__u *n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area
120. school di____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
121. lon____ge radar *adj.* relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities
122. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
123. tr____r inflation *v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

ANSWERS: 113. frank, 114. envelop, 115. casualty, 116. sunglasses, 117. restriction, 118. relation, 119. guru, 120. district, 121. long-range, 122. employ, 123. trigger

124. r__t control gas *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
125. le__e overlooking the ocean *n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
126. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
127. geological r__t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
128. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
129. tr__d water *v.* to step or walk on something
130. what an id__t *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
131. presidential ina_____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
132. a jo__t venture *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

ANSWERS: 124. riot, 125. ledge, 126. slide, 127. rift, 128. emerge, 129. tread, 130. idiot, 131. inauguration, 132. joint

133. la____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
134. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
135. em__d a sensor *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
136. equilateral pe____on *n.* a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military
137. em____y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
138. wanted cr____al *n.* a person who has committed a crime
139. tr__d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
140. ensure a smooth tra____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
141. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
142. di____r from the majority *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
143. financial le____an *n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
144. pol____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

ANSWERS: 133. largely, 134. gap, 135. embed, 136. pentagon, 137. employ, 138. criminal, 139. tread, 140. transition, 141. belt, 142. differ, 143. leviathan, 144. politically

145. na_____ly arising *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
146. le___l injection *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
147. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
148. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
149. spe_____ze in child care *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
150. j__k her head back *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
151. peace co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
152. financially ba_____pt *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
153. employee-ce_____c policies *adj.* tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system
154. im_____nt arrest *adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon

ANSWERS: 145. naturally, 146. lethal, 147. statistics, 148. transformation, 149. specialize, 150. jerk, 151. congress, 152. bankrupt, 153. centric, 154. imminent

155. con_____ize information *v.* to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something
156. a co___y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
157. ex___t species *adj.* still in existence; surviving or currently present
158. sc___e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
159. a tra_____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
160. vi___y the press *v.* to speak or write about someone or something in a way that is likely to make people have a very low opinion of them
161. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
162. l_b the bait into the water *v.* to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory
163. ed_____ed speech *adj.* having received a high standard of education

ANSWERS: 155. contextualize, 156. colony, 157. extant, 158. scare, 159. transparent, 160. vilify, 161. governance, 162. lob, 163. educated

164. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
165. glo_____ion trend *n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders
166. run like h__l *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
167. acc_____hed at a very early age *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
168. de___e topic *n.* a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
169. enf_____nt action *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
170. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

ANSWERS: 164. reserve, 165. globalization, 166. hell, 167. accomplished, 168. debate, 169. enforcement, 170. aid

171. b__k in fear *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
172. the longstanding co____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
173. mi____l amount *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
174. forest fir____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
175. gr__d bargain *adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
176. sta____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
177. b__k at extra work *v.* to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
178. a worthless wr__k *n.* a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident
179. di____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
180. sp__t a reward equally *v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line
181. ban____cy court *n.* the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
182. res____on on trade *n.* a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

ANSWERS: 171. balk, 172. conflict, 173. minimal, 174. firefighter, 175. grand, 176. statistics, 177. balk, 178. wreck, 179. disappear, 180. split, 181. bankruptcy, 182. restriction

183. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately
184. wooden le__e *n.* a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface
185. ar__e passionately *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
186. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
187. young un_____ed couple *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
188. rec_____ion aid *n.* the process of rebuilding or repairing something that has been damaged or destroyed or of restoring something to its original condition
189. adm_____er the funds *v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
190. ag___a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
191. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
192. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
193. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

ANSWERS: 183. instantly, 184. ledge, 185. argue, 186. relation, 187. unmarried, 188. reconstruction, 189. administer, 190. agenda, 191. council, 192. amaze, 193. generate

194. m__k on clothes *n.* dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste
195. ho_____nd pride *n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
196. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
197. lack of tra_____ncy *n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
198. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
199. amm_____on storage *n.* supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces
200. 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
201. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
202. j__y verdict *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task

ANSWERS: 194. muck, 195. homeland, 196. council, 197. transparency, 198. loose, 199. ammunition, 200. economy, 201. context, 202. jury

203. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
204. do_____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
205. te__e atmosphere *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid
206. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
207. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
208. mi_____e defense *n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism
209. em___e building *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
210. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
211. di_____te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
212. so_____gn wealth fund *n.* a king or queen
213. 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

ANSWERS: 203. argument, 204. dominate, 205. tense, 206. district, 207. planet, 208. missile, 209. empire, 210. communal, 211. disparate, 212. sovereign, 213. doll

214. an international co_____ss *n.* a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
215. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
216. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
217. ce___r a book *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information
218. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
219. hi_____nd Indian *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
220. nuclear ho_____st *n.* the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction
221. decided to be a fir_____er *n.* a person whose job is to extinguish fires
222. en_____e a contract *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
223. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
224. beginning of the industrial
rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

ANSWERS: 214. congress, 215. asset, 216. immediately, 217. censor, 218. historic, 219. highland, 220. holocaust, 221. firefighter, 222. enforce, 223. agriculture, 224. revolution

225. 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
226. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
227. the ho_____st museum *n.* the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction
228. p__l a fruit *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
229. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
230. hi_____nd agriculture *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
231. the ar_____nt against capital punishment *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
232. ambitious ag____a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
233. sun_____es case *n.* a pair of darkened glasses worn to protect the eyes from harsh sunlight or glare
234. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

ANSWERS: 225. overnight, 226. geography, 227. holocaust, 228. peel, 229. planet, 230. highland, 231. argument, 232. agenda, 233. sunglasses, 234. collapse

235. ins_____ous message *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
236. g__u meditation *n.* a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area
237. beyond the pu_____w of the law *n.* the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization
238. mi_____l effort *adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
239. w__p into shape *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
240. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
241. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
242. ma_____e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
243. ca_____e barn *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
244. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
245. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

ANSWERS: 235. instantaneous, 236. guru, 237. purview, 238. minimal, 239. whip, 240. slide, 241. governance, 242. marine, 243. cattle, 244. concept, 245. recognition

246. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
247. h__l broke loose *n.* the place thought to be where bad people go and are punished after death, often depicted as being located beneath the earth; an extraordinarily unpleasant or difficult place
248. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
249. co_____on forces *n.* a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
250. in___n civilians *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
251. ce___r a TV program *n.* a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

ANSWERS: 246. bomb, 247. hell, 248. process, 249. coalition, 250. intern, 251. censor

252. religious do_____ne *n.* a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups
253. 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
254. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
255. me__y handling *adj.* disorganized and untidy
256. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
257. sc__y dream *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
258. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
259. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
260. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

ANSWERS: 252. doctrine, 253. economy, 254. aid, 255. messy, 256. brilliant, 257. scary, 258. reserve, 259. executive, 260. scream

261. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
262. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
263. di____r according to species *v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
264. spe_____ze in market research *v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
265. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
266. Se____e hearing *n.* a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
267. medical in____n *v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
268. domestic af____rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
269. ba____pt business *adj.* unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
270. the co____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

ANSWERS: 261. agriculture, 262. transparent, 263. differ, 264. specialize, 265. amaze, 266. Senate, 267. intern, 268. affair, 269. bankrupt, 270. conflict

271. hand-to-hand co___t *n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force
272. bas_____ze culture *v.* to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
273. functional spe_____ion *n.* a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job
274. variety of ma___e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
275. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
276. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
277. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
278. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
279. ex___t documents *adj.* still in existence; surviving or currently present

ANSWERS: 271. combat, 272. bastardize, 273. specification, 274. marine, 275. damn, 276. transition, 277. economical, 278. maintain, 279. extant

280. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
281. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
282. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
283. a baseball le____e *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
284. scientific ra_____le *n.* the fundamental reason or underlying logic, principle, or justification behind a decision, action, or belief; the explanation or logical basis that supports or provides reasoning for something
285. re_____ct the dead *v.* to bring back to life or bring into existence again
286. a building of vast pro_____ons *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
287. 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
288. an absolute de____l *n.* a statement that something is not true or does not exist

ANSWERS: 280. eventually, 281. elevate, 282. revolution, 283. league, 284. rationale, 285. resurrect, 286. proportion, 287. stick, 288. denial

289. ai_____ne particles *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
290. h__l wrestler *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
291. 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
292. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
293. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
294. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
295. construction m__k *n.* dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste
296. in_____al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
297. unsatisfied de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
298. a ci_____te case *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
299. wa_____e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
300. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

ANSWERS: 289. airborne, 290. heel, 291. economical, 292. military, 293. defend, 294. critic, 295. muck, 296. internal, 297. desire, 298. cigarette, 299. warfare, 300. ultimate

301. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
302. enf_____nt officer *n.* the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws
303. field of artificial int_____nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
304. have a te__e face *adj.* unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid
305. 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
306. soft ma_____ss *n.* a large rectangular pad filled with soft material, used as a bed or part of a bed
307. ci_____an casualties *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
308. pe_____t young men *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

ANSWERS: 301. organization, 302. enforcement, 303. intelligence, 304. tense, 305. stick, 306. mattress, 307. civilian, 308. pervert

309. em__d scripts in the message *v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
310. dis_____sh these two things *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
311. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
312. dow_____am processing *adv.* in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
313. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
314. queen-size ma_____ss *n.* a large rectangular pad filled with soft material, used as a bed or part of a bed
315. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
316. LED-em_____ed glass *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
317. me__e those systems into a new one *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
318. numerous un_____in factors *adj.* not being sure of something; not being able to choose

ANSWERS: 309. embed, 310. distinguish, 311. involve, 312. downstream, 313. administrator, 314. mattress, 315. develop, 316. embedded, 317. merge, 318. uncertain

319. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
320. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
321. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
322. ac_____ze your ideas *v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
323. de__y a flight three hours *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
324. in__t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
325. sl_____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
326. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
327. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
328. sc___m a profanity *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
329. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 319. scary, 320. concept, 321. identity, 322. actualize, 323. delay, 324. insist, 325. slightly, 326. echo, 327. era, 328. scream, 329. crisis

330. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
331. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
332. p__l off easily *v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
333. death-penalty op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
334. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
335. public de_____on *n.* contemptuous ridicule or mockery
336. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
337. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
338. quell ins_____ce *n.* an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion
339. obl_____te all traces *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory

ANSWERS: 330. discovery, 331. scare, 332. peel, 333. opponent, 334. represent, 335. derision, 336. strategy, 337. executive, 338. insurgence, 339. obliterate

340. go dow_____am in a boat *adv.* in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
341. ki_____g spree *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success
342. prove a great b__n *n.* something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life
343. le___e championship *n.* an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters
344. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
345. 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
346. ta___c repair *n.* (also "blacktop") a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac
347. po__e member *n.* a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

ANSWERS: 340. downstream, 341. killing, 342. boon, 343. league, 344. ultimate, 345. overnight, 346. tarmac, 347. posse

348. gu_____ee women equality *v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
349. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
350. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
351. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
352. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
353. d__g a chair over *v.* to pull or haul with force
354. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
355. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
356. a mild ci_____te *n.* a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
357. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 348. guarantee, 349. organization, 350. function, 351. eventually, 352. interact, 353. drag, 354. desire, 355. operate, 356. cigarette, 357. troop

358. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
359. le____l weapon *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
360. unpaid w____es *n.* a particular amount of money that somebody earns, usually every week or every month, for work or services
361. sw____ng landscapes *adj.* extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures
362. a vo____e of discovery *n.* a long journey, especially by sea or in space
363. co____m the diagnosis *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
364. h____l bone *n.* the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something
365. twirl the ba____n *n.* a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race
366. by____e traditions *adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
367. ca____e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

ANSWERS: 358. straight, 359. lethal, 360. wage, 361. sweeping, 362. voyage, 363. confirm, 364. heel, 365. baton, 366. bygone, 367. cattle

368. current af___rs *n.* event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
369. su_____ne cable *n.* a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea
370. joint rec_____on *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
371. gl___e a window *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup
372. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
373. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
374. comedic pa___y *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
375. a two-dimensional ar___y *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

