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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### 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**.

### lobby

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

*synonym*: entrance, hall, anteroom

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

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

### pollack

*n.* (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color

(1) **pollack** fillet, (2) Alaska **pollack**

The restaurant serves a delicious **pollack** stew.

### unfortunately

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym*: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more

### **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

### **penguin**

*n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

(1) Adelie **penguin**, (2) **penguin** habitat

We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent **penguin** colony along the rugged coastline.

### **excuse**

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

*synonym* : apology, justification, reason

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

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

### **synecdoche**

*n.* a figure of speech in which a part is used to represent the whole or vice versa; using a specific word or phrase to refer to a larger concept or group

*synonym* : metonymy, figure of speech, part for whole

(1) **synecdoche** example, (2) literary **synecdoche**

The character's name became a **synecdoche** for all lawyers in the movie.

### **skeptical**

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

*synonym* : doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

(1) a **skeptical** attitude, (2) **skeptical** scientists

His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly **skeptical**.

### **literally**

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

*synonym* : actually, truly, verily

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

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

## download

*v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device

*synonym* : load, save, transfer

(1) **download** files from the Internet, (2) **download** the assignment from the website

I need to **download** the latest update for my computer's operating system.

## calculation

*n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

*synonym* : analysis, computation, estimate

(1) make a **calculation**, (2) **calculation** of loss and gain

The error in the **calculation** was attributable to rounding.

## avian

*adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds

*synonym* : bird-like, feathered, winged

(1) **avian** influenza, (2) **avian** habitat

The expert on **avian** species studied the behavior of different types of birds.

## defecate

*v.* to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces

*synonym* : excrete

(1) cause an impulse to **defecate**, (2) **defecate** out in the open

It is important to clean up after your pet when they **defecate** in public areas.

## awful

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

*synonym* : terrible, appalling, horrible

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

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

## physics

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

## rectum

*n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body  
*synonym*: anal canal, proctum  
(1) **rectum** cancer, (2) inflammation of the **rectum**  
Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the **rectum**.

## technique

*n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill  
*synonym*: approach, procedure, strategy  
(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction  
Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

## cloaca

*n.* a common cavity that serves as the only opening for the digestive, reproductive, and urinary tracts in some animals, including birds, reptiles, and amphibians  
*synonym*: sewer, cesspool, drain  
(1) **cloaca** anatomy, (2) **cloaca** opening  
The **cloaca** in birds is a multi-purpose opening that serves as the entrance and exit for the reproductive, digestive, and urinary systems.

## 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.

## random

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

*synonym* : incidental, arbitrary, unanticipated

(1) a **random** choice, (2) bombs fell at **random**

To find drunk drivers, police conduct **random** tests.

## bunch

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

*synonym* : group, assemblage, bundle

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

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

## nerd

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

*synonym* : geek, techie, wonk

(1) a computer **nerd**, (2) **nerd** neck

He was, by nature, a cyber **nerd**.

## soprano

*n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet

*synonym* : treble

(1) **soprano** singer, (2) dramatic **soprano**

The **soprano's** voice was so beautiful that it brought the audience to tears.

## bulletproof

*adj.* intended to resist bullet penetration

*synonym* : unassailable, impregnable

(1) **bulletproof** armor, (2) **bulletproof** vehicle

Because of the **bulletproof** vest he was wearing, the officer could escape injury.

## protector

*n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender

*synonym* : guardian, defender, custodian

(1) environmental **protector**, (2) wildlife **protector**

The bodyguard acted as a **protector** for the celebrity.

## monster

*n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

*synonym*: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

## archaeology

*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

## opportune

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

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## civilization

*n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

*synonym*: society, culture, community

(1) **civilization** decline, (2) lost **civilization**

The rise and fall of **civilizations** can be studied through history and archaeology.

## succeed

*v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

*synonym*: achieve, accomplish, triumph

(1) **succeed** beyond expectations, (2) **succeed** academically

I hope to **succeed** in my career and live a happy life.

## backward

*adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

*synonym*: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

## incredibly

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

*synonym*: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

## mysterious

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

*synonym*: enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

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

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

## strike

*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

*synonym*: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## statue

*n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

*synonym*: sculpture, figurine, monument

(1) a beautiful **statue**, (2) the ancient Egyptian **statues**

The **statue** of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

## moai

*n.* a large stone statue found on Easter Island, typically depicting a human figure with a large head and prominent facial features

*synonym* : Easter Island statue, monolithic statue

(1) monolithic **moai**, (2) **moai** culture

Tourists flock to Easter Island to see the mysterious **moai** statues.

## diamond

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

*synonym* : gemstone, jewel, precious stone

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

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

## 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.

## recommend

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

*synonym* : advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

## chapter

*n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

*synonym* : section, phase, episode

(1) an introductory **chapter**, (2) **chapter** of a political party

The final **chapter** provides a summary of the discussion.



## committed

*adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something

*synonym*: devoted, faithful, attached

(1) in a **committed** relationship, (2) strong and **committed** sales staff

Our company is strongly **committed** to meeting customers' needs.

## ecology

*n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

(1) science of **ecology**, (2) the **ecology** of the island

Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of **ecology** for sustainable development.

## suicide

*n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally

*synonym*: self-destruction, self-annihilation, felo-de-se

(1) commit **suicide**, (2) **suicide** attack

In an economically prosperous country, most male **suicide** is due to child support problems.

## commit

*v.* to do something illegal or wrong

*synonym*: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

## identical

*adj.* being the exact same one

*synonym*: duplicate, exact, analogous

(1) pair of **identical** twins, (2) an **identical** equation

Infant formulas are nutritionally almost **identical** to a mother's breast milk.

## mystery

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

*synonym*: enigma, puzzle, secret

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

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

## brow

*n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

*synonym*: forehead, hilltop, eyebrow

(1) the **brow** of a hill, (2) furrowed **brow**

She wiped the sweat from her **brow** after finishing the marathon.

## inspiration

*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

*synonym*: motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

## native

*adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

*synonym*: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

## transport

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

*synonym*: shipment, transit, conveyance

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

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

## foreground

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

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

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

## studied

*adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

*synonym*: thoughtful, deliberate, calculated

(1) **studied** analysis, (2) well- **studied** decision

His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with **studied** confidence.

## excavate

*v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

*synonym*: dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

## embark

*v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

*synonym*: enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

## digit

*n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

*synonym*: number, integer, numeral

(1) **digit** identifier, (2) the **digit** in the hundreds place

We must enter a six- **digit** number to unlock the safe.

## resolution

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

*synonym*: determination, decision, settlement

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

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

## preserve

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

or being destroyed

*synonym* : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

## algorithm

*n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

*synonym* : logic, method, rule

(1) the RSA **algorithm**, (2) **algorithm** for image processing

We can evaluate the performance of an **algorithm** in terms of computation time.

## 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.

## posit

*v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

*synonym* : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

## indirectly

*adv.* not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something

*synonym* : circuitously, obliquely, by implication

(1) **indirectly** related, (2) **indirectly** impact

The CEO **indirectly** expressed her disappointment with the project's progress.

## comet

*n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

*synonym* :

meteor, asteroid, meteoroid

(1) the surface of the **comet**, (2) **comet** Halley

The **comet's** bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

## gratuitous

*adj.* given or done without charge or payment

*synonym*: unwarranted, unjustified, unmerited

(1) render **gratuitous** service, (2) **gratuitous** insult

The **gratuitous** violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.

## permission

*n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

*synonym*: approval, consent, authorization

(1) grant **permission**, (2) **permission** for permanent residence

I asked my boss for **permission** to leave early for a doctor's appointment.

## 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.

## invention

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

*synonym*: creation, design, innovation

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

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## nuclear

*adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

*synonym*: atomic

(1) **nuclear** fusion, (2) use of **nuclear** power

Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of **nuclear** weapons.

## reactor

*n.* a device or structure that is designed to contain a controlled nuclear chain reaction, producing heat or power; a device that initiates, drives, or controls a specific chemical reaction or process

*synonym*: generator, engine, power plant

(1) **reactor** meltdown, (2) breeder **reactor**

The nuclear **reactor** was shut down for maintenance and safety checks.

## conventional

*adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

*synonym*: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

## fuel

*n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

*synonym*: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

## cycle

*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

*synonym*: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

## advance

*v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

*synonym*: progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

## 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.

## norm

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

*synonym*: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

## advantage

*n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

*synonym*: benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

## carbon

*n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

## pollution

*n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

*synonym*: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**  
The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

## disadvantage

*n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

*synonym*: detriment, drawback, (verb) disfavor

(1) the **disadvantage** of a plan, (2) **disadvantage** small businesses

A lack of education can be a significant **disadvantage** in today's job market.

## extreme

*adj.* very great in amount or degree

*synonym*: farthestmost, outermost, fierce

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

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

## potentially

*adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly

*synonym*: likely, possibly, probably

(1) **potentially** affected, (2) **potentially** lucrative

The organization assisted in the de-escalation of **potentially** violent situations.

## property

*n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

*synonym*: belongings, possessions, equity

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

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

## backyard

*n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house

*synonym*: courtyard, garden

(1) play in the **backyard**, (2) **backyard** barbecue

He grows vegetables in his **backyard**.

## eliminate

*v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

*synonym*: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.



## 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.

## solid

*adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality  
*synonym*: stable, reliable, hard  
(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures  
The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

## artificial

*adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something  
*synonym*: synthetic, man-made, manufactured  
(1) **artificial** flowers, (2) **artificial** environment  
The **artificial** intelligence system has revolutionized the way we live and work.

## manipulate

*v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way  
*synonym*: control, exploit, abuse  
(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**  
Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

## electromagnetic

*adj.* of or relating to the magnetism produced by electric charge in motion  
(1) **electromagnetic** radiation, (2) **electromagnetic** properties  
His hypothesis concerns the role of an **electromagnetic** field in human health.

