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Session 1: Word List

editorial

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

synonym : comment, opinion, critique

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

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

encyclopedia

n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

synonym : dictionary, compendium, almanac

(1) **encyclopedia** entry, (2) online **encyclopedia**

Many bookshops no longer carry printed **encyclopedias**, but some libraries still hold onto their collections.

radical

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

synonym : extreme, revolutionary

(1) a **radical** flaw in the plan, (2) a **radical** cure

The government established by the coup was more **radical** than before.

stodgy

adj. dull, uninteresting, or overly conservative; lacking in imagination or creativity; tending to resist change or innovation

synonym : dull, boring, uninteresting

(1) **stodgy** food, (2) **stodgy** style

The **stodgy** old professor refused to adopt any new teaching methods or technologies.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym : online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

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.

demonstration

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

synonym : manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**

Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

license

n. an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

synonym : permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

volunteer

n. a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do

synonym: unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

(1) seek **volunteers**, (2) my **volunteer** work

The teachers make full use of **volunteer** assistance.

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**.

demonstrate

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

synonym: show, illustrate, display

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

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

edit

v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it

synonym: revise, modify, adjust

(1) **edit** a history book, (2) **edit** a video

I need to **edit** this document before submitting it to my boss.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

virtually

adv. almost completely

synonym: almost, basically, nearly

(1) **virtually** all countries, (2) **virtually** identical
Virtually all the parties signed the contract.

organization

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

synonym: association, institution, community

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

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.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency
Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym: center, basis, heart

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

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym: aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse
We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially

the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

synonym: separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym: deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

decision

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

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

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

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

entrepreneur

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

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**
Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

redistribute

v. to share something among people in a different way
synonym: rearrange, readjust, reconstruct

(1) **redistribute** income fairly, (2) **redistribute** data

The general **redistributed** the troops more strategically.

commerce

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

synonym: trade, transaction, dealings

(1) interstate **commerce**, (2) the local chamber of **commerce**

This company has invested heavily in Internet **commerce**.

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.

donation

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

synonym: contribution, gift, subsidy

(1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**

He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

graph

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

synonym: chart, diagram, figure

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

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

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable

of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym: congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

cluster

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

synonym: group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

discuss

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

synonym: talk about, converse, debate

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

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

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

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

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

corporate

adj. of or relating to a large company

synonym: business, commercial, organizational

(1) **corporate** right, (2) **corporate** environment

The **corporate** office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.

operate

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

synonym: work, use, employ

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

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

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker

synonym: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation

The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

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.

server

n. a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant

synonym: computer, waiter, waitperson

(1) a mail **server**, (2) work as a **server** in a restaurant

After the airing of the TV commercial, many people accessed the website, and the **server** went down.

ragtag

adj. consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality

synonym: disheveled, fragmented, motley

(1) **ragtag** clothing, (2) **ragtag** team

The army's **ragtag** troop was no match for the well-equipped enemy.

organ

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

synonym: function, structure

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

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

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.

pitch

n. the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

synonym: angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

administrator

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

synonym: manager, executive, supervisor

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

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

afford

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

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

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

standby

n. a state of readiness or preparedness, especially in anticipation of an event or situation; a backup or reserve option or plan available in case of need

synonym: understudy, reserve, backup

(1) airline **standby** ticket, (2) **standby** power

I'm in **standby** mode, awaiting the phone call from the job I interviewed for.

crew

n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

synonym: team, group, squad

(1) the film **crew**, (2) the **crew** of a fishing boat

The ship's **crew** worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.

bandwidth

n. the amount of data that can be transmitted or processed at one time often used to describe the capacity of

electronic communication or computing systems

synonym: capacity, data transfer rate, network speed

(1) **bandwidth** allocation, (2) increase **bandwidth**

I don't have the **bandwidth** to take on any new projects, as I'm already working on multiple assignments.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

rub

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

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

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

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

ridiculous

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

synonym: absurd, fatuous, foolish

(1) a **ridiculous** amount of money, (2) a **ridiculous** suggestion

Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as **ridiculous** but was later proven correct.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym : apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

degenerate

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition

synonym : deteriorate, decline, decay

(1) **degenerate** into a disagreement, (2) **degenerate** into recession

The once-thriving city has **degenerated** into a crime-ridden slum.

encouraging

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

synonym : uplifting, inspiring, optimistic

(1) **encouraging** approval, (2) **encouraging** sign

The test results were **encouraging** and showed improvement.