ANSWERS: 368. affair, 369. submarine, 370. recognition, 371. glaze, 372. straight, 373. standing, 374. parody, 375. array

376. na_____ly regenerated forest *adv.* as might be expected; by natural manners
377. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
378. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
379. obl_____te data *v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
380. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
381. l__t the ship *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
382. network adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
383. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
384. unp_____led views *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other
385. an unp_____led achievement *adj.* without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other

ANSWERS: 376. naturally, 377. boom, 378. exclusive, 379. obliterate, 380. probable, 381. loot, 382. administrator, 383. outcome, 384. unparalleled, 385. unparalleled

386. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
387. AI expert *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
388. ri__e barrel *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
389. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
390. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
391. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
392. id__t driver *n.* a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient
393. the rapid pace of glo_____ion *n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

ANSWERS: 386. component, 387. AI, 388. rifle, 389. crisis, 390. typical, 391. standing, 392. idiot, 393. globalization

394. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
395. ins_____ous reaction *adj.* occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
396. te_____y as an alibi witness *v.* to provide evidence or give a statement under oath, often in a legal or formal setting, such as a court of law; to bear witness to or affirm the truth of something based on personal knowledge or experience
397. d__g a team down *v.* to pull or haul with force
398. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
399. write the first dr__t *n.* a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
400. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
401. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
402. me__e into a new party *v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
403. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
404. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
405. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 394. core, 395. instantaneous, 396. testify, 397. drag, 398. outcome, 399. draft, 400. generate, 401. immediately, 402. merge, 403. definition, 404. critic, 405. discovery

406. humanitarian ai____t *n.* the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict
407. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
408. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
409. ban_____cy filing *n.* the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors
410. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
411. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
412. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
413. em___e of the Maya *n.* a group of countries ruled by one leader or government
414. a b__n companion *n.* something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life
415. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
416. amm_____on depot *n.* supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces
417. apply AI technology to art *n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation

ANSWERS: 406. airlift, 407. elevate, 408. exclusive, 409. bankruptcy, 410. grandchild, 411. absolutely, 412. absolutely, 413. empire, 414. boon, 415. generation,

416. ammunition, 417. AI

418. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
419. in___t a suspect *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
420. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
421. l_b a grenade *v.* to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory
422. take a person into cu____y *n.* the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time
423. in____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
424. re____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
425. war l__t *v.* steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder
426. em____ed systems *adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something

ANSWERS: 418. defend, 419. indict, 420. nation, 421. lob, 422. custody, 423. involve, 424. reconnect, 425. loot, 426. embedded

434. violent ins_____ce *n.* an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion
435. pr_____ce a name *v.* to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way
436. d__t touch *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
437. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
438. military ca_____ty *n.* a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim
439. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
440. acc_____hed goal *adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
441. pa___y imitation *n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
442. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
443. se_____ry general *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
444. pe_____t justice *v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society

ANSWERS: 434. insurgence, 435. pronounce, 436. deft, 437. shrink, 438. casualty, 439. instantly, 440. accomplished, 441. parody, 442. core, 443. secretary, 444.

pervert

445. fo___r shortage *n.* feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else
446. em___e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
447. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
448. digital con_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other
449. use an ac_____m *n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
450. mo___g experience *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
451. a cloud passing ov_____ad *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
452. co_____d and control *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

ANSWERS: 445. fodder, 446. emerge, 447. era, 448. connectivity, 449. acronym, 450. moving, 451. overhead, 452. command

453. 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
454. increase sl____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
455. an int_____nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
456. fac_____te the process *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
457. ov_____ad capital *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
458. a confidential se_____ry *n.* a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization
459. technological cap_____ty *n.* the ability, skill, or competence to do something; the potential or aptitude for a particular task or function
460. the bone of a jo__t *adj.* shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton
461. a s__d coat *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant
462. ac_____ze the company's vision *v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

ANSWERS: 453. decide, 454. slightly, 455. intelligence, 456. facilitate, 457. overhead, 458. secretary, 459. capability, 460. joint, 461. seed, 462. actualize

463. co____d a battery *n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something
464. n__e missile *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
465. national se____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
466. beloved ho____nd *n.* a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
467. laugh in de____on *n.* contemptuous ridicule or mockery
468. noun ph____e *n.* a group of words that mean something specific when used together
469. lon____ge weather forecast *adj.* relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities
470. the national con____ion *n.* the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

ANSWERS: 463. command, 464. nuke, 465. security, 466. homeland, 467. derision, 468. phrase, 469. long-range, 470. constitution

471. co_____m a transaction *v.* to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case
472. en_____e the law *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
473. dis_____sh man from the other animals *v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
474. victim of cat_____hic injuries *adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
475. tr_____te a document into English *v.* to convert or change words into another language
476. n__e a city *v.* (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile
477. di_____t ancestors *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
478. ci_____an life *n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility
479. 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
480. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 471. confirm, 472. enforce, 473. distinguish, 474. catastrophic, 475. translate, 476. nuke, 477. distant, 478. civilian, 479. boom, 480. maintain

481. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
482. ina_____ion ceremony *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
483. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
484. an ove_____ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
485. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
486. ar__e a case *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
487. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
488. gl__e over eyes *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

ANSWERS: 481. communal, 482. inauguration, 483. context, 484. overwhelming, 485. security, 486. argue, 487. democracy, 488. glaze

489. democratic leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
490. in__r a dead body *v.* to bury or place a dead body in a tomb or grave; to temporarily detain or imprison someone; (prefix) between or among
491. asy_____cal haircut *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
492. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
493. b__t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
494. a ba_____ed diet *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
495. fac_____te a smooth transition *v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
496. pr___r a window seat *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
497. in___t him of injuries *v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them

ANSWERS: 489. legitimacy, 490. inter, 491. asymmetrical, 492. reconnect, 493. belt, 494. balanced, 495. facilitate, 496. prefer, 497. indict

498. 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
499. un_____ed status *adj.* not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage
500. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
501. a female sc__w *v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
502. d__t handling of the problem *adj.* skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
503. a su_____ne volcano *n.* a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea
504. computer op_____nt *n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.
505. in__r-disciplinary *v.* to bury or place a dead body in a tomb or grave; to temporarily detain or imprison someone; (prefix) between or among
506. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
507. pr___r physics to chemistry *v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another