## radiation

*n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health  
*synonym*: dissemination, emission, irradiation  
(1) exposure to **radiation**, (2) electromagnetic **radiation**

He tried every possible treatment, including chemotherapy and **radiation** therapy.

## device

*n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

*synonym*: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

## invisible

*adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

*synonym*: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

## cloak

*n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

*synonym*: cape, mantle, shroud

(1) **cloak** room, (2) hooded **cloak**

The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his **cloak** over himself.

## microwave

*n.* a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly

*synonym*: oven, waveguide, radar range

(1) **microwave** radiation, (2) **microwave** popcorn

I heated my leftover food in the **microwave** oven, which tasted just as good as freshly cooked.

## squish

*v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted

*synonym* : crush, smash, squeeze

(1) **squish** the ellipse, (2) **squish** a tomato

He **squished** the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.

## exciting

*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement

*synonym* : exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

## negative

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

*synonym* : minus, adverse, pessimistic

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

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

## biomedical

*adj.* relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare

*synonym* : medical, clinical, health-related

(1) **biomedical** assay, (2) cutting-edge **biomedical**

**Biomedical** engineering focuses on developing new medical technologies and innovations to improve patient health outcomes.

## medical

*adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

*synonym* : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

## foundation

*n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization

that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

*synonym*: base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

## 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.

## inexpensive

*adj.* costing little; having a low price

*synonym*: cheap, affordable, economical

(1) **inexpensive** option, (2) an **inexpensive** inn

The restaurant offered delicious food at an **inexpensive** price.

## diagnose

v. to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

*synonym*: identify, analyze, interpret

(1) **diagnose** the problem, (2) **diagnose** with CT scans

This device is used to **diagnose** brain cancer and other tumors.

## disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

*synonym*: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no

known cure.

## absence

*n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

*synonym*: dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

## chef

*n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel

*synonym*: cook, culinary artist, gastronomer

(1) **chef** knife, (2) master **chef**

The **chef** at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.

## championship

*n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

*synonym*: crown, title, contest

(1) a world **championship**, (2) **championship** flag

His team won the **championship** for three years running.

## barbecue

*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

*synonym*: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

## cult

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

*synonym*: sect, faith, religion

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

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would

achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

## chili

*n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers

*synonym*: capsicum, pepper

(1) **chili** sauce, (2) red **chili** powder

I love making a big pot of **chili** on a cold winter day.

## bouillabaisse

*n.* a traditional French fish stew originating from the coastal region of Marseille, typically includes various types of fish, shellfish, vegetables, herbs, and spices

*synonym*: fish stew, seafood soup, fisherman's stew

(1) homemade **bouillabaisse**, (2) seafood **bouillabaisse**

The restaurant is known for its mouthwatering **bouillabaisse** soup.

## vary

*v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

*synonym*: alter, contrast, differ

(1) **vary** according to the age, (2) **vary** directly with the price

Maximum heart rates **vary** a lot for each individual.

## enormous

*adj.* extremely large or great

*synonym*: huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

## attach

*v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

*synonym*: fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

## tremendous

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

*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

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

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

## 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.

## secrecy

*n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

*synonym* : confidentiality, clandestineness, closeness

(1) government **secrecy**, (2) maintain **secrecy**

The company's **secrecy** surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

## complicated

*adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

*synonym* : complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly **complicated**

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

## knob

*n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

*synonym* : handle, lever

(1) handy **knob**, (2) **knob** closure

The **knob** on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

## dial

*v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called

*synonym* : adjust, set, turn

(1) **dial** up the volume, (2) **dial** down the tension  
He **dialed** the phone number and waited for an answer.

## controller

*n.* a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting

*synonym* : regulator, manager, handler

(1) **controller** board, (2) financial **controller**

The gaming **controller** was the missing piece I needed to enjoy my video games fully.

## software

*n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

*synonym* : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

## terrific

*adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent

*synonym* : fantastic, great, excellent

(1) absolutely **terrific**, (2) at a **terrific** speed

The view from the top of the mountain was **terrific**, with sweeping vistas of the valley below.

## rib

*n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

*synonym* : costa

(1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage

The accident caused a cracked **rib**.

## centrifuge

*n.* a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to



separate liquids from solids

*synonym*: separator, extractor, spinner

(1) **centrifuge** tube, (2) ultra-high-speed **centrifuges**

The laboratory technician placed the blood samples in the **centrifuge** to separate the different components.

## gravity

*n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn

*synonym*: heaviness, attraction, weight

(1) the attraction of **gravity**, (2) preserve my **gravity**

The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of **gravity**.

## clarify

*v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable

*synonym*: explain, ascribe, purify

(1) **clarify** a goal, (2) **clarify** his feelings

The police tried to **clarify** the facts concerning her death.

## ghoulish

*adj.* gruesome or lacking in sympathy or decency; related to or characteristic of a ghost or a monster, especially in being frightening, cruel, or having a creepy appearance

*synonym*: creepy, eerie, sinister

(1) **ghoulish** behavior, (2) **ghoulish** sense of humor

The horror movie was criticized for its **ghoulish** and graphic depictions of violence.

## experiment

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

*synonym*: experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

## calibrate

*v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

*synonym* : adjust, fine-tune

(1) **calibrate** machinery, (2) **calibrate** measurements

It's important to **calibrate** the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.

## mathematics

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

*synonym* : arithmetic, calculation, calculus

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

He has a flair for **mathematics**.

## predict

*v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym* : forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## 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.

## geek

*n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

*synonym* : nerd, dork, enthusiast

(1) airplane **geek**, (2) **geek** enthusiast

He was a computer **geek** and spent all his free time coding.

## fake

*adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

*synonym* : affected, bogus, counterfeit

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

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

## extraterrestrial

*adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth

*synonym* : alien, outer, otherworldly

(1) **extraterrestrial** planet, (2) **extraterrestrial** intelligence

Scientists are constantly searching for signs of **extraterrestrial** life in the universe.

## 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.

## popularize

*v.* to make something more widely known, accepted, or adopted by the general public; to present or promote something in a way that increases its popularity or appeal

*synonym* : generalize, promote, spread

(1) **popularize** a new fashion trend, (2) **popularize** a scientific concept

The celebrity's endorsement helped **popularize** the new clothing line.

## foster

*v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents

*synonym* : nurture, nourish, cultivate

(1) **foster** a better relationship, (2) **foster** two kids

The pastor contributed to **fostering** the sense of a community embracing all classes.

## dedicate

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

*synonym* : consecrate, devote, commit

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

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

## heroism

*n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause

*synonym*: bravery, valor, courage

(1) acts of **heroism**, (2) military **heroism**

The firefighter showed true **heroism** when he rescued the family from the burning building.

## professional

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

*synonym*: skilled, competent, accomplished

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

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

## aft

*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

## afterward

*adv.* after the time mentioned

*synonym*: later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

## 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.

## creepy

*adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

*synonym* : eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

## institute

*n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

*synonym* : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

## telescope

*n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects

(1) a binocular **telescope**, (2) look through a **telescope**

This facility has the largest astronomical **telescope** in the country.

## creek

*n.* a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills

*synonym* : brook, stream, rivulet

(1) **creek** bed, (2) a dry **creek**

The sound of the babbling **creek** provided a soothing backdrop for campers and outdoor enthusiasts.

## pager

*n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings

*synonym* : beeper, pager device

(1) **pager** beep, (2) wireless **pager** service

The company provides all employees with a digital **pager** for emergency purposes.

## horrible

*adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust  
*synonym* : dreadful, terrible, awful

(1) **horrible** accident, (2) **horrible** smell

The experience was **horrible** and left a lasting impression.

## dinosaur

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

*synonym* : reptile, beast, monster

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

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

## resemble

*v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something

*synonym* : look like, be similar to

(1) **resemble** each other, (2) **resemble** her mother

The brothers **resemble** each other in the hobby.

## remark

*n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

*synonym* : comment, observation, statement

(1) a flattering **remark**, (2) **remark** dripping with bitterness

His candid **remark** at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.

## aspect

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

*synonym* : characteristic, element, factor

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

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

## hike

*n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

*synonym* : walk, trek, excursion

(1) go on a **hike**, (2) a **hike** in prices

The family decided to **hike** in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

## **dumb**

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

*synonym*: mute, speechless, idiotic

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

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

## **erosion**

*n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

*synonym*: corrosion, weathering, decay

(1) **erosion** control, (2) wind **erosion**

The **erosion** of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.

## **flash**

*n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

*synonym*: sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

## **flood**

*n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

*synonym*: deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

## **pray**

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

*synonym*: implore, supplicate, entreat

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

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

## paleontology

*n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth

*synonym*: fossilology, prehistoric biology

(1) vertebrate **paleontology**, (2) **paleontology** museum

My interest in **paleontology** research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.

## bentonite

*n.* a clay-rich mineral consisting mostly of montmorillonite, formed from volcanic ash and used in various industries for its absorbent and swelling properties, commonly used in drilling fluids, wastewater treatment, and as a binder in foundry molds

*synonym*: binder, clay, absorbent

(1) **bentonite** clay, (2) **bentonite** binder

The **bentonite** layer in the landfill helps prevent toxic leakage into the groundwater.

## clay

*n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

*synonym*: ceramics, pottery, dirt

(1) **clay** animation, (2) soft **clay** ground

The sculptor carefully molded the **clay** into the desired shape.

## swell

*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

*synonym*: expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

## expand

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

*synonym*: extend, grow, boost

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

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



## poke

*v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger  
*synonym* : prod, jab, push

(1) **poke** around the desk, (2) **poke** a fire

They **poked** fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.