multimedia

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

synonym : interactive, mixed media

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

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

controversy

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

synonym : disagreement, dispute, argument

(1) **controversy** among researchers, (2) arouse **controversy**

They entered into **controversy** with the member of the ruling party.

extensive

adj. covering a large area; having a wide range

synonym : ample, comprehensive, vast

(1) **extensive** experience, (2) have **extensive** vocabulary

The incident attracted **extensive** media coverage throughout the world.

elect

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

synonym : select, choose, prefer

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

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

contentious

adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

synonym : antagonistic, combative, confrontational

(1) **contentious** subject, (2) **contentious** debate

There are many **contentious** issues in claiming a patent.

communal

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

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

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

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

quotation

n. a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

synonym : excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**

He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

slight

adj. very small in degree or amount

synonym : feeble, nuanced, subtle

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

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

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

occasion

n. a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

synonym: event, time, occurrence

(1) a glad **occasion**, (2) as **occasion** demands

She wore her best dress for the special **occasion**.

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.

bush

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

synonym: copse, scrub, brushwood

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

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

occasionally

adv. now and then; sometimes but not often

synonym: periodically, sometimes, from time to time

(1) **occasionally** dine with friends, (2) **occasionally** change the routine

She still **occasionally** writes a short romance novel.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

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

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

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym : contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym : subject, theme, issue

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

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

neutral

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

synonym : impartial, uninvolved, halfhearted

(1) permanently **neutral** country, (2) **neutral** colors

A legislative speaker should always be **neutral**.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym : toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym : guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an

important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

thoughtful

adj. characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought

synonym: considerate, attentive, kind

(1) **thoughtful** consideration, (2) **thoughtful** gift

The company's CEO made a **thoughtful** decision to offer employees more flexibility in their work schedules.

jerk

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

synonym: wrench, jolt, twitch

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

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

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym: cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution

The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

incident

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

synonym: event, occurrence, accident

(1) traffic **incident**, (2) security **incident**

The **incident** at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

routine

n. a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

synonym: habit, custom, procedure

(1) **routine** business, (2) a built-in diagnostic **routine**

She studies gardening on a **routine** basis.

vandalism

n. the willful and malicious destruction or defacement of property that belongs to another person or the public; the act of deliberately causing damage or harm to something valuable or meaningful

synonym: destruction, damage, desecration

(1) cyber **vandalism**, (2) **vandalism** at shrines

The graffiti on the wall was an act of **vandalism** that caused damage to public property.

vandal

n. a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent

synonym: destroyer, defacer, hooligan

(1) teenage **vandal**, (2) graffiti **vandal**

The city installed security cameras to deter **vandals** from damaging public property.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

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

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

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym: component, feature, essence

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

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

policy

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

synonym: strategy, plan, guideline

(1) health **policy**, (2) foreign **policy**

The company's new **policy** on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

principle

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

synonym: rule, creed, code

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

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

debatable

adj. open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted

synonym: questionable, uncertain, open to discussion

(1) the validity of the theory is **debatable**, (2) **debatable** topic

Whether or not extraterrestrial life exists is still **debatable** among scientists.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

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

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

cooperation

n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.

synonym : collaboration, affiliation, alliance

(1) **cooperation** with strategic partners, (2) thoroughgoing **cooperation**

The **cooperation** between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.

objective

n. a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

synonym : goal, purpose, aim

(1) **objective** assessment, (2) financial **objective**

The study's main **objective** is to identify risk factors for heart disease.

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.

jargon

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

synonym : lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

mere

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

synonym :

bare, minor, sheer

(1) **mere** acquaintance, (2) **mere** incident

He lost the election by **mere** votes.

reputable

adj. having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected

synonym: respectable, honorable, esteemed

(1) **reputable** company, (2) **reputable** source

I only trust certified mechanics from **reputable** auto shops to work on my car.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents

New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

contributor

n. a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor

synonym: donor, giver, subscriber

(1) **contributor** of funds, (2) regular **contributor**

She is a major **contributor** to the local food bank, volunteering every week.