ANSWERS: 498. generation, 499. unmarried, 500. disappear, 501. screw, 502. deft, 503. submarine, 504. opponent, 505. inter, 506. heal, 507. prefer

508. te____y under oath
- v. to provide evidence or give a statement under oath, often in a legal or formal setting, such as a court of law; to bear witness to or affirm the truth of something based on personal knowledge or experience
509. a gr__d meal
- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
510. de____p a skill
- v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
511. oasis in the de____t
- n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
512. an ar__y of troops
- n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
513. under his lea____ip
- n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
514. in____t on a clear answer
- v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
515. baseless pre____on
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 508. testify, 509. grand, 510. develop, 511. desert, 512. array, 513. leadership, 514. insist, 515. pretension

516. hunting ri__e *n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
517. j__y duty *n.* a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
518. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
519. become pol_____ly savvy *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
520. technology-ce_____c approach *adj.* tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system
521. 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
522. r__t between friends *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
523. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare

ANSWERS: 516. rifle, 517. jury, 518. gender, 519. politically, 520. centric, 521. wage, 522. rift, 523. military

524. vo_____ry action *adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
525. vacation ki__y *n.* a sum of money or a collection of funds that is pooled together by a group of people for a specific purpose, usually for a common expense, such as a shared meal, gambling, or other group activities
526. ca_____n character *n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption
527. ana_____al approach *adj.* relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze
528. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
529. lea_____ip by politicians *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
530. ove_____ing majority *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
531. 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
532. j__k the rope *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
533. profit-ki_____g *n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

ANSWERS: 524. voluntary, 525. kitty, 526. cartoon, 527. analytical, 528. dominate, 529. leadership, 530. overwhelming, 531. doll, 532. jerk, 533. killing

534. de___t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
535. a well-ba_____ed mind *adj.* taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium
536. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
537. challenge the leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
538. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
539. ly__h law *v.* to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
540. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
541. by___e civilization *adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
542. direct pro_____on *n.* a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole

ANSWERS: 534. desert, 535. balanced, 536. maximum, 537. legitimacy, 538. asset, 539. lynch, 540. transformation, 541. bygone, 542. proportion

543. de__y the new project *v.* to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected
544. im_____nt danger *adj.* coming or likely to happen very soon
545. ar__r plates *n.* a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage
546. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
547. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
548. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
549. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
550. ed_____ed adult *adj.* having received a high standard of education
551. asy_____cal design *adj.* lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position
552. s__d money *n.* a small, hard, often round, a reproductive structure that contains a plant's genetic material and is capable of growing into a new plant

ANSWERS: 543. delay, 544. imminent, 545. armor, 546. troop, 547. typical, 548. grandchild, 549. bomb, 550. educated, 551. asymmetrical, 552. seed

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The organization worked to bring together _____ groups in the community.
adj. very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
2. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar _____.
n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
3. The ____ pride parade was a celebration of diversity and acceptance.
adj. homosexual; happy, carefree
4. Unfortunately, the company went _____ and had to close its doors permanently.
adj. unable to pay one's debts; having been reduced to a state of financial ruin; lacking in something essential or fundamental
5. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
6. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
7. I always wear _____ outside to protect my eyes from the sun's harmful rays.
n. a pair of darkened glasses worn to protect the eyes from harsh sunlight or glare

ANSWERS: 1. disparate, 2. era, 3. gay, 4. bankrupt, 5. outcome, 6. executive, 7. sunglasses

8. The extinction rate of aquatic animals was _____.
- adj.* extremely harmful; causing physical or financial destruction
9. The movie was a _____ of classic horror films.
- n.* a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature or music designed to ridicule or criticize the original work
10. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
- v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
11. The plane pulled onto the _____ and stopped at the gate.
- n.* (also "blacktop") a hard surface made of asphalt, concrete, or other materials, typically used as a runway or surface for vehicles to move on, such as a road, parking lot, or airport runway; (verb) to surface or pave a road or runway with tarmac
12. We cannot _____ enough raw material sources.
- v.* to promise something will happen formally, especially that certain conditions about a product, service, or transaction would be met
13. The boat drifted _____ and was carried away by the current.
- adv.* in the direction that a stream or river flows; (adjective) in the direction of a stream's current
14. The government announced a plan for the _____ of the city's infrastructure.
- n.* the process of rebuilding or repairing something that has been damaged or destroyed or of restoring something to its original condition

ANSWERS: 8. catastrophic, 9. parody, 10. screaming, 11. tarmac, 12. guarantee, 13. downstream, 14. reconstruction

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

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

16. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

17. She has chosen to remain _____ and focus on her career.

adj. not married; single; having not entered into the legal or socially recognized state of marriage

18. The _____ on travel during the pandemic made it difficult for people to see their loved ones.

n. a limitation or constraint placed on something, or the act of limiting or constraining something

19. When the _____ is amended, it often creates a great deal of controversy throughout the country

n. the set of fundamental principles or established precedents that a state, a country, or an organization is governed by; the act of forming or establishing something

20. The country's _____ has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

21. The project's _____ outlined the goals and requirements for the team to complete.

n. a detailed description of the characteristics, features, or requirements of something, typically a product or system; a written statement that outlines the standards, procedures, or requirements for a project or job

ANSWERS: 15. brilliant, 16. asset, 17. unmarried, 18. restriction, 19. constitution, 20. leadership, 21. specifications

22. In terms of _____ he was head and shoulders above his classmates.
n. the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
23. The _____ musician played the complex piece flawlessly.
adj. skillful or clever in one's movements or actions; nimble or agile; demonstrating dexterity or expertness
24. The _____ of the new station was a great success.
n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
25. _____ the text from Italian into English.
v. to convert or change words into another language
26. Excellent speech is a characteristic of an _____ man.
adj. having received a high standard of education
27. The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural _____.
n. the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders
28. Several American technology companies have achieved _____ success in terms of customer numbers.
adj. without parallel, equal in size, amount, quality, etc.; better or worse than any other