## recognize

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

*synonym* : acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

## skull

*n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

*synonym* : cranium, scalp, brain

(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**

Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

## fragment

*n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached

*synonym* : piece, shard, segment

(1) **fragment** of a text, (2) a broken **fragment**

The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny **fragments** of pottery found at the dig site.

## serrated

*adj.* having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges

*synonym* : jagged, toothed, notched

(1) **serrated** leaves, (2) **serrated** knife

The saw had a **serrated** edge that allowed it to cut through the thick branches with ease.

## cast

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

*synonym* : throw, project, select

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

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

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym*: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## reconstruct

*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

*synonym*: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

## environment

*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

*synonym*: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

## unexpected

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

*synonym*: surprising, unanticipated, incredible

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

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

## realization

*n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible

*synonym*: achievement, attainment, understanding

(1) **realization** of a concept, (2) harsh **realization**

Her sudden **realization** of her mistake caused her great regret.

## asteroid

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

*synonym* : minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

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

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

## 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.

## ancient

*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

*synonym* : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

## climate

*n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

*synonym* : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

**Climate** and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

## proof

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

*synonym* : testimony, evidence, assurance

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

**Proof** is better than argument.

## scientifically

*adv.* in a way that relates to science or is connected with science

(1) investigate **scientifically**, (2) **scientifically** explainable

The hypothesis is not yet **scientifically** proven.

## theropod

*n.* a type of carnivorous dinosaur that existed during the Mesozoic Era and is characterized by having three-toed limbs, a stiff tail, and sharp teeth, such as the Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor

*synonym*: dinosaur, predator, carnivore

(1) **theropod** fossils, (2) **theropod** teeth

The **theropod** dinosaur was one of the fiercest predators of the prehistoric era.

## gripping

*adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions

*synonym*: captivating, enthralling, engrossing

(1) **gripping** documentary, (2) **gripping** tale

The **gripping** movie had me on the edge of my seat the entire time.

## photograph

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

*synonym*: photo, picture, snapshot

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

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

## 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.

## orca

*n.* a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters

worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess

*synonym* : killer whale, sea wolf

(1) **orca** habitat, (2) a huge pod of **orcas**

The **orca** whale is also known as the killer whale.

## fantastic

*adj.* extremely good; excellent

*synonym* : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

## penthouse

*n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building

*synonym* : apartment, suite, flat

(1) **penthouse** apartment, (2) **penthouse** terrace

The **penthouse** in the city center offers stunning views of the skyline.

## 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.

## mammal

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

## edition

*n.* a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;

*synonym* : version, release, volume

(1) a paper **edition**, (2) **edition** deluxe

They issued a limited **edition** of the artist's recordings.

## whale

*n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

*synonym*: porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

## 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.

## importance

*n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

*synonym*: significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

## curl

*v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles

*synonym*: coil, curve, spiral

(1) **curl** around street corners, (2) a **curl** of smoke

The cat **curled** into a ball and went to sleep.

## 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.

## wisdom

*n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

*synonym*: sagacity, discernment, insight

(1) a fountain of **wisdom**, (2) **wisdom** literature

The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's **wisdom**.

## passion

*n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

*synonym*: fervor, zeal, ardor

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

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

## buckle

*v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat;  
(noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

*synonym*: bend, crumple, contort

(1) **buckle** down to study, (2) **buckle** shoe

The severe heat wave **buckled** railway tracks.

## engross

*v.* to entirely occupy or absorb one's attention or interest;  
to involve or entangle deeply

*synonym*: absorb, captivate, immerse

(1) **engross** in phone conversations, (2) **engross** the market

The captivating novel **engrossed** me for hours on end.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym*: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## 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.

## 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.

## embrace

*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically;  
(noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

*synonym*: grasp, hold tightly, accept

(1) **embrace** an opportunity, (2) a warm **embrace**

The woods **embrace** the house.

## regardless

*adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

*synonym*: anyhow, nevertheless, still

(1) **regardless** of the difficulties, (2) **regardless** tread

People can pick out superior products **regardless** of the quality of the advertising.

## denominator

*n.* the number below the line in a fraction

(1) common **denominator**, (2) different **denominators**

The first step is to rationalize the **denominator** of a fraction.



## Session 2: Spelling

1. the ancient Egyptian st\_\_\_es      *n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
2. variety of ma\_\_\_e life      *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
3. have a thick sk\_\_l      *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
4. exposure to ra\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
5. ad\_\_\_\_\_e a cooperative relationship      *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
6. ove\_\_\_\_\_ing majority      *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
7. ex\_\_\_\_\_e sports      *adj.* very great in amount or degree
8. em\_\_\_k on a foolish adventure      *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
9. o\_\_a habitat      *n.* a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess
10. an\_\_\_\_\_t stories      *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 1. statue, 2. marine, 3. skull, 4. radiation, 5. advance, 6. overwhelming, 7. extreme, 8. embark, 9. orca, 10. ancient

11. fou\_\_\_\_\_on course
12. go there af\_\_\_\_\_rd
13. syn\_\_\_\_\_he example
14. reg\_\_\_\_\_ss of the difficulties
15. wildlife pr\_\_\_\_\_or
16. a beautiful st\_\_\_e
17. series of exp\_\_\_\_\_nts
18. gra\_\_\_\_\_us insult
19. ba\_\_\_\_\_ue grill
- n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
- adv.* after the time mentioned
- n.* a figure of speech in which a part is used to represent the whole or vice versa; using a specific word or phrase to refer to a larger concept or group
- adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
- n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender
- n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way
- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
- adj.* given or done without charge or payment
- n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

ANSWERS: 11. foundation, 12. afterward, 13. synecdoche, 14. regardless, 15. protector, 16. statue, 17. experiment, 18. gratuitous, 19. barbecue

20. high levels of air po\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
21. bu\_\_\_e shoe      *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
22. breeder re\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a device or structure that is designed to contain a controlled nuclear chain reaction, producing heat or power; a device that initiates, drives, or controls a specific chemical reaction or process
23. f\_\_\_e police officer      *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
24. smokeless f\_\_\_l      *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
25. so\_\_\_\_\_re architect      *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
26. a ra\_\_\_m choice      *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
27. strong and co\_\_\_\_\_ed sales staff      *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
28. st\_\_\_e a blow      *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
29. mi\_\_\_\_\_ve popcorn      *n.* a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly

ANSWERS: 20. pollution, 21. buckle, 22. reactor, 23. fake, 24. fuel, 25. software, 26.

random, 27. committed, 28. strike, 29. microwave

30. er\_\_\_\_n control *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
31. c\_\_l around street corners *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
32. c\_\_f knife *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
33. lost civ\_\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
34. su\_\_\_\_d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
35. se\_\_\_\_ed leaves *adj.* having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges
36. re\_\_\_\_nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
37. ex\_\_\_\_e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
38. a warm em\_\_\_\_e *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection

ANSWERS: 30. erosion, 31. curl, 32. chef, 33. civilization, 34. succeed, 35. serrated, 36. recommend, 37. excuse, 38. embrace

39. spread of f\_\_e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
40. at\_\_\_h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
41. pot\_\_\_\_\_ly lucrative *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
42. sta\_\_\_\_\_cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
43. el\_\_\_\_\_te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
44. get inc\_\_\_\_\_ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
45. di\_\_t identifier *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
46. the te\_\_\_\_\_ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
47. government se\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
48. master c\_\_f *n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
49. en\_\_\_\_\_us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
50. a flattering re\_\_\_k *n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation

ANSWERS: 39. fake, 40. attach, 41. potentially, 42. statistics, 43. eliminate, 44. incredibly, 45. digit, 46. technique, 47. secrecy, 48. chef, 49. enormous, 50. remark

51. homemade bou\_\_\_\_\_sse *n.* a traditional French fish stew originating from the coastal region of Marseille, typically includes various types of fish, shellfish, vegetables, herbs, and spices
52. the di\_\_t in the hundreds place *n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe
53. brilliant fl\_\_h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
54. ele\_\_\_\_\_tic radiation *adj.* of or relating to the magnetism produced by electric charge in motion
55. do\_\_\_\_\_ad the assignment from the website *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
56. sk\_\_\_\_\_al scientists *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
57. an int\_\_\_\_\_nce test *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons
58. 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
59. di\_\_\_\_\_ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

ANSWERS: 51. bouillabaisse, 52. digit, 53. flash, 54. electromagnetic, 55. download, 56. skeptical, 57. intelligence, 58. develop, 59. dinosaur

60. absolutely fa\_\_\_\_\_ic event      *adj.* extremely good; excellent
61. d\_\_l up the volume      *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
62. horde of mo\_\_\_\_\_rs      *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
63. the b\_\_w of a hill      *n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
64. the ul\_\_\_\_\_te goal in life      *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
65. 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
66. co\_\_t Halley      *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
67. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly against      *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
68. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph album      *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
69. exp\_\_\_\_\_nt design      *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 60. fantastic, 61. dial, 62. monster, 63. brow, 64. ultimate, 65. damn, 66. comet, 67. absolutely, 68. photograph, 69. experiment



70. as\_\_\_\_id mining *n.* (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
71. ind\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
72. an op\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
73. sci\_\_\_\_lly explainable *adv.* in a way that relates to science or is connected with science
74. res\_\_\_\_on of a conflict *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
75. em\_\_\_\_e an opportunity *v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of claspng another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
76. ba\_\_\_\_rd barbecue *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house
77. na\_\_\_\_e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
78. temporary me\_\_\_\_l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

ANSWERS: 70. asteroid, 71. industrious, 72. opportune, 73. scientifically, 74. resolution, 75. embrace, 76. backyard, 77. native, 78. medical