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

background

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

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

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

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

firm

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

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

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

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

negotiable

adj. capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation

synonym : flexible, adjustable, adaptable

(1) a **negotiable** bill, (2) **negotiable** salary

The price of these items is **negotiable**, so feel free to make an offer.

forth

adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand

I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym : confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

peer

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability
synonym : fellow, associate, counterpart

(1) **peer** group, (2) **peer** review

Among young people, **peer** pressure can be pretty influential.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym : amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland

Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym : proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym : charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

notify

v. to inform, alert, or give notice to someone about something, often formally or in writing

synonym : inform, apprise, alert

(1) **notify** through documents, (2) **notify** authorities

Please **notify** me if there are any changes to the schedule.

revert

v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

synonym : return, go back, restore

(1) **revert** to a heavy smoker, (2) **revert** to the original subject

After trying the new software, I **reverted** to the old version.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
synonym: waste, trash, debris

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

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

delete

v. to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
synonym: erase, wipe out, remove

(1) **delete** a file, (2) **delete** this modification

Highlight the sentences that you want to **delete**.

intriguing

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
synonym: fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

anonymous

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source
synonym: nameless, unidentified, unnamed

(1) **anonymous** letter, (2) **anonymous** house

She received several **anonymous** calls.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

knit

v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine
synonym: weave, crochet, knot

(1) **knit** my eyebrows, (2) **knit** a pair of socks

The grandmother **knit** a warm sweater for her grandchild.

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym : ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

offline

adj. not connected to the internet

synonym : disconnected, not connected, unplugged

(1) **offline** course, (2) **offline** mode

The computer is **offline** and cannot be accessed at the moment.

bulk

n. the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something

synonym : majority, largeness, amount

(1) buy in **bulk**, (2) **bulk** data transfer

I received a parcel of great **bulk**.

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.

strive

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

synonym : preserve, endure, persist

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

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

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

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

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

suspicious

adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence

synonym : fishy, questionable, doubtful

(1) report **suspicious** activity, (2) a person who is **suspicious**

We carefully examine each **suspicious** transaction report we receive.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym : feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

open-ended

adj. without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response

synonym : unlimited, unrestricted, flexible

(1) an **open-ended** discussion, (2) **open-ended** agreements

Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the **open-ended** ending.

enforce

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

synonym: execute, implement, administer

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

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

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

argument

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

synonym: debate, discourse, discussion

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

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

notable

adj. worthy of attention or notice; remarkable or significant; deserving to be recognized or remembered

synonym: remarkable, noteworthy, significant

(1) **notable** achievement, (2) **notable** success

The **notable** scientist made groundbreaking discoveries in the field of medicine.

verify

v. to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

synonym: affirm, ascertain, confirm

(1) **verify** a document, (2) **verify** identity

We always **verify** all critical information independently.

hoax

n. a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank

synonym : deception, fraud, trick

(1) suspect a **hoax**, (2) **hoax** email

The newspaper article was revealed to be a **hoax**.

organically

adv. in a way that is related to or in accordance with the principles or practices of organic farming or living; naturally; without the use of synthetic or artificial substances

synonym : naturally, biologically

(1) evolve **organically**, (2) **organically** certified

The company prides itself on using **organically** grown ingredients in its products.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym : wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

supposedly

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

synonym : seemingly, allegedly, purportedly

(1) **supposedly** identical, (2) neckless **supposedly** made of pure gold

He is **supposedly** nominated for a Nobel Prize.

miserable

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

synonym : unhappy, wretched, cheerless

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

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

threat

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

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

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

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

underground

adj. under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force

synonym : subterranean, subsurface, confidential

(1) water flowing **underground**, (2) **underground** activist

Having **underground** parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym : conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym : control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

governance

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

synonym : administration, management, direction

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

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

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

consensus

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

synonym: agreement, accord, harmony

(1) a public **consensus**, (2) **consensus** among scientists

The two parties have reached a **consensus**.

necessarily

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

synonym: inevitable, certainly, automatically

(1) not **necessarily** a problem, (2) **necessarily** true

This accident was something that happened **necessarily**.

democracy

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

synonym: self-government, republic, commonwealth

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

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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.

troll

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

synonym: provocateur, antagonist, troublemaker

(1) feed a **troll**, (2) copyright **troll**

He was banned from the online forum for being a **troll** and causing trouble.

accuse

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

synonym: charge, blame, criticize

(1) **accuse** his rudeness, (2) **accuse** each other

The witness **accused** the defendant of committing the robbery.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym: inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

aristocracy

n. a group of persons with high social status

synonym: elite, nobility, upper class

(1) member of the **aristocracy**, (2) the blue-blooded **aristocracy**

Despite his popularity among the **aristocracy**, he was unpopular with the general public.

hint

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

synonym: clue, indication, suggestion

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

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

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym: disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in

public.