ANSWERS: 22. intelligence, 23. deft, 24. inauguration, 25. Translate, 26. educated, 27. globalization, 28. unparalleled

29. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.
- n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
30. He had to _____ the loose knob back onto the cabinet door.
- v.* to turn something, such as a bolt, with a driver or wrench to tighten or loosen it; (noun) a cylindrical rod with a helical ridge used to fasten things together
31. 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
32. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
- n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
33. This merger will help them reduce _____ costs substantially.
- n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
34. The _____ chip in my credit card allows me to make contactless payments.
- adj.* fixed firmly into the surface of something
35. The police discovered a _____ case in the suspect's car during their investigation.
- n.* a long-barreled firearm designed to be fired from the shoulder, typically with a rifled bore for accuracy
36. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 29. council, 30. screw, 31. economical, 32. district, 33. overhead, 34. embedded, 35. rifle, 36. statistics

37. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
38. This year's _____ gathering will be held in Canada.
- adj.* important and large in size, scope, or extent
39. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
- adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
40. A police officer has the authority to _____ a criminal.
- v.* to take into custody
41. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
42. 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
43. The _____ of unarmed civilians is considered a war crime.
- n.* the act of causing death; a sudden and intense force or effect that causes significant damage or destruction; a situation where someone is making a substantial amount of money or experiencing significant financial success

ANSWERS: 37. argument, 38. grand, 39. absolutely, 40. arrest, 41. develop, 42. economy, 43. killing

44. Pakistan's ____ budget was still being reviewed.
n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
45. The military _____ disappeared without a trace.
n. a type of underwater vehicle or vessel that can operate beneath the surface of the water; (adjective) beneath the surface of the sea
46. During debates in the legislature, the _____ of the law caused a lot of controversies.
n. a preliminary version of something that is not yet in its final form
47. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.
adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
48. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.
adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
49. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
50. She is the president of a large international _____.
n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
51. He lit a _____ and leaned against the wall.
n. a small cylindrical roll of finely cut tobacco leaves wrapped in paper for smoking
52. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.
n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

ANSWERS: 44. aid, 45. submarine, 46. draft, 47. politically, 48. moving, 49. defend, 50. organization, 51. cigarette, 52. cores

53. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

54. 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

55. This region has a humid subtropical and _____ climate.

adj. an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

56. The police officer used his _____ to disperse the crowd.

n. a thin stick or rod used as a conductor's wand, a symbol of authority, or a tool for specific sports or activities; a short, straight, light stick that is passed from runner to runner in a relay race

57. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

58. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

59. The newspaper editor decided to _____ the controversial headline to avoid backlash.

n. a person or institution responsible for examining books, movies, and other forms of media to determine if they are harmful or offensive and should be banned or altered; an official in charge of banning or suppressing information

60. The shape of the building is a distinctive five-sided _____.

n. a flat geometric shape with five straight sides and five angles; a building in Washington, D.C., that houses the U.S. Department of Defense and is the headquarters of the U.S. military

ANSWERS: 53. amazing, 54. involves, 55. highland, 56. baton, 57. concept, 58. probable, 59. censor, 60. pentagon

61. The company _____ a tracking code in the product's packaging to monitor its shipment.
- v.* to fix or set firmly in a surrounding mass
62. The program is _____ so participants can choose whether or not to take part.
- adj.* done of one's own free will; without being forced or coerced
63. This consulting firm decided to _____ the two companies into one.
- v.* to combine or integrate things, or to cause this to happen
64. The accident at that nuclear power plant _____ the local ecosystem.
- v.* to wipe out, destroy, or conceal all signs of something utterly; to remove completely from recognition or memory
65. The teacher warned the students not to _____ the story's meaning by twisting the facts.
- v.* to change the inherent purpose or function of something; to influence somebody to behave in morally unacceptable ways; to corrupt or lead astray; (noun) a person who engages in sexual behavior or has sexual interests that are considered abnormal or deviant by society
66. The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable _____ of products.
- n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
67. The _____ behind the decision was to ensure fairness and equality.
- n.* the fundamental reason or underlying logic, principle, or justification behind a decision, action, or belief; the explanation or logical basis that supports or provides reasoning for something

ANSWERS: 61. embedded, 62. voluntary, 63. merge, 64. obliterated, 65. pervert, 66. array, 67. rationale

68. I miss my _____ and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.
n. a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
69. We do not want to _____ the text's original meaning through poor translations.
v. to alter, modify, or degrade something in a way that undermines or violates its original integrity or quality; to create a less authentic or less desirable version of something
70. This country was long faced with _____ peril.
adj. coming or likely to happen very soon
71. The new software provides _____ results, making it much more efficient than the previous version.
adj. occurring or happening immediately or without delay; taking place in an instant or moment
72. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.
v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
73. 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
74. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
75. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
adv. now or without delay

ANSWERS: 68. homeland, 69. bastardize, 70. imminent, 71. instantaneous, 72. dominates, 73. overnight, 74. Communal, 75. immediately

76. The witness took the stand to _____ about what she saw on the night of the crime.
- v. to provide evidence or give a statement under oath, often in a legal or formal setting, such as a court of law; to bear witness to or affirm the truth of something based on personal knowledge or experience
77. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.
- v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
78. After her first attempt to bake a cake failed, she didn't _____ at trying again.
- v. to hesitate or stop abruptly before completing an action, often due to fear, uncertainty, or opposition; to refuse to comply with or agree to something
79. Some critics say this exhibition will be a big _____.
- n. event, situation, or subject that is significant from a political or public perspective; a secretive or illicit sexual relationship
80. The police are searching for the _____ who stole the jewels.
- n. a person who has committed a crime
81. The judge instructed the _____ on the law and the evidence presented in the trial.
- n. a group of people called upon to render a verdict or judgment in a legal trial; a group of people chosen for a special purpose or task
82. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
- n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

ANSWERS: 76. testify, 77. insisted, 78. balk, 79. affair, 80. criminal, 81. jury, 82. gender

83. He has built a thriving e-commerce _____.

n. a group of countries ruled by one leader or government

84. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve _____ disputes.

adj. of or relating to the inside of something

85. Unfortunately, the driver was the only _____ in the car accident.

n. a person who has been killed or injured in a war, accident, or other disasters; a victim

86. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.