79. at\_\_\_h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
80. pr\_\_\_\_\_ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
81. an ove\_\_\_\_\_ing victory *adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
82. have a ne\_\_\_\_\_ve effect *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
83. airplane g\_\_k *n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
84. fo\_\_\_r a better relationship *v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
85. some une\_\_\_\_\_ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
86. su\_\_\_\_\_e attack *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
87. vulnerable to man\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
88. ex\_\_\_d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
89. 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

ANSWERS: 79. attach, 80. preserve, 81. overwhelming, 82. negative, 83. geek, 84. foster, 85. unexpected, 86. suicide, 87. manipulate, 88. expand, 89. planet

90. pr\_\_\_\_\_t the future      *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
91. for\_\_\_\_\_nd segmentation      *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
92. different den\_\_\_\_\_ors      *n.* the number below the line in a fraction
93. mo\_\_\_\_\_r film      *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
94. ex\_\_\_\_\_ng football player      *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
95. cl\_\_\_\_\_y a goal      *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
96. gh\_\_\_\_\_sh sense of humor      *adj.* gruesome or lacking in sympathy or decency; related to or characteristic of a ghost or a monster, especially in being frightening, cruel, or having a creepy appearance
97. look through a te\_\_\_\_\_pe      *n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects
98. fl\_\_d advisory      *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
99. en\_\_\_\_\_s the market      *v.* to entirely occupy or absorb one's attention or interest; to involve or entangle deeply

ANSWERS: 90. predict, 91. foreground, 92. denominator, 93. monster, 94. exciting, 95. clarify, 96. ghoulish, 97. telescope, 98. flood, 99. engross

100. certified pro\_\_\_\_\_nal secretary      *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
101. absolutely te\_\_\_\_\_ic      *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
102. di\_\_\_\_\_e control      *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
103. rec\_\_\_\_\_ct the original text      *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
104. av\_\_\_\_n habitat      *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
105. red ch\_\_\_\_i powder      *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
106. a cold cl\_\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
107. ad\_\_\_\_\_e the technology      *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
108. display res\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a firm decision or determination to do or not do something; the action of solving a problem, dispute, or conflict; the quality of being resolved or determined; the clarity and sharpness of an image or display
109. 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

ANSWERS: 100. professional, 101. terrific, 102. disease, 103. reconstruct, 104. avian, 105. chili, 106. climate, 107. advance, 108. resolution, 109. planet

110. n\_\_d neck *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
111. cl\_\_\_a anatomy *n.* a common cavity that serves as the only opening for the digestive, reproductive, and urinary tracts in some animals, including birds, reptiles, and amphibians
112. a few years af\_\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* after the time mentioned
113. st\_\_\_\_d analysis *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
114. a bull wh\_\_e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
115. civ\_\_\_\_\_ion decline *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
116. do\_\_\_\_\_ad files from the Internet *v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
117. the ec\_\_\_\_\_y of the island *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

ANSWERS: 110. nerd, 111. cloaca, 112. afterward, 113. studied, 114. whale, 115. civilization, 116. download, 117. ecology

118. a world cha\_\_\_\_\_hip  
*n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
119. art\_\_\_\_\_al environment  
*adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
120. re\_\_\_m cancer  
*n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
121. furrowed b\_\_w  
*n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead
122. pa\_\_r beep  
*n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
123. a bu\_\_h of trees  
*n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
124. di\_\_\_\_\_d ring  
*n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
125. high imp\_\_\_\_\_ce  
*n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
126. ba\_\_\_\_\_rd angle  
*adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
127. an ine\_\_\_\_\_ve inn  
*adj.* costing little; having a low price
128. ho\_\_\_\_\_le smell  
*adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

ANSWERS: 118. championship, 119. artificial, 120. rectum, 121. brow, 122. pager, 123. bunch, 124. diamond, 125. importance, 126. backward, 127. inexpensive, 128. horrible

129. a man of imp\_\_\_\_\_ce  
*n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
130. well-st\_\_\_\_\_d decision  
*adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
131. score an ad\_\_\_\_\_ge  
*n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
132. against tr\_\_\_\_\_on  
*n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
133. tr\_\_\_\_\_rt facilities  
*n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
134. use of nu\_\_\_\_\_r power  
*adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
135. g\_\_k enthusiast  
*n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed
136. re\_\_\_k dripping with bitterness  
*n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
137. co\_\_\_t suicide  
*v.* to do something illegal or wrong

ANSWERS: 129. importance, 130. studied, 131. advantage, 132. tradition, 133. transport, 134. nuclear, 135. geek, 136. remark, 137. commit

138. th\_\_\_\_od fossils *n.* a type of carnivorous dinosaur that existed during the Mesozoic Era and is characterized by having three-toed limbs, a stiff tail, and sharp teeth, such as the Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor
139. ine\_\_\_\_ve option *adj.* costing little; having a low price
140. electronic de\_\_\_\_e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
141. human in\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
142. the RSA al\_\_\_\_hm *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
143. a ne\_\_\_\_ve number *adj.* having the quality of something bad or harmful; expressing refusal
144. re\_\_\_\_r meltdown *n.* a device or structure that is designed to contain a controlled nuclear chain reaction, producing heat or power; a device that initiates, drives, or controls a specific chemical reaction or process
145. my\_\_\_\_y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

ANSWERS: 138. theropod, 139. inexpensive, 140. device, 141. intellect, 142. algorithm, 143. negative, 144. reactor, 145. mystery



146. environmental pr\_\_\_\_\_or  
*n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender
147. bul\_\_\_\_\_of vehicle  
*adj.* intended to resist bullet penetration
148. d\_\_b creatures  
*adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
149. a leave of ab\_\_\_\_\_e  
*n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
150. cutting-edge bio\_\_\_\_\_al  
*adj.* relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare
151. laws of ph\_\_\_\_\_s  
*n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
152. investigate sci\_\_\_\_\_lly  
*adv.* in a way that relates to science or is connected with science
153. a fountain of wi\_\_\_\_\_m  
*n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
154. bombs fell at ra\_\_\_\_\_m  
*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
155. en\_\_\_\_\_s in phone conversations  
*v.* to entirely occupy or absorb one's attention or interest; to involve or entangle deeply
156. a fa\_\_\_\_\_ic dress  
*adj.* extremely good; excellent
157. a sort of ma\_\_\_\_\_l  
*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

ANSWERS: 146. protector, 147. bulletproof, 148. dumb, 149. absence, 150. biomedical, 151. physics, 152. scientifically, 153. wisdom, 154. random, 155. engross, 156. fantastic, 157. mammal

158. cal\_\_\_\_\_on of loss and gain      *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
159. pal\_\_\_\_\_ogy museum      *n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
160. ma\_\_\_e insurance      *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
161. ind\_\_\_\_\_ly impact      *adv.* not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
162. art\_\_\_\_\_al flowers      *adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
163. cen\_\_\_\_\_ge tube      *n.* a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to separate liquids from solids
164. pr\_\_\_\_\_t when she will arrive      *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
165. 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
166. lo\_\_y for legislation      *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation

ANSWERS: 158. calculation, 159. paleontology, 160. marine, 161. indirectly, 162. artificial, 163. centrifuge, 164. predict, 165. process, 166. lobby

167. ext\_\_\_\_\_ial planet *adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth
168. dis\_\_\_\_\_age small businesses *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
169. d\_\_l down the tension *v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
170. wh\_\_e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
171. perfect ex\_\_\_e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
172. cr\_\_\_y atmosphere *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
173. re\_\_\_\_\_ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
174. ab\_\_\_\_\_e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 167. extraterrestrial, 168. disadvantage, 169. dial, 170. whale, 171. excuse, 172. creepy, 173. recognize, 174. absence

175. cr\_\_k bed *n.* a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills
176. access to public tr\_\_\_\_\_rt *n.* a system for moving people or products from one location to another using automobiles, roads, and so on
177. in a co\_\_\_\_\_ed relationship *adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
178. re\_\_\_\_\_ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
179. st\_\_\_\_\_ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
180. biomass f\_\_l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
181. get ins\_\_\_\_\_on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
182. wind er\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water
183. vertebrate pal\_\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
184. de\_\_\_\_\_te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 175. creek, 176. transport, 177. committed, 178. recognize, 179. standing, 180. fuel, 181. inspiration, 182. erosion, 183. paleontology, 184. dedicate

185. physically di\_\_\_\_\_te location *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way
186. research in\_\_\_\_\_tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
187. ex\_\_\_\_\_e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
188. p\_\_y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
189. c\_\_t a charming eye *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
190. pho\_\_\_\_\_ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
191. 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
192. k\_\_b closure *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
193. sk\_\_l fracture *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

ANSWERS: 185. disparate, 186. institute, 187. extreme, 188. pray, 189. cast, 190. photograph, 191. damn, 192. knob, 193. skull

194. a fl\_\_d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
195. sw\_\_l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
196. ch\_\_\_\_r of a political party *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
197. se\_\_\_\_ed knife *adj.* having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges
198. make a cal\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something
199. an in\_\_\_\_\_le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
200. unsolved my\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
201. reg\_\_\_\_\_ss tread *adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties
202. become increasingly com\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
203. monolithic m\_\_i *n.* a large stone statue found on Easter Island, typically depicting a human figure with a large head and prominent facial features

ANSWERS: 194. flood, 195. swell, 196. chapter, 197. serrated, 198. calculation, 199. invisible, 200. mystery, 201. regardless, 202. complicated, 203. moai

204. a hotel lo\_\_y *n.* a large area inside the entrance of a public building where people can meet and wait; a group of people who try to persuade a politician, the government, or an official group to influence legislation
205. 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
206. na\_\_\_e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
207. pa\_\_\_\_n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
208. a com\_\_\_\_\_ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
209. a computer n\_\_d *n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.
210. maintain se\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others
211. a con\_\_\_\_\_nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
212. feel cr\_\_\_y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