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.

admire

v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

synonym : esteem, respect, marvel

(1) **admire** the subtlety of the distinctions, (2) **admire** kids with attitude

We all **admire** him because he is a nobleman.

irony

n. the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

monarchy

n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

synonym : kingdom, realm, empire

(1) **monarchy** system, (2) abolish **monarchy**

The **monarchy** government had been in power for centuries.

headline

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

synonym : title, caption

(1) **headline** article, (2) banner **headline**

The engagement of the two golf players became **headline** news.

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.

benevolent

adj. well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose

synonym : kindly, compassionate, philanthropic

(1) **benevolent** gesture, (2) a **benevolent** individual

The **benevolent** donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.

dictator

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

synonym : autocrat, tyrant, despot

(1) military **dictator**, (2) a **dictator** with enormous powers

A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the **dictator**.

compile

v. to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.

synonym : assemble, collect, gather

(1) **compile** a biography, (2) **compile** the data

We are attempting to **compile** a list of qualified candidates for the position.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

boggy

adj. containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged

synonym : swampy, marshy, mucky

(1) **boggy** land, (2) **boggy** area

The trail through the forest was so **boggy** that our shoes became soaked.

formal

adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner

synonym: ceremonial, official, traditional

(1) a **formal** festival, (2) **formal** request

The event required **formal** attire, so he wore a suit and tie.

decision-maker

n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization

(1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker**

A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

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.

Nazi

n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

synonym: fascist, authoritarian, dictator

(1) **Nazi** regime, (2) neo- **Nazi** movement

The **Nazi** party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously

not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

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

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

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.

Jewish

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

synonym : Judaic

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

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

conspiracy

n. a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

synonym : plot, collaboration, scheme

(1) political **conspiracy**, (2) **conspiracy** theory

There was a **conspiracy** of silence about illegal police interrogation.

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**.

fairly

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

synonym : moderately, reasonably, pretty

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

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym : ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

valid

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

synonym : proper, reasonable, useful

(1) a **valid** contract, (2) a ticket **valid** for two days

Your credit card is no longer **valid**.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym : damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

fanatical

adj. characterized by extreme or excessive devotion or enthusiasm; marked by a relentless, sometimes irrational, dedication or zeal

synonym : zealous, extreme, passionate

(1) **fanatical** patriotism, (2) **fanatical** ideology

The **fanatical** leader had convinced his followers to follow him blindly, regardless of the consequences.

anarchist

n. a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

synonym : nihilist, syndicalist, agitator

(1) **anarchist** terrorism, (2) **anarchist** group

The event pretty much converted him from his **anarchist** views.

flexible

adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily

synonym : adaptable, elastic, pliable

(1) **flexible** schedules, (2) a **flexible** wire

You can be more **flexible** and creative in your approach.

methodology

n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something

synonym : procedure, approach, process

(1) **methodology** for optimizing, (2) research **methodology**

We are developing a new **methodology** for assessing marketing measures.

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.

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.

generate

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

synonym : create, yield, produce

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

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

impartial

adj. not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion

synonym : fair, unbiased, neutral

(1) **impartial** treatment, (2) **impartial** observer

The judge made an **impartial** decision after reviewing all the evidence.

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.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym: instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike

Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

storyline

n. the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story

synonym: plot, narrative

(1) follow a **storyline**, (2) predictable **storyline**

The **storyline** of the movie was predictable but still entertaining.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

academic

adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
synonym: educational, scholarly, theoretical

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

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

journalist

n. a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

synonym: reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine

Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

fellow

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

synonym: buddy, mate, affiliate

(1) junior **fellow**, (2) nice **fellow**

He is the kind of **fellow** who only works for his success.

wale

n. a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement

synonym: ridge, rib, welting

(1) **wale** pattern, (2) denim **wale** fabric

The tightly woven **wale** of her corduroy skirt was comfortable and durable.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

fruition

n. the realization or fulfillment of a plan, goal, or desire; the achievement or completion of something desired or worked for; the state of being fully developed or accomplished

synonym : realization, accomplishment, completion

(1) finally come to **fruition**, (2) **fruition** of a plan

Many startups face challenges in bringing their innovative ideas to **fruition**.

fulfill

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

synonym : satisfy, complete, accomplish

(1) **fulfill** a contract, (2) **fulfill** a lifetime dream

It was the first time for her, but she **fulfilled** the role of Priest.

spam

n. unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk

synonym : junk email

(1) receive a **spam** email, (2) anti- **spam** technology

You can remove **spam** messages with special software.

literacy

n. the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively

synonym : education, reading, writing

(1) digital **literacy**, (2) financial **literacy**

Many charities focus on improving **literacy** rates in underprivileged communities.