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

87. My friends and I formed a _____ to search for the lost hiker.

n. a group of people who come together for a common purpose, often to pursue or capture a criminal; a group of people who share a common interest, belief, or trait

88. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

89. I need to _____ my plan to make it a reality.

v. to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

90. We put ten percent of our earnings into our home improvement _____ every week.

n. a sum of money or a collection of funds that is pooled together by a group of people for a specific purpose, usually for a common expense, such as a shared meal, gambling, or other group activities

ANSWERS: 83. empire, 84. internal, 85. casualty, 86. definition, 87. posse, 88. discovery, 89. actualize, 90. kitty

91. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

92. 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

93. The teacher asked the students to _____ their answers with relevant examples.

v. to place or understand something within a specific context or framework; to consider the circumstances, background, or cultural setting that provide meaning or significance to something

94. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

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

95. The _____ shape of the vase made it unique and exciting.

adj. lacking symmetry or balance; unevenly or irregularly shaped; not corresponding in terms of quantity, size, or position

96. He acted like an _____ and spilled his drink all over the floor.

n. a foolish or stupid person who lacks common sense or judgment; a derogatory term used to describe someone who is mentally deficient

97. The horses waded through the _____ in the field after the rainstorm.

n. dense, wet, and dirty matter or waste, often found in soil or on the ground; animal waste

98. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

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

ANSWERS: 91. scary, 92. passe, 93. contextualize, 94. critics, 95. asymmetrical, 96. idiot, 97. muck, 98. maximum

99. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.

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

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

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

101. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

102. 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

103. He was recruited to play in the professional _____.

n. an association of sports teams who compete against each other; an obsolete unit of distance of variable length, equal to about 3 miles or 4,000 meters

104. King George was the _____ of England.

n. a king or queen

105. The amount of _____ pollen this year is higher than usual.

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

106. We bought a Spanish _____ book.

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

ANSWERS: 99. identity, 100. distant, 101. interned, 102. wages, 103. league, 104. sovereign, 105. airborne, 106. phrase

107. The media has been _____ the politician for his controversial statements.

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

108. This artwork is _____ of her work.

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

109. I learned how to ____ a tennis ball over the net during my first lesson.

- v.* to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory

110. The baker used a brush to _____ the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.

- v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

111. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

- n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

112. The river _____ ahead, so we must decide which branch to take.

- v.* to divide or split into two branches or parts

113. He was sick for five _____ days.

- adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

114. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so

ANSWERS: 107. vilifying, 108. typical, 109. lob, 110. glaze, 111. streams, 112. bifurcates, 113. straight, 114. historic

115. The general gave a _____ to his troops to prepare for battle.

- n.* authority, control, or mastery over something, often referring to military or leadership contexts; a directive, order, or instruction; expertise or confidence in a specific area; (verb) to give an authoritative order or instruction, or to be in charge or control of something

116. 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

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

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

118. The university's _____ announced new policies regarding campus safety.

- n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

119. The military launched a ballistic _____ at the enemy's stronghold.

- n.* a weapon, such as a rocket or guided projectile, that is self-propelled and directed by remote control or by an internal guidance mechanism

120. He was attempting to confuse his _____.

- n.* a person against whom you are playing or fighting in a game, competition, debate, etc.

121. He moved his body _____ to the left.

- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little

ANSWERS: 115. command, 116. decide, 117. slide, 118. administrator, 119. missile, 120. opponent, 121. slightly

122. The mob wanted to _____ the suspect before he could be tried in court.
- v. to put to death or punish (usually by hanging) without legal authorization or due process, often as an act of mob justice or vigilante action; (noun) a violent punishment, often extrajudicial, in which a mob or group of people seize and kill someone, usually by hanging, as a form of punishment or vengeance
123. The _____ over climate change continues to be a hot topic in politics.
- n. a formal discussion or argument of opposing viewpoints, often to persuade others to adopt a specific position; a public discussion, often on an issue of current interest, in which participants offer opinions and differing perspectives
124. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
- v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
125. He is more concerned about the _____ of his body fat than usual because of an upcoming bodybuilding competition.
- n. a part, share, or amount of something considered in comparative relation to a whole
126. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
- n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
127. The funeral director explained the process of how they _____ remains after cremation.
- v. to bury or place a dead body in a tomb or grave; to temporarily detain or imprison someone; (prefix) between or among

ANSWERS: 122. lynch, 123. debate, 124. damn, 125. proportion, 126. security, 127. inter

128. His _____ bedroom is always a source of frustration for his mother.
adj. disorganized and untidy
129. The company's new CEO was a corporate _____ known for his aggressive business tactics.
n. a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
130. The _____ majority leader announced plans to bring the bill to the floor for a vote.
n. a legislative body, especially the upper house of a parliament
131. The government's decision sparked an _____ among the citizens.
n. an act of rebelling or rising against authority or established order; a revolt or rebellion
132. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
133. 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
134. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.
n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
135. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 128. messy, 129. leviathan, 130. Senate, 131. insurgence, 132. Agriculture, 133. doll, 134. transformations, 135. planet

136. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.
- n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
137. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.
- n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
138. The veteran was honored for his service in _____.
- n.* a fight or battle, usually between opposing military forces; an engagement in which opposing parties attempt to defeat each other by force
139. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.
- n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
140. The storm had _____ all paint off the siding.
- v.* to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables
141. The evolution of processors has dramatically improved the performance of ____.
- n.* (abbreviation for artificial intelligence) the theory and development of computer systems capable of doing activities that would ordinarily need human intelligence, such as object recognition, speech recognition, decision-making, and language translation
142. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.
- n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

ANSWERS: 136. troop, 137. component, 138. combat, 139. agenda, 140. peeled, 141. AI, 142. agency

143. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

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

144. Please write to _____ your reservation.

v. to support or establish the truth or certainty of something previously believed or suspected to be the case

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

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

146. We conducted a _____ assessment of intellectual and cultural history.

adj. taking all sides or opinions into account equally; being in a state of proper equilibrium