ANSWERS: 204. lobby, 205. decide, 206. native, 207. passion, 208. complicated, 209. nerd, 210. secrecy, 211. conventional, 212. creepy

213. pop\_\_\_\_\_ze a new fashion trend      *v.* to make something more widely known, accepted, or adopted by the general public; to present or promote something in a way that increases its popularity or appeal
214. in\_\_\_\_\_te a lawsuit      *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
215. even more unf\_\_\_\_\_ely      *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
216. go on a h\_\_e      *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
217. ba\_\_\_\_\_ue sauce      *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
218. c\_\_t a ballot      *v.* to cause light or shadow to appear on a surface; to assign or choose someone such as an actor or representative, especially by selection process
219. chemical pr\_\_\_\_\_ty      *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
220. literary syn\_\_\_\_\_he      *n.* a figure of speech in which a part is used to represent the whole or vice versa; using a specific word or phrase to refer to a larger concept or group

ANSWERS: 213. popularize, 214. institute, 215. unfortunately, 216. hike, 217. barbecue, 218. cast, 219. property, 220. synecdoche



221. 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
222. the ul\_\_\_\_te luxury      *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
223. ind\_\_\_\_ly related      *adv.* not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
224. ultra-high-speed cen\_\_\_\_ges      *n.* a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to separate liquids from solids
225. pe\_\_\_\_se apartment      *n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building
226. cultural n\_\_m      *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
227. ca\_\_\_\_te measurements      *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance

ANSWERS: 221. process, 222. ultimate, 223. indirectly, 224. centrifuge, 225. penthouse, 226. norm, 227. calibrate

228. em\_\_\_k on a trip                    *v.*    to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
229. dramatic so \_\_\_\_o                *n.*    the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet
230. po\_\_t the premise                *v.*    to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
231. wi\_\_\_m literature                *n.*    the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions
232. common in \_\_\_\_\_on        *n.*    the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
233. the attraction of gr\_\_\_\_y        *n.*    the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
234. de\_\_\_t basin                      *n.*    arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
235. an aw\_\_l error                    *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
236. pre-Christian an\_\_\_\_t         *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 228. embark, 229. soprano, 230. posit, 231. wisdom, 232. invention, 233. gravity, 234. desert, 235. awful, 236. ancient

237. acts of he\_\_\_\_\_m  
*n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
238. a paper ed\_\_\_\_\_n  
*n.* a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;
239. tre\_\_\_\_\_us popularity  
*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
240. prehistoric arc\_\_\_\_\_gy  
*n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
241. effects of cl\_\_\_\_\_e change  
*n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
242. fo\_\_\_\_r two kids  
*v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
243. military he\_\_\_\_\_m  
*n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
244. nu\_\_\_\_\_r fusion  
*adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy
245. con\_\_\_\_\_er board  
*n.* a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting

ANSWERS: 237. heroism, 238. edition, 239. tremendous, 240. archaeology, 241. climate, 242. foster, 243. heroism, 244. nuclear, 245. controller

246. translate li\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
247. seafood bou\_\_\_\_\_sse *n.* a traditional French fish stew originating from the coastal region of Marseille, typically includes various types of fish, shellfish, vegetables, herbs, and spices
248. sw\_\_l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
249. pe\_\_\_\_\_n habitat *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
250. ex\_\_\_\_\_te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
251. cause an impulse to de\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces
252. take ad\_\_\_\_\_ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
253. in\_\_\_\_\_le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
254. grant per\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
255. as\_\_ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

ANSWERS: 246. literally, 247. bouillabaisse, 248. swell, 249. penguin, 250. excavate, 251. defecate, 252. advantage, 253. invisible, 254. permission, 255. aspect

256. render gra\_\_\_\_\_us service *adj.* given or done without charge or payment
257. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
258. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
259. be\_\_\_\_\_te clay *n.* a clay-rich mineral consisting mostly of montmorillonite, formed from volcanic ash and used in various industries for its absorbent and swelling properties, commonly used in drilling fluids, wastewater treatment, and as a binder in foundry molds
260. an id\_\_\_\_\_al equation *adj.* being the exact same one
261. en\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
262. hulking di\_\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
263. electromagnetic ra\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
264. soft c\_\_y ground *n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
265. in\_\_\_\_\_al organs *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something

ANSWERS: 256. gratuitous, 257. environment, 258. industrious, 259. bentonite, 260. identical, 261. enormous, 262. dinosaur, 263. radiation, 264. clay, 265. internal

266. sq\_\_\_h a tomato *v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
267. po\_\_\_\_k fillet *n.* (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color
268. so\_\_\_\_o singer *n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet
269. a man of pr\_\_\_\_ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
270. p\_\_y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
271. v\_\_y according to the age *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
272. st\_\_\_e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
273. gr\_\_\_\_ng documentary *adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions
274. r\_b cage *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

ANSWERS: 266. squish, 267. pollack, 268. soprano, 269. property, 270. pray, 271. vary, 272. strike, 273. gripping, 274. rib

275. source of ins\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
276. a\_t view      *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
277. a huge pod of o\_\_as      *n.* a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess
278. mys\_\_\_\_\_us object      *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
279. gr\_\_\_\_\_ng tale      *adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions
280. brake a r\_b      *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
281. the stock market co\_\_\_\_\_sed      *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
282. di\_\_\_\_\_d necklace      *n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond

ANSWERS: 275. inspiration, 276. aft, 277. orca, 278. mysterious, 279. gripping, 280. rib, 281. collapse, 282. diamond

283. ex\_\_\_\_ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
284. cha\_\_\_\_\_hip flag *n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support
285. common den\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* the number below the line in a fraction
286. abs\_\_\_\_\_ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
287. a c\_\_l of smoke *v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
288. p\_\_e a fire *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
289. man\_\_\_\_\_te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
290. harsh rea\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible
291. be\_\_\_\_\_te binder *n.* a clay-rich mineral consisting mostly of montmorillonite, formed from volcanic ash and used in various industries for its absorbent and swelling properties, commonly used in drilling fluids, wastewater treatment, and as a binder in foundry molds
292. pro\_\_\_\_\_nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

ANSWERS: 283. exciting, 284. championship, 285. denominator, 286. absolutely, 287. curl, 288. poke, 289. manipulate, 290. realization, 291. bentonite, 292. professional



293. weak fou\_\_\_\_\_on
- n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
294. pr\_\_\_\_\_ve my strength
- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
295. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
296. official sta\_\_\_\_\_cs
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
297. c\_\_y animation
- n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics
298. mi\_\_\_\_\_ve radiation
- n.* a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly
299. de\_\_\_\_\_te a few hours
- v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 293. foundation, 294. preserve, 295. incredibly, 296. statistics, 297. clay, 298. microwave, 299. dedicate

300. hooded cl\_\_k *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
301. walk ba\_\_\_\_rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
302. go to the workplace by cy\_\_e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
303. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
304. di\_\_\_\_\_e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
305. a\_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
306. mat\_\_\_\_\_cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
307. a bu\_\_h of schoolgirls *n.* a grouping of several similar things which are growing or fastened together
308. ext\_\_\_\_\_ial intelligence *adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth
309. so\_\_d employment measures *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

ANSWERS: 300. cloak, 301. backward, 302. cycle, 303. unfortunately, 304. disease, 305. aft, 306. mathematics, 307. bunch, 308. extraterrestrial, 309. solid

310. ed\_\_\_\_n deluxe *n.* a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;
311. re\_\_\_\_le each other *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
312. al\_\_\_\_\_hm for image processing *n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation
313. for\_\_\_\_\_nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
314. cl\_\_k room *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
315. rec\_\_\_\_\_ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
316. copyrighted so\_\_\_\_re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
317. at a te\_\_\_\_ic speed *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
318. v\_\_y directly with the price *v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.
319. 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

ANSWERS: 310. edition, 311. resemble, 312. algorithm, 313. foreground, 314. cloak, 315. reconstruct, 316. software, 317. terrific, 318. vary, 319. develop

320. pair of id\_\_\_\_\_al twins *adj.* being the exact same one
321. a broken fr\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
322. ho\_\_\_\_\_le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
323. rea\_\_\_\_\_on of a concept *n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible
324. pot\_\_\_\_\_ly affected *adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly
325. the institute of arc\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
326. oasis in the de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
327. ready to co\_\_\_\_\_se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
328. ex\_\_\_\_\_d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
329. the dis\_\_\_\_\_age of a plan *n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position
330. ca\_\_\_\_\_te machinery *v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
331. get a con\_\_\_\_\_nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

ANSWERS: 320. identical, 321. fragment, 322. horrible, 323. realization, 324. potentially, 325. archaeology, 326. desert, 327. collapse, 328. expand, 329. disadvantage, 330. calibrate, 331. conventional

332. commit su\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
333. struck d\_\_b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
334. p\_\_e around the desk *v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
335. a primitive ma\_\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
336. wireless pa\_\_r service *n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
337. pa\_\_\_\_\_n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
338. bio\_\_\_\_\_al assay *adj.* relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare
339. gh\_\_\_\_\_sh behavior *adj.* gruesome or lacking in sympathy or decency; related to or characteristic of a ghost or a monster, especially in being frightening, cruel, or having a creepy appearance
340. the in\_\_\_\_\_al economy *adj.* of or relating to the inside of something
341. his social st\_\_\_\_\_ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
342. di\_\_\_\_\_te impact *adj.* very different or distinct from something else and is not connected or comparable in any way

ANSWERS: 332. suicide, 333. dumb, 334. poke, 335. mammal, 336. pager, 337. passion, 338. biomedical, 339. ghoulish, 340. internal, 341. standing, 342. disparate

343. am\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
344. ca\_\_\_n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
345. as\_\_\_\_id explorer *n.* (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
346. 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
347. c\_\_t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
348. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
349. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
350. so\_\_d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
351. field of artificial int\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the ability to learn, comprehend, or make judgments or conclusions based on reasons