innovation

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

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. a ra_____l flaw in the plan
adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
2. traffic in_____nt
n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
3. con_____us debate
adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
4. a di_____l watch
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
5. deg_____te into a disagreement
v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
6. di_____l electronic signature
adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet
7. an app_____te time
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
8. a w__t of summons
n. a written legal order or command
9. issue a w__t
n. a written legal order or command
10. nonmetallic el_____ts
n. a fundamental or essential part of something

ANSWERS: 1. radical, 2. incident, 3. contentious, 4. digital, 5. degenerate, 6. digital, 7. appropriate, 8. writ, 9. writ, 10. element

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| 11. report sus_____us activity | <i>adj.</i> making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence |
| 12. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 13. af____d a high travel cost | <i>v.</i> to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something |
| 14. af____d to buy a new car | <i>v.</i> to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something |
| 15. member of the ari_____cy | <i>n.</i> a group of persons with high social status |
| 16. co_____e the listener | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 17. weak fou_____on | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 18. no_____it agency | <i>adj.</i> not established for commercial profit |
| 19. occ_____lly change the routine | <i>adv.</i> now and then; sometimes but not often |
| 20. en_____us potential | <i>adj.</i> extremely large or great |
| 21. hi_____ht an important difference | <i>v.</i> to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention |
| 22. k__t a pair of socks | <i>v.</i> to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine |

ANSWERS: 11. suspicious, 12. confuse, 13. afford, 14. afford, 15. aristocracy, 16. confuse, 17. foundation, 18. nonprofit, 19. occasionally, 20. enormous, 21. highlight, 22. knit

23. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
24. e__t a video *v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
25. a ben_____nt individual *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
26. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
27. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
28. helpful h__ts *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
29. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
30. nice fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you
31. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 23. foundation, 24. edit, 25. benevolent, 26. struggle, 27. standing, 28. hint, 29. elect, 30. fellow, 31. doll

32. gain ed_____al help *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
33. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
34. denim w__e fabric *n.* a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement
35. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
36. und_____nd activist *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
37. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
38. N__i regime *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

ANSWERS: 32. editorial, 33. innovation, 34. wale, 35. administrator, 36. underground, 37. undermine, 38. Nazi

39. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
40. ad___e kids with attitude *v.* to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
41. a China-based jou_____st *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
42. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
43. damage to internal or___ns *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
44. ho_____le accident *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
45. sl___t increase *adj.* very small in degree or amount
46. an ed_____al article *adj.* relating to the expression of opinions or interpretations in the media
47. st___e hard to get *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
48. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
49. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
50. digital li_____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively

ANSWERS: 39. operate, 40. admire, 41. journalist, 42. software, 43. organ, 44. horrible, 45. slight, 46. editorial, 47. strive, 48. twist, 49. bush, 50. literacy

51. deg_____te into recession *v.* (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition
52. nec_____ly true *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
53. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
54. a mail se____r *n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
55. have a fa____y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
56. re_____le source *adj.* having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected
57. a public co_____us *n.* general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
58. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
59. co_____e the data *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
60. vi_____ly all countries *adv.* almost completely
61. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

ANSWERS: 51. degenerate, 52. necessarily, 53. doll, 54. server, 55. fairly, 56. reputable, 57. consensus, 58. survive, 59. compile, 60. virtually, 61. bias

62. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
63. pro_____nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
64. co___e a biography *v.* to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.
65. ob_____ve assessment *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
66. the ch_____c economic situation *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing
67. occ_____lly dine with friends *adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
68. 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
69. ben_____nt gesture *adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
70. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
71. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

ANSWERS: 62. locate, 63. professional, 64. compile, 65. objective, 66. chaotic, 67. occasionally, 68. tradition, 69. benevolent, 70. immediately, 71. traffic

72. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
73. en_____e a contract *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
74. financial li_____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
75. ac___e his rudeness *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
76. co_____te right *adj.* of or relating to a large company
77. dem_____ion project *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
78. abolish mo_____hy *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
79. a rid_____us amount of money *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
80. cyber va_____sm *n.* the willful and malicious destruction or defacement of property that belongs to another person or the public; the act of deliberately causing damage or harm to something valuable or meaningful
81. fl_____le schedules *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
82. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay

ANSWERS: 72. engage, 73. enforce, 74. literacy, 75. accuse, 76. corporate, 77. demonstration, 78. monarchy, 79. ridiculous, 80. vandalism, 81. flexible, 82. immediately

83. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
84. de___e this modification *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
85. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
86. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
87. ap_____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
88. scientific ja___n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
89. the c___e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
90. 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

ANSWERS: 83. volunteer, 84. delete, 85. poverty, 86. communicate, 87. appoint, 88. jargon, 89. core, 90. process

91. 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
92. an ab____d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
93. di____e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
94. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
95. the validity of the theory is
de____le *adj.* open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted
96. a ra____m choice *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
97. en____e the law *v.* to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
98. Platonic di____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
99. 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
100. j__k her head back *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
101. con____or of funds *n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor

ANSWERS: 91. develop, 92. absurd, 93. divide, 94. excite, 95. debatable, 96. random, 97. enforce, 98. dialogue, 99. damn, 100. jerk, 101. contributor

102. copyrighted so____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
103. no____e success *adj.* worthy of attention or notice; remarkable or significant; deserving to be recognized or remembered
104. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
105. anti-s__m technology *n.* unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk
106. h__t of trouble *n.* an indirect suggestion; a slight but appreciable amount of something
107. ne____l colors *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
108. ab____d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
109. an ac____ic discussion *adj.* associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills
110. de____e a file *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
111. a low-pi__hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
112. permanently ne____l country *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

ANSWERS: 102. software, 103. notable, 104. twist, 105. spam, 106. hint, 107. neutral, 108. absurd, 109. academic, 110. delete, 111. pitch, 112. neutral

113. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
114. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
115. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
116. w__e pattern *n.* a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement
117. sup_____ly identical *adv.* according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
118. con_____cy theory *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal
119. im_____al observer *adj.* not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion
120. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
121. graffiti va____l *n.* a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent
122. an_____us letter *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source

ANSWERS: 113. empower, 114. embarrass, 115. discovery, 116. wale, 117. supposedly, 118. conspiracy, 119. impartial, 120. vast, 121. vandal, 122. anonymous

123. st___y food *adj.* dull, uninteresting, or overly conservative; lacking in imagination or creativity; tending to resist change or innovation
124. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
125. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
126. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
127. ex_____ve experience *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
128. feel a sl___t concern *adj.* very small in degree or amount
129. mo_____hy system *n.* a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority
130. no___y through documents *v.* to inform, alert, or give notice to someone about something, often formally or in writing
131. mi_____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
132. double qu_____on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
133. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
134. va_____sm at shrines *n.* the willful and malicious destruction or defacement of property that belongs to another person or the public; the act of deliberately causing damage or harm to something valuable or meaningful

ANSWERS: 123. stodgy, 124. communal, 125. tight, 126. probable, 127. extensive, 128. slight, 129. monarchy, 130. notify, 131. miserable, 132. quotation, 133. volunteer, 134. vandalism

135. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
136. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
137. ra___g team *adj.* consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality
138. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
139. live in a cl_____r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
140. 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
141. enc_____dia entry *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
142. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about

ANSWERS: 135. democracy, 136. organization, 137. ragtag, 138. essentially, 139. cluster, 140. process, 141. encyclopedia, 142. topic

143. a co_____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
144. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
145. 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
146. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
147. have ex_____ve vocabulary *adj.* covering a large area; having a wide range
148. certified pro_____nal secretary *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
149. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
150. a government mo_____ly *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
151. con_____sy among researchers *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
152. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
153. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
154. k__t my eyebrows *v.* to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

ANSWERS: 143. constant, 144. nonprofit, 145. damn, 146. survive, 147. extensive, 148. professional, 149. appropriate, 150. monopoly, 151. controversy, 152. organization, 153. embarrass, 154. knit

155. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
156. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
157. re___t to a heavy smoker *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
158. a rid_____us suggestion *adj.* very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at
159. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
160. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
161. ac___e each other *v.* to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing
162. a di_____or with enormous powers *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
163. a nation's right to go___n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
164. ex_____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
165. org_____ly certified *adv.* in a way that is related to or in accordance with the principles or practices of organic farming or living; naturally; without the use of synthetic or artificial substances

ANSWERS: 155. graph, 156. hire, 157. revert, 158. ridiculous, 159. essentially, 160. absolutely, 161. accuse, 162. dictator, 163. govern, 164. extreme, 165. organically

166. neg_____le salary *adj.* capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation
167. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
168. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
169. student on a ti__t budget *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
170. the film c__w *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
171. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
172. pa_____n hobby *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
173. re_____le company *adj.* having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected
174. mo_____ly in distribution *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
175. have an in_____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
176. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