147. He stood on the narrow _____ looking down at the busy street below.

n. a narrow, flat surface or shelf that juts out from a wall or cliff; a projecting rib or molding along the edge of a surface

148. She wore high _____ to the party.

n. the rounded back part of the foot below the ankle; someone who is morally reprehensible; (verb) to follow someone or something

149. The chief _____ was responsible for organizing the meeting.

n. a person whose job is to deal with correspondence, keep records, and do administrative work for a company or organization

150. The church _____ teaches that all are equal in the eyes of God.

n. a belief or set of ideas held and taught by a church, political party, or other groups

ANSWERS: 143. standing, 144. confirm, 145. capability, 146. balanced, 147. ledge, 148. heels, 149. secretary, 150. doctrine

151. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.
- n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
152. The detective carefully _____ the true identity of the murderer.
- v.* to make known or disclose something that was previously hidden, secret, or unknown; to unveil or show something that was concealed or not visible
153. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
154. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
- adv.* immediately
155. The company implemented a new software system to _____ employee communication and collaboration.
- v.* to make something easier or more likely to happen
156. The two products _____ in their quality and price.
- v.* to be not like someone or something in some way
157. The farmer bundled the hay into _____ stacks for the livestock to eat.
- n.* feed, such as hay or straw, for cattle and other livestock; figuratively, something that is used as material or inspiration for something else

ANSWERS: 151. governance, 152. revealed, 153. function, 154. instantly, 155. facilitate, 156. differed, 157. fodder

158. The _____ broke into the house bravely to rescue the children.
n. a person whose job is to extinguish fires
159. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
160. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
161. The two largest opposition parties announced they would form a _____ in the next elections.
n. a temporary alliance formed by two or more political parties for combined action; the state of being combined into one body
162. This story makes me _____.
adj. unable to relax because of being nervous or worried; stretched tight or rigid
163. _____ must consider this proposal in an unusual situation.
n. a formal meeting of the representatives of different countries, constituent states, organizations, trade unions, political parties, or other groups
164. He has shown signs of uneasiness and _____ worry.
adj. very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
165. 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

ANSWERS: 158. firefighter, 159. Democracy, 160. conflicts, 161. coalition, 162. tense, 163. Congress, 164. overwhelming, 165. threat

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

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

167. The couple began to _____ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

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

168. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

169. The _____ of the company has left many workers without jobs.

n. the legal status of a person or business that cannot repay debts to creditors

170. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

171. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

172. They _____ pictures on the paper in preparation for the birthday card.

v. to increase, go up, or advance gradually or continuously; to prepare and supply with the necessary equipment for execution or performance; to ride on something or someone

173. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

174. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

ANSWERS: 166. operate, 167. argue, 168. loose, 169. bankruptcy, 170. disappear, 171. employ, 172. mounted, 173. marine, 174. heal

175. This region is predominantly _____.

- n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

176. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.

- v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

177. She did well on her _____ exam.

- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth

178. He spent his afternoon watching _____ movies on TV.

- n.* a simple drawing depicting a humorous or critical situation, often accompanied by a caption

179. The army is instructed not to target any _____ during the conflict.

- n.* a person who is not a member of the military or armed forces; a person who is not a law enforcement officer or public official in a position of authority or responsibility

180. The incident _____ a political controversy.

- v.* to make something happen suddenly; to cause something such as a device, machine, etc. to function

181. He _____ the heavy suitcase behind him as he walked.

- v.* to pull or haul with force

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

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

ANSWERS: 175. desert, 176. belting, 177. geography, 178. cartoon, 179. civilians, 180. triggered, 181. dragged, 182. seed

183. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
184. The birds _____ open water areas with reeds around them.
- v.* to like, choose, or want one thing or person better than another
185. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.
- n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
186. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
187. The _____ declared its independence and became a republic.
- n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
188. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.
- adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
189. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.
- adj.* not divided or shared with others
190. He is _____ and can break down complex problems into manageable parts.
- adj.* relating to or using analysis (= the process of breaking down a complex system or concept into smaller, simpler parts to understand it better), or able to analyze

ANSWERS: 183. strategy, 184. prefer, 185. recognition, 186. riots, 187. colony, 188. transparent, 189. exclusive, 190. analytical

191. Many ancient artifacts are still _____ and can be viewed in museums worldwide.

adj. still in existence; surviving or currently present

192. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

193. She struggled to _____ the word in a foreign language.

v. to say or speak (a word or words) correctly or in a particular way

194. Their disagreement caused a _____ in their friendship.

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

195. The bandits _____ the small town, leaving it in ruins.

v. steal goods from a place or person, typically during a war or riot; (noun) steal goods from a place or person, typically using force, especially in times of war or civil disorder

196. The _____ of the new traffic laws led to a decrease in accidents.

n. the act of ensuring that rules, regulations, or laws are obeyed or implemented; the act of applying force or pressure to compel compliance with rules or laws

197. The hotel offers high-speed internet _____ for all its guests.

n. the state or quality of being connected or interconnected; the ability of devices, systems, or networks to communicate with and exchange information with each other

198. The astronaut trained for years before embarking on her _____ to the International Space Station.

n. a long journey, especially by sea or in space

ANSWERS: 191. extant, 192. reconnected, 193. pronounce, 194. rift, 195. looted, 196. enforcement, 197. connectivity, 198. voyage

199. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

200. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern _____ tactics.

n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

201. 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

202. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

203. Many _____ survivors still suffer from the trauma they experienced during that time.

n. the systematic killing of millions of Jews and other minority groups by the Nazis during World War II, or any similar act of mass destruction

204. The soldiers were equipped with ample _____ for the battle.

n. supplies, such as bullets or shells, used by armed forces

205. He was considered a _____ in economics and consulted by many leaders.

n. a spiritual teacher or leader, notably in Hindu and Sikh traditions; a person who has knowledge and expertise in a particular area

206. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 199. ultimate, 200. warfare, 201. generation, 202. context, 203. holocaust, 204. ammunition, 205. guru, 206. maintain

207. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
208. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
209. The issue falls within the _____ of the legal department.
- n.* the range or scope of authority, responsibility, or influence of a particular person, group, or organization
210. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.
- adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
211. The process was carried out at _____ cost.
- adj.* tiny in amount; the least possible
212. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.
- n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
213. The military uses _____ missiles to hit targets from far away.
- adj.* relating to or extending over a long distance, period of time, or range of possibilities
214. The _____ organization works to promote human rights in developing countries.
- adj.* not belonging to or controlled by a government
215. Companies often _____ their shares to lower the stock price and encourage investors to buy.
- v.* to divide, or to make something divide into two or more parts, especially along a particular line

ANSWERS: 207. represent, 208. collapsed, 209. purview, 210. frank, 211. minimal, 212. echoed, 213. long-range, 214. nongovernmental, 215. split

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

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

217. The divers accidentally discovered a _____ on the ocean floor.

n. a ship that has sunk or has been destroyed; a vehicle that has been badly damaged in an accident

218. After the summit meeting, the prime ministers issued a _____ statement.

adj. shared, held, or made between two or more people; (noun) the point of connection between two bones or elements of a skeleton

219. The increased demand for semiconductors worldwide has been a significant _____ for the country's economy.

n. something that is helpful or beneficial for the quality of life

220. They tried to _____ the ancient tradition.

v. to bring back to life or bring into existence again

221. The _____ are on the grassland and grazing.

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

222. Malignant hypertension is the most _____ form of hypertension.

adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

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

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

ANSWERS: 216. military, 217. wreck, 218. joint, 219. boon, 220. resurrect, 221. cattle, 222. lethal, 223. process

224. 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

225. She was _____ about her friend's intentions.

- adj. not being sure of something; not being able to choose

226. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.

- v. to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction

227. We _____ the payment because of an incorrect invoice.

- v. to cause something to happen at a later time than originally intended or expected

228. The driver suddenly _____ the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.

- v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this

229. She gave us a categorical _____ of the scandal.

- n. a statement that something is not true or does not exist

230. The battlefield became _____ on earth.

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

231. The government threatened to _____ the enemy territory if they didn't surrender.

- v. (derived from "nuclear") to attack or destroy a place or target with a nuclear weapon; to cook food in a microwave oven; (noun) a nuclear weapon, such as a nuclear bomb or missile

ANSWERS: 224. stick, 225. uncertain, 226. generate, 227. delayed, 228. jerked, 229. denial, 230. hell, 231. nuke

232. The main discussion topic is government _____.
- n.* the condition or quality of being easy to see through
233. After the accident, three governmental bodies _____ the company.
- v.* to oversee and control the operation or arrangement of something
234. The restaurant has chefs who _____ in beef.
- v.* to become an expert in a specific career field, study, or business
235. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
236. Through investigation, his suspicions hardened into _____.
- n.* the state of being certain
237. This study _____ four different ways to run a business.
- v.* to notice or understand the difference between two people or things
238. The hotel's customer-_____ approach always puts the needs and satisfaction of guests first.
- adj.* tending towards or focused on a particular center, point, or perspective, sometimes to the exclusion of others; emphasizing or prioritizing a specific thing or group; (noun) something that is at the center or core of a specific thing or system
239. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 232. transparency, 233. administer, 234. specialize, 235. eventually, 236. certainty, 237. distinguished, 238. centric, 239. gap

240. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
241. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
- v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
242. The _____ officer was responsible for the safety and well-being of the crew on his ship.
- adj.* of or relating to ships, sailors, or the navy
243. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
244. She felt _____ after finishing her book.
- adj.* having completed a task or achieved a goal successfully; skilled or proficient at something
245. The humanitarian organization organized an _____ of supplies to the disaster-stricken area.
- n.* the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict
246. Governments make rules, and police _____ them.
- v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
247. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
- n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

ANSWERS: 240. nation, 241. shrink, 242. naval, 243. elevates, 244. accomplished, 245. airlift, 246. enforce, 247. revolution

248. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

249. The jockey _____ the horse hard to take first place.

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

250. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

251. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

252. The company hired a _____ to remodel their office building.

n. a person or company that enters into a contract to provide materials or labor to perform a specific task or service

253. There is a woods with a creek near the school _____.

n. an area where many people go for recreation, especially at a school or in a park

254. He was _____ gifted.

adv. as might be expected; by natural manners

255. 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

256. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.

v. to step or walk on something

ANSWERS: 248. emerged, 249. whipped, 250. grandchild, 251. bombs, 252. contractor, 253. playground, 254. naturally, 255. relations, 256. treads

257. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
258. The FBI worked tirelessly to gather enough evidence to _____ the corrupt politician.
- v.* to formally charge or accuse someone of a crime, based on the decision of a grand jury or other legal authority; to bring a legal case against someone, typically to prosecute and punish them
259. The knights wore heavy _____ for protection during battle.
- n.* a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage
260. The historian studied the _____ era with great detail.
- adj.* belonging to an earlier time; from a previous era or period
261. RADAR is an _____ for radio detection and ranging.
- n.* a word formed from the first letter of each word in a phrase, such as NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) or AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)
262. The air _____ was so comfortable I slept like a baby all night.
- n.* a large rectangular pad filled with soft material, used as a bed or part of a bed
263. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
- v.* to communicate or react with somebody
264. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 257. crisis, 258. indict, 259. armor, 260. bygone, 261. acronym, 262. mattress, 263. interact, 264. tradition

265. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.
n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
266. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
267. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
268. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.
v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
269. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
270. His _____ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
271. After a lengthy court battle, the child's _____ was granted to the father.
n. the state of being physically responsible for something or someone, especially a child; a state of being confined, usually for a short time
272. 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
273. The _____ views from the mountaintop were breathtaking.
adj. extensive, broad, or far-reaching in scope or impact; characterized by a vigorous or forceful movement, often involving wide motions or gestures

ANSWERS: 265. transition, 266. desire, 267. amazed, 268. scare, 269. largely, 270. pretensions, 271. custody, 272. boom, 273. sweeping

274. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

275. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

276. The proposal was met with _____ from the opposition.

n. contemptuous ridicule or mockery

277. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

ANSWERS: 274. enveloped, 275. legitimacy, 276. derision, 277. reserve