ANSWERS: 343. amazing, 344. carbon, 345. asteroid, 346. stick, 347. cult, 348. intellect, 349. norm, 350. solid, 351. intelligence

352. nuclear ph\_\_\_\_s *n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions
353. inflammation of the re\_\_\_m *n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body
354. de\_\_\_\_\_te out in the open *v.* to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces
355. su\_\_\_\_\_d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
356. Adelie pe\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
357. di\_\_\_\_\_se the problem *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis
358. av\_\_n influenza *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
359. cl\_\_\_\_\_y his feelings *v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
360. el\_\_\_\_\_te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
361. per\_\_\_\_\_on for permanent residence *n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur

ANSWERS: 352. physics, 353. rectum, 354. defecate, 355. succeed, 356. penguin, 357. diagnose, 358. avian, 359. clarify, 360. eliminate, 361. permission

362. fr\_\_\_\_nt of a text *n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached
363. nontechnical as\_\_\_\_ts of the job *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
364. do aw\_\_l damage *adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
365. de\_\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
366. a geometric pr\_\_f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
367. bu\_\_\_\_e down to study *v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap
368. the most am\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
369. handy k\_\_b *n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet
370. po\_\_t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
371. the surface of the co\_\_t *n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun
372. ele\_\_\_\_\_tic properties *adj.* of or relating to the magnetism produced by electric charge in motion
373. di\_\_\_\_se with CT scans *v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

ANSWERS: 362. fragment, 363. aspect, 364. awful, 365. decide, 366. proof, 367. buckle, 368. amazing, 369. knob, 370. posit, 371. comet, 372. electromagnetic, 373. diagnose



374. pop\_\_\_\_\_ze a scientific concept      *v.* to make something more widely known, accepted, or adopted by the general public; to present or promote something in a way that increases its popularity or appeal
375. the cy\_\_e of the seasons      *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
376. documentary pr\_\_f      *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
377. bite his tongue li\_\_\_\_\_ly      *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
378. 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
379. financial con\_\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting
380. 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
381. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

ANSWERS: 374. popularize, 375. cycle, 376. proof, 377. literally, 378. tradition, 379. controller, 380. stick, 381. environment

382. a te\_\_\_\_\_ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
383. re\_\_\_\_\_nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
384. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
385. a dry cr\_\_k *n.* a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills
386. m\_\_i culture *n.* a large stone statue found on Easter Island, typically depicting a human figure with a large head and prominent facial features
387. an introductory ch\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled
388. cl\_\_\_a opening *n.* a common cavity that serves as the only opening for the digestive, reproductive, and urinary tracts in some animals, including birds, reptiles, and amphibians
389. re\_\_\_\_\_le her mother *v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
390. bul\_\_\_\_\_of armor *adj.* intended to resist bullet penetration
391. th\_\_\_\_\_od teeth *n.* a type of carnivorous dinosaur that existed during the Mesozoic Era and is characterized by having three-toed limbs, a stiff tail, and sharp teeth, such as the Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor

ANSWERS: 382. technique, 383. recommend, 384. opportune, 385. creek, 386. moai, 387. chapter, 388. cloaca, 389. resemble, 390. bulletproof, 391. theropod

392. tre\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
393. a me\_\_\_\_\_l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
394. ch\_\_i sauce *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
395. preserve my gr\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
396. science of ec\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment
397. ca\_\_\_n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
398. c\_\_t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
399. an une\_\_\_\_\_ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
400. co\_\_\_t mistakes *v.* to do something illegal or wrong

ANSWERS: 392. tremendous, 393. medical, 394. chili, 395. gravity, 396. ecology, 397. carbon, 398. cult, 399. unexpected, 400. commit

401. sq\_\_\_h the ellipse *v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted
402. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
403. a sk\_\_\_\_\_al attitude *adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful
404. ex\_\_\_\_\_te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
405. Alaska po\_\_\_\_\_k *n.* (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color
406. a h\_\_e in prices *n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost
407. a binocular te\_\_\_\_\_pe *n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects
408. pe\_\_\_\_\_se terrace *n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building
409. a good grounding in mat\_\_\_\_\_cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement

ANSWERS: 401. squish, 402. invention, 403. skeptical, 404. excavate, 405. pollack, 406. hike, 407. telescope, 408. penthouse, 409. mathematics

410. a fl\_\_h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
411. tracking de\_\_\_e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
412. environmental po\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
413. mys\_\_\_\_\_us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
414. play in the ba\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house

ANSWERS: 410. flash, 411. device, 412. pollution, 413. mysterious, 414. backyard

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He has shown signs of uneasiness and \_\_\_\_\_ worry.  
*adj.* very great or intense; so powerful that you cannot fight or react against it
2. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.  
*v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
3. The brothers \_\_\_\_\_ each other in the hobby.  
*v.* to look like or be similar to someone or something
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ violence in the movie was unnecessary and disturbing.  
*adj.* given or done without charge or payment
5. To find drunk drivers, police conduct \_\_\_\_\_ tests.  
*adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaur was one of the fiercest predators of the prehistoric era.  
*n.* a type of carnivorous dinosaur that existed during the Mesozoic Era and is characterized by having three-toed limbs, a stiff tail, and sharp teeth, such as the Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor
7. The horror movie was criticized for its \_\_\_\_\_ and graphic depictions of violence.  
*adj.* gruesome or lacking in sympathy or decency; related to or characteristic of a ghost or a monster, especially in being frightening, cruel, or having a creepy appearance

ANSWERS: 1. overwhelming, 2. strike, 3. resemble, 4. gratuitous, 5. random, 6. theropod, 7. ghoulish

8. The engagement ring was adorned with a large, sparkling \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a precious stone made from pure carbon, typically transparent and colorless but possibly tinted in various colors; a shape or arrangement resembling the geometric form of a diamond
9. His candid \_\_\_\_\_ at the meeting sparked a lively discussion among the attendees.
- n.* a comment or observation, or something said or written about a particular subject or situation; (verb) to give a spoken statement on a particular subject or situation
10. I always carry a backup \_\_\_\_\_ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
11. Our company is strongly \_\_\_\_\_ to meeting customers' needs.
- adj.* willing to put in a lot of effort, time, and energy into something; firmly believing in something
12. He \_\_\_\_\_ the phone number and waited for an answer.
- v.* to adjust or set the controls of a machine or device by turning a controller called dial; (noun) a disc on a telephone that is rotated a fixed distance for each number called
13. Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the \_\_\_\_\_ belt to understand the early solar system better.
- n.* (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
14. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and \_\_\_\_\_ it
- adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

ANSWERS: 8. diamond, 9. remark, 10. device, 11. committed, 12. dialed, 13. asteroid, 14. faked

15. \_\_\_\_\_ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.  
*n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
16. The CEO \_\_\_\_\_ expressed her disappointment with the project's progress.  
*adv.* not going straight to the point; implying or suggesting something
17. The woods \_\_\_\_\_ the house.  
*v.* to accept something willingly and enthusiastically; (noun) the act of clasping another person in the arms as in greeting or affection
18. This facility has the largest astronomical \_\_\_\_\_ in the country.  
*n.* a device like a tube in shape containing lenses used to magnify and observe distant objects
19. The \_\_\_\_ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.  
*adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
20. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
21. 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
22. He studied the \_\_\_\_\_ of radiation.  
*n.* the science of matter and energy and their interactions

ANSWERS: 15. Climate, 16. indirectly, 17. embrace, 18. telescope, 19. aft, 20. environment, 21. process, 22. physics



23. They hope to \_\_\_\_\_ their business worldwide.  
*v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
24. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your strengths and weaknesses.  
*v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
25. This region has many \_\_\_\_\_ offering higher education.  
*n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
26. His professional experience includes all \_\_\_\_\_ of media production.  
*n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
27. The expert on \_\_\_\_\_ species studied the behavior of different types of birds.  
*adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ intelligence system has revolutionized the way we live and work.  
*adj.* not natural and made by human beings; not real but produced to resemble something
29. The food chain causes a material \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
30. They've decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a ruined castle.  
*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

ANSWERS: 23. expand, 24. recognize, 25. institutes, 26. aspects, 27. avian, 28. artificial, 29. cycle, 30. reconstruct

31. The \_\_\_\_\_ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

*adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

32. The archaeologists \_\_\_\_\_ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

*v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

33. This car has a \_\_\_\_\_ engine.

*n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

34. The discovery of a new \_\_\_\_\_ species made headlines in the scientific community.

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

35. I found an old \_\_\_\_\_ of my grandparents from their wedding day.

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

36. He found \_\_\_\_\_ in the works of his favorite authors.

*n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

37. Management must take \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the accident.

*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order

38. He stood to inherit a million-dollar \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a thing or things that belong to someone

ANSWERS: 31. medical, 32. excavated, 33. monster, 34. dinosaur, 35. photograph, 36. inspiration, 37. ultimate, 38. property

39. The cat \_\_\_\_\_ into a ball and went to sleep.
- v.* to form or make something form into a curved or spiral shape; (noun) a round shape formed by a series of concentric circles
40. These heavy rains caused \_\_\_\_\_ floods on several islands.
- n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
41. 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
42. Tourists flock to Easter Island to see the mysterious \_\_\_\_\_ statues.
- n.* a large stone statue found on Easter Island, typically depicting a human figure with a large head and prominent facial features
43. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
44. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ the latest update for my computer's operating system.
- v.* to transfer data or files from the Internet or computer network to a user's computer or device; (noun) the process of transferring data or information from a remote or central computer to a local computer or device
45. We should \_\_\_\_\_ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
- v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
46. The family decided to \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains to enjoy the beautiful scenery.
- n.* a long walk or journey, especially for pleasure or exercise; an increase in cost

ANSWERS: 39. curled, 40. flash, 41. planet, 42. moai, 43. incredibly, 44. download, 45. posit, 46. hike

47. Maximum heart rates \_\_\_\_\_ a lot for each individual.

*v.* to become different in terms of size, shape, etc.

48. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time yesterday.

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

49. We must enter a six-\_\_\_\_\_ number to unlock the safe.

*n.* one of the elements that collectively form a system of numeration; a finger, thumb, or toe

50. Infant formulas are nutritionally almost \_\_\_\_\_ to a mother's breast milk.

*adj.* being the exact same one

51. His religious and philosophical beliefs were utterly \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* doubting that something is accurate or useful

52. He made a \_\_\_\_\_ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

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

53. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding its new product launch has created consumer excitement and anticipation.

*n.* the state or quality of being kept hidden or private; the act of keeping something confidential or unknown to others

54. The gaming \_\_\_\_\_ was the missing piece I needed to enjoy my video games fully.

*n.* a person or device that manages or regulates the operation of a system, equipment, or machine; a high-level position within an organization responsible for overseeing management, operations, and reporting

ANSWERS: 47. vary, 48. tremendous, 49. digit, 50. identical, 51. skeptical, 52. dumb, 53. secrecy, 54. controller

55. The character's name became a \_\_\_\_\_ for all lawyers in the movie.  
*n.* a figure of speech in which a part is used to represent the whole or vice versa; using a specific word or phrase to refer to a larger concept or group
56. The accident caused a cracked \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
57. The saw had a \_\_\_\_\_ edge that allowed it to cut through the thick branches with ease.  
*adj.* having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges
58. The \_\_\_\_\_ voice was so beautiful that it brought the audience to tears.  
*n.* the highest-pitched voice or vocal range of a female or child singer; a female or child singer with a soprano voice; the highest-pitched member of an instrumental family, such as a violin or clarinet
59. A happy group of friends occupies the \_\_\_\_\_ of the picture.  
*n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
60. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
61. The findings of the experiment were both \_\_\_\_\_ and unexpected.  
*adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
62. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.  
*adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

ANSWERS: 55. synecdoche, 56. rib, 57. serrated, 58. soprano's, 59. foreground, 60. absence, 61. exciting, 62. professional

63. I am \_\_\_\_\_ opposed to his idea because of morality.

*adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

64. The celebrity's endorsement helped \_\_\_\_\_ the new clothing line.

*v.* to make something more widely known, accepted, or adopted by the general public; to present or promote something in a way that increases its popularity or appeal

65. The captivating novel \_\_\_\_\_ me for hours on end.

*v.* to entirely occupy or absorb one's attention or interest; to involve or entangle deeply

66. That \_\_\_\_\_ group actively advocated environmental protection to the government.

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

67. This region is predominantly \_\_\_\_\_.

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

68. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

69. The final \_\_\_\_\_ provides a summary of the discussion.

*n.* a separate section of a written work usually numbered and titled

70. The nuclear \_\_\_\_\_ was shut down for maintenance and safety checks.

*n.* a device or structure that is designed to contain a controlled nuclear chain reaction, producing heat or power; a device that initiates, drives, or controls a specific chemical reaction or process

ANSWERS: 63. absolutely, 64. popularize, 65. engrossed, 66. lobby, 67. desert, 68. statistics, 69. chapter, 70. reactor

71. The experience was \_\_\_\_\_ and left a lasting impression.

*adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust

72. He \_\_\_\_\_ the insect between his fingers to get rid of it.

*v.* to crush or press something so that it becomes flat or distorted

73. He made a New Year's \_\_\_\_\_ to exercise more and eat healthier.

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

74. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare \_\_\_\_\_ that had no known cure.

*n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

75. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the drawer was loose and needed to be tightened.

*n.* a round handle, especially one used for opening or closing a door, drawer, or cabinet

76. Marine \_\_\_\_\_ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

77. His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with \_\_\_\_\_ confidence.

*adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

78. I hope to \_\_\_\_\_ in my career and live a happy life.

*v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

ANSWERS: 71. horrible, 72. squished, 73. resolution, 74. disease, 75. knob, 76. mammal, 77. studied, 78. succeed

79. The first step is to rationalize the \_\_\_\_\_ of a fraction.
- n.* the number below the line in a fraction
80. He tried every possible treatment, including chemotherapy and \_\_\_\_\_ therapy.
- n.* the energy that comes from a nuclear reaction in the form of rays, waves, or particles and that can be hazardous to health
81. The firefighter showed true \_\_\_\_\_ when he rescued the family from the burning building.
- n.* great courage or bravery, especially in the face of danger or adversity; the act of sacrificing oneself for a noble cause
82. \_\_\_\_\_ is better than argument.
- n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
83. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.
- adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
84. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
85. I heated my leftover food in the \_\_\_\_\_ oven, which tasted just as good as freshly cooked.
- n.* a form of electromagnetic radiation with wavelengths ranging from about one millimeter to one meter and frequencies between 300 MHz (0.3 GHz) and 300 GHz; an electric oven that cooks food by exposing it to high-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which causes the food molecules to vibrate and heat up quickly

ANSWERS: 79. denominator, 80. radiation, 81. heroism, 82. Proof, 83. unfortunately, 84. cult, 85. microwave



86. He does not \_\_\_\_\_ importance to these rumors.

*v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

87. The \_\_\_\_\_ bright tail could be seen in the night sky.

*n.* a celestial object consisting of a nucleus of ice and dust that goes around the sun

88. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal \_\_\_\_\_ at that historic site.

*n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

89. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

90. The severe heat wave \_\_\_\_\_ railway tracks.

*v.* to bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat; (noun) a device used for fastening two loose ends of a belt or strap

91. The movie has received almost universally \_\_\_\_\_ criticism.

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

92. We can evaluate the performance of an \_\_\_\_\_ in terms of computation time.

*n.* a set of rules or rigorous instructions typically used to solve a specific problem or to perform a computation

93. Shakespeare's output of poetry was \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* extremely large or great

ANSWERS: 86. attach, 87. comet's, 88. skull, 89. whale, 90. buckled, 91. negative, 92. algorithm, 93. enormous

94. Many countries have now agreed to a treaty banning the use of \_\_\_\_\_ weapons.

*adj.* of or relating to or constituting the nucleus of an atom; deriving destructive energy from the release of atomic energy

95. I love making a big pot of \_\_\_\_\_ on a cold winter day.

*n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers

96. They worked hard to \_\_\_\_\_ the nature of their native lands.

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

97. His team won the \_\_\_\_\_ for three years running.

*n.* a contest to decide who is the best player or team in a particular sport; the act of providing approval and support

98. He grows vegetables in his \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a whole space behind and belonging to a house

99. He \_\_\_\_\_ his life to helping others.

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

100. He has a flair for \_\_\_\_\_.

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

101. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

*n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

ANSWERS: 94. nuclear, 95. chili, 96. preserve, 97. championship, 98. backyard, 99. dedicated, 100. mathematics, 101. barbecue

102. Scientific knowledge will \_\_\_\_\_ significantly with the power of AI.  
*v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
103. 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
104. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
105. The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his \_\_\_\_\_ over himself.  
*n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
106. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the restaurant was known for his creative and delicious dishes.  
*n.* a cook, especially the chief cook in a restaurant or hotel
107. The military has \_\_\_\_\_ an abuse of human rights.  
*v.* to do something illegal or wrong
108. The restaurant is known for its mouthwatering \_\_\_\_\_ soup.  
*n.* a traditional French fish stew originating from the coastal region of Marseille, typically includes various types of fish, shellfish, vegetables, herbs, and spices
109. We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent \_\_\_\_\_ colony along the rugged coastline.  
*n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

ANSWERS: 102. advance, 103. disparate, 104. industrious, 105. cloak, 106. chef, 107. committed, 108. bouillabaisse, 109. penguin

110. The company specializes in both hardware and \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
111. The \_\_\_\_\_ in birds is a multi-purpose opening that serves as the entrance and exit for the reproductive, digestive, and urinary systems.
- n.* a common cavity that serves as the only opening for the digestive, reproductive, and urinary tracts in some animals, including birds, reptiles, and amphibians
112. \_\_\_\_\_ engineering focuses on developing new medical technologies and innovations to improve patient health outcomes.
- adj.* relating to the application of the natural sciences, especially biology, and physiology, to clinical medicine and healthcare
113. We \_\_\_\_\_ on a new project.
- v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
114. Please tell me how to \_\_\_\_\_ this computer.
- v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
115. They \_\_\_\_\_ fun at each other's jokes, laughing and teasing.
- v.* to push or prod with a sharp object or the finger
116. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the coastline has accelerated due to rising sea levels.
- n.* the wearing away of rock, soil, or land by natural processes such as wind or water

ANSWERS: 110. software, 111. cloaca, 112. Biomedical, 113. embarked, 114. manipulate, 115. poked, 116. erosion

117. 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
118. He \_\_\_\_\_ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.
- adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
119. The astronaut felt weightless in space due to the absence of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the force that attracts a body towards the center of the earth or towards any other physical body having mass; a manner that is solemn
120. The \_\_\_\_\_ whale is also known as the killer whale.
- n.* a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess
121. Jockey's superior \_\_\_\_\_ brought him victory.
- n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
122. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
123. I regretted making an \_\_\_\_\_ mistake in my final exam.
- adj.* causing fear, dread, or terror; very bad or unpleasant
124. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.
- adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

ANSWERS: 117. tradition, 118. literally, 119. gravity, 120. orca, 121. technique, 122. opportune, 123. awful, 124. amazing

125. The phenomenon is \_\_\_\_\_ at optical wavelengths.

*adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

126. The sound of the babbling \_\_\_\_\_ provided a soothing backdrop for campers and outdoor enthusiasts.

*n.* a small, narrow stream or waterway; a narrow, winding passage between cliffs or hills