ANSWERS: 166. negotiable, 167. topic, 168. democracy, 169. tight, 170. crew, 171. elect, 172. passion, 173. reputable, 174. monopoly, 175. inherent, 176. discovery

177. cutting-edge inn_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
178. foreign po____y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
179. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
180. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
181. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
182. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
183. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
184. a blazing ar_____nt *n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
185. enc_____ng sign *adj.* giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

ANSWERS: 177. innovation, 178. policy, 179. vast, 180. monitor, 181. empower, 182. bush, 183. monitor, 184. argument, 185. encouraging

186. bo__y land *adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
187. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
188. fa_____al ideology *adj.* characterized by extreme or excessive devotion or enthusiasm; marked by a relentless, sometimes irrational, dedication or zeal
189. 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
190. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
191. a neg_____le bill *adj.* capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation
192. int_____ng concept *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
193. gr__h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
194. ope_____ed agreements *adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response

ANSWERS: 186. boggy, 187. background, 188. fanatical, 189. tradition, 190. garbage, 191. negotiable, 192. intriguing, 193. graph, 194. open-ended

195. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
196. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
197. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
198. pa_____n drive *n.* intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction
199. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
200. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
201. en_____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
202. he_____ne article *n.* a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
203. a va__d contract *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
204. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
205. receive a s__m email *n.* unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk
206. jou_____st on a magazine *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
207. h__x email *n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank

ANSWERS: 195. excite, 196. element, 197. crazy, 198. passion, 199. forth, 200. aim, 201. enormous, 202. headline, 203. valid, 204. bias, 205. spam, 206. journalist, 207. hoax

208. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
209. suspect a h__x *n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank
210. mi_____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
211. not nec_____ly a problem *adv.* in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise
212. int_____ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
213. b__k data transfer *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
214. ra____g clothing *adj.* consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality
215. financial ob_____ve *n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases
216. software li_____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

ANSWERS: 208. highlight, 209. hoax, 210. miserable, 211. necessarily, 212. intriguing, 213. bulk, 214. ragtag, 215. objective, 216. license

217. a cl____r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
218. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
219. follow a st_____ne *n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
220. fa___y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
221. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
222. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
223. make a pi__h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
224. good gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
225. research met_____gy *n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something

ANSWERS: 217. cluster, 218. amaze, 219. storyline, 220. fairly, 221. diverse, 222. discuss, 223. pitch, 224. governance, 225. methodology

226. di____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
227. an____st group *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
228. fo___l request *adj.* following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
229. the local chamber of co____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
230. ve___y a document *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
231. a broad sp____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
232. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
233. ed____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
234. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
235. political con____cy *n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

ANSWERS: 226. diverse, 227. anarchist, 228. formal, 229. commerce, 230. verify, 231. spectrum, 232. engage, 233. educate, 234. quote, 235. conspiracy

236. ge_____te more electricity *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
237. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
238. copyright tr___l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
239. red_____ute income fairly *v.* to share something among people in a different way
240. tho_____ul gift *adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
241. health po___y *n.* a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective
242. or___n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

ANSWERS: 236. generate, 237. struggle, 238. troll, 239. redistribute, 240. thoughtful, 241. policy, 242. organ

243. tho_____ul consideration *adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
244. a glad oc_____on *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
245. ir__y humor *n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
246. military di_____or *n.* a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force
247. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
248. mul_____ia presentation *adj.* relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video
249. im_____al treatment *adj.* not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion
250. a built-in diagnostic ro_____e *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
251. an_____st terrorism *n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary

ANSWERS: 243. thoughtful, 244. occasion, 245. irony, 246. dictator, 247. crazy, 248. multimedia, 249. impartial, 250. routine, 251. anarchist

252. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
253. mat_____cs competition *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
254. a fo___l festival *adj.* following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
255. am___e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
256. f___m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
257. ap_____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
258. security in_____nt *n.* an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens
259. teenage va_____l *n.* a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent

ANSWERS: 252. background, 253. mathematics, 254. formal, 255. amaze, 256. firm, 257. appoint, 258. incident, 259. vandal

260. a co_____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
261. regular con_____or *n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor
262. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
263. de_____le topic *adj.* open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted
264. fr_____on of a plan *n.* the realization or fulfillment of a plan, goal, or desire; the achievement or completion of something desired or worked for; the state of being fully developed or accomplished
265. no____y authorities *v.* to inform, alert, or give notice to someone about something, often formally or in writing
266. water flowing und_____nd *adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
267. neo-N__i movement *n.* a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