127. The sculptor carefully molded the \_\_\_\_\_ into the desired shape.

*n.* a natural, earthy material that is made up of very small particles of minerals and can be molded when wet and then fired to produce ceramics

128. Trees absorb \_\_\_\_\_ dioxide and give off oxygen.

*n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

129. The \_\_\_\_\_ movie had me on the edge of my seat the entire time.

*adj.* engaging or compelling; capable of holding one's attention or interest tightly; evocative of strong emotions or reactions

130. The restaurant serves a delicious \_\_\_\_\_ stew.

*n.* (also "pollock") a variety of freshwater fish related to the cod, or a member of a North Atlantic family of marine fish, typically greenish-gray in color

131. The \_\_\_\_\_ of water is called ice.

*adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

132. The \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.

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

ANSWERS: 125. invisible, 126. creek, 127. clay, 128. carbon, 129. gripping, 130. pollack, 131. solid-state, 132. mystery

133. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
134. The \_\_\_\_\_ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.
- adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
135. In an economically prosperous country, most male \_\_\_\_\_ is due to child support problems.
- n.* the act of killing yourself intentionally
136. I asked my boss for \_\_\_\_\_ to leave early for a doctor's appointment.
- n.* consent or authorization given by someone in authority or by the owner of something, allowing someone to do something or allowing something to occur
137. She falls over \_\_\_\_\_ when she sees her mother-in-law.
- adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
138. The police tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the facts concerning her death.
- v.* to make something, such as a statement or situation, less confusing and more understandable
139. The old, abandoned house was \_\_\_\_\_ and gave me the chills.
- adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
140. She teaches \_\_\_\_\_ at the local university.
- n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
141. She wiped the sweat from her \_\_\_\_\_ after finishing the marathon.
- n.* the ridge over the eye sockets; the forehead

ANSWERS: 133. importance, 134. mysterious, 135. suicide, 136. permission, 137. backward, 138. clarify, 139. creepy, 140. archaeology, 141. brow

142. These heavy rains caused flash \_\_\_\_\_ on several islands.

*n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

143. The restaurant offered delicious food at an \_\_\_\_\_ price.

*adj.* costing little; having a low price

144. The \_\_\_\_\_ is endangering the local plants and animals.

*n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

145. The \_\_\_\_\_ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

*n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

146. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

*n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

147. One bad apple spoils the whole \_\_\_\_\_.

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

148. The bodyguard acted as a \_\_\_\_\_ for the celebrity.

*n.* a person or thing that provides protection, support, or defense; a guardian or defender

149. The view from the top of the mountain was \_\_\_\_\_ with sweeping vistas of the valley below.

*adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent

ANSWERS: 142. floods, 143. inexpensive, 144. pollution, 145. fuel, 146. foundation, 147. bunch, 148. protector, 149. terrific,



150. We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem \_\_\_\_\_.

*adv.* after the time mentioned

151. This accident \_\_\_\_\_ a dark shadow over their lives.

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

152. It is important to clean up after your pet when they \_\_\_\_\_ in public areas.

*v.* to excrete waste material from the body through the anus; to pass feces

153. The \_\_\_\_\_ concert was packed with fans.

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

154. A lack of education can be a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in today's job market.

*n.* a drawback or a negative aspect of something; (verb) to put someone or something in an unfavorable position

155. Her sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of her mistake caused her great regret.

*n.* the act or process of understanding or becoming aware of something; the act of achieving or completing something that was planned or desired; the act of making something real or tangible

156. They issued a limited \_\_\_\_\_ of the artist's recordings.

*n.* a particular form or version in which a text, especially a printed book, magazine, or newspaper, is published;

157. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

ANSWERS: 150. afterward, 151. cast, 152. defecate, 153. standing, 154. disadvantage, 155. realization, 156. edition, 157. intellect

158. He quickly fabricated an \_\_\_\_\_ for not attending the meeting.

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

159. His arm was \_\_\_\_\_ from the insect bite.

*v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

160. The prime minister canceled visits to other countries to resolve \_\_\_\_\_ disputes.

*adj.* of or relating to the inside of something

161. They have been living near water since \_\_\_\_\_ times.

*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

162. One of the main \_\_\_\_\_ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

*n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

163. He was a computer \_\_\_\_\_ and spent all his free time coding.

*n.* a person who is highly interested and knowledgeable about a particular subject or field, often to the point of being obsessed

164. Enhanced rail \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial for our business.

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

165. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the city center offers stunning views of the skyline.

*n.* a luxurious apartment or living space situated on the highest floor or roof of a building, often with additional amenities or features such as a balcony, terrace, or panoramic view; the top floor or floors of a building

ANSWERS: 158. excuse, 159. swelling, 160. internal, 161. ancient, 162. advantages, 163. geek, 164. transportation, 165. penthouse

166. The new amusement park ride was \_\_\_\_\_ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

*adj.* extremely good; excellent

167. The rise and fall of \_\_\_\_\_ can be studied through history and archaeology.

*n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

168. We can \_\_\_\_\_ this possibility from those consumptions.

*v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

169. 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

170. 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

171. The laboratory technician placed the blood samples in the \_\_\_\_\_ to separate the different components.

*n.* a machine that uses centrifugal force (= a type of inertial force that appears to act on an object moving in a circular path and is directed away from the center) to separate substances of different densities, especially to separate liquids from solids

ANSWERS: 166. fantastic, 167. civilizations, 168. eliminate, 169. stick, 170. damn, 171. centrifuge

172. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.

- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

173. The organization assisted in the de-escalation of \_\_\_\_\_ violent situations.

- adv.* in a possible state or condition; possibly

174. Many companies are now enthusiastically embracing the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ for sustainable development.

- n.* the study of the relationships between living organisms, including humans, and their physical environment

175. The hypothesis is not yet \_\_\_\_\_ proven.

- adv.* in a way that relates to science or is connected with science

176. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_ vest he was wearing, the officer could escape injury.

- adj.* intended to resist bullet penetration

177. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

178. People can pick out superior products \_\_\_\_\_ of the quality of the advertising.

- adv.* not paying attention or considering something or someone even if the situation is bad or there are difficulties

179. 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

ANSWERS: 172. predict, 173. potentially, 174. ecology, 175. scientifically, 176. bulletproof, 177. norms, 178. regardless, 179. develop

180. We \_\_\_\_\_ taking media training every six months.

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

181. The \_\_\_\_\_ layer in the landfill helps prevent toxic leakage into the groundwater.

- n.* a clay-rich mineral consisting mostly of montmorillonite, formed from volcanic ash and used in various industries for its absorbent and swelling properties, commonly used in drilling fluids, wastewater treatment, and as a binder in foundry molds

182. She closed her eyes and \_\_\_\_\_ for strength to overcome difficult times.

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

183. Solar gravity creates \_\_\_\_\_ pressures and temperatures.

- adj.* very great in amount or degree

184. The community greatly respected and sought after the older adult's \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the quality of being wise, or the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make sensible decisions

185. His \_\_\_\_\_ showed highly positive results.

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

186. The archaeologist carefully pieced together the tiny \_\_\_\_\_ of pottery found at the dig site.

- n.* a small piece or part broken off or detached

187. Scientists are constantly searching for signs of \_\_\_\_\_ life in the universe.

- adj.* relating to or existing outside of the Earth's atmosphere or planetary boundaries; pertaining to beings or phenomena that originate from beyond the Earth

ANSWERS: 180. recommend, 181. bentonite, 182. prayed, 183. extreme, 184.

wisdom, 185. experiments, 186. fragments, 187. extraterrestrial

188. Hemorrhoids can cause discomfort and bleeding in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the final segment of the large intestine, responsible for storing and expelling fecal matter from the body

189. This device is used to \_\_\_\_\_ brain cancer and other tumors.

- v.* to determine or distinguish the nature of a problem or an illness through a careful analysis

190. 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

191. Seals and whales are \_\_\_\_\_ animals beloved by the people.

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

192. His hypothesis concerns the role of an \_\_\_\_\_ field in human health.

- adj.* of or relating to the magnetism produced by electric charge in motion

193. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the famous hero stood proudly in the town square.

- n.* a sculpture of a person or animal, typically made of stone or metal, that is intended to represent the subject in a lifelike or symbolic way

194. The vegetation here is almost wholly \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

195. The error in the \_\_\_\_\_ was attributable to rounding.

- n.* the act or process of using numbers to judge an amount of something

ANSWERS: 188. rectum, 189. diagnose, 190. decide, 191. marine, 192. electromagnetic, 193. statue, 194. native, 195. calculation

196. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ the equipment regularly to ensure accurate results.
- v.* to measure or adjust something, typically a machine or device, to ensure accurate functioning or to match a standard or desired level of performance
197. The company provides all employees with a digital \_\_\_\_\_ for emergency purposes.
- n.* a small electronic device used for sending and receiving short text messages, often used in hospitals or other professional settings
198. He did \_\_\_\_\_ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.
- adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
199. The pastor contributed to \_\_\_\_\_ the sense of a community embracing all classes.
- v.* to promote growth; to take care of another person's child, usually for a limited time, without becoming their legal parents
200. She is very \_\_\_\_\_ in her thoughts.
- adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
201. The roof finally \_\_\_\_\_ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.
- v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
202. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
203. 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

ANSWERS: 196. calibrate, 197. pager, 198. complicated, 199. fostering, 200. conventional, 201. collapsed, 202. invention, 203. intelligence,



204. My interest in \_\_\_\_\_ research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.

*n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth

205. The \_\_\_\_\_ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

*adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

206. He was, by nature, a cyber \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a person who is very interested in and knowledgeable about a particular subject such as computers, mathematics, chess, etc.

207. Her \_\_\_\_\_ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

*n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

ANSWERS: 204. paleontology, 205. unexpected, 206. nerd, 207. passion