ANSWERS: 260. constant, 261. contributor, 262. specific, 263. debatable, 264. fruition, 265. notify, 266. underground, 267. Nazi

268. the ul____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
269. 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
270. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
271. red____ute data *v.* to share something among people in a different way
272. airline st____y ticket *n.* a state of readiness or preparedness, especially in anticipation of an event or situation; a backup or reserve option or plan available in case of need
273. billionaire ent____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
274. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
275. a successful ent____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
276. in____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
277. network adm____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

ANSWERS: 268. ultimate, 269. develop, 270. ultimate, 271. redistribute, 272. standby, 273. entrepreneur, 274. opportune, 275. entrepreneur, 276. inherent, 277. administrator

278. policy dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
279. an_____us house *adj.* having no known name, identity, or known source
280. the c__w of a fishing boat *n.* a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane
281. Wi_____ia article *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
282. 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
283. thoroughgoing coo_____on *n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
284. a fl_____le wire *adj.* able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
285. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
286. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 278. decision-maker, 279. anonymous, 280. crew, 281. Wikipedia, 282. planet, 283. cooperation, 284. flexible, 285. recreation, 286. religion

287. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
288. m__e acquaintance *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
289. arouse con_____sy *n.* a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval
290. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
291. fu_____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
292. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
293. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
294. fa_____al patriotism *adj.* characterized by extreme or excessive devotion or enthusiasm; marked by a relentless, sometimes irrational, dedication or zeal
295. junior fe___w *adj.* someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

ANSWERS: 287. fee, 288. mere, 289. controversy, 290. quote, 291. fulfill, 292. firm, 293. fee, 294. fanatical, 295. fellow

296. ga_____e collection	<i>n.</i> waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
297. infrared sp_____um	<i>n.</i> an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
298. pr_____le of treatment	<i>n.</i> a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
299. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss	<i>v.</i> to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
300. an op_____ne remark	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
301. co_____al swimming pool	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
302. industry-sp_____ic regulations	<i>adj.</i> clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
303. co_____t car	<i>n.</i> an idea or principle associated with something abstract
304. bitter ir__y	<i>n.</i> the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect
305. his social st_____ng	<i>adj.</i> existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
306. ad___e the subtlety of the distinctions	<i>v.</i> to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed

ANSWERS: 296. garbage, 297. spectrum, 298. principle, 299. assume, 300. opportune, 301. communal, 302. specific, 303. concept, 304. irony, 305. standing, 306. admire

307. r_b shoulders *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
308. ho____le smell *adj.* extremely unpleasant or bad; causing fear or disgust
309. em____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
310. heavy tr____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
311. con____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
312. a campus dem____ion *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
313. ba____th allocation *n.* the amount of data that can be transmitted or processed at one time often used to describe the capacity of electronic communication or computing systems
314. bombs fell at ra____m *adj.* made, done, or happening without method, conscious decision, or any regular pattern
315. take a qu____on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
316. ch____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

ANSWERS: 307. rub, 308. horrible, 309. employee, 310. traffic, 311. controversial, 312. demonstration, 313. bandwidth, 314. random, 315. quotation, 316. chaotic

317. con_____us subject *adj.* likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue
318. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
319. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
320. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
321. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
322. online enc_____dia *n.* a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically
323. evolve org_____ly *adv.* in a way that is related to or in accordance with the principles or practices of organic farming or living; naturally; without the use of synthetic or artificial substances
324. a good grounding in mat_____cs *n.* the science dealing with the logic of quantities, shapes, spaces, and arrangement
325. buy in b__k *n.* the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
326. interstate co_____ce *n.* the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale
327. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 317. contentious, 318. concept, 319. core, 320. operate, 321. mention, 322. encyclopedia, 323. organically, 324. mathematics, 325. bulk, 326. commerce, 327. threat

328. p__r review *n.* a person who has the same age, status, or ability
329. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
330. a person who is sus_____us *adj.* making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
331. m__e incident *adj.* used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is
332. ve___y identity *v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct
333. Wi_____ia entry *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
334. a selfish de_____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
335. work as a se___r in a restaurant *n.* a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
336. mul_____ia design *adj.* relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video
337. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

ANSWERS: 328. peer, 329. hire, 330. suspicious, 331. mere, 332. verify, 333. Wikipedia, 334. decision, 335. server, 336. multimedia, 337. divide

338. banner he _____ne	<i>n.</i>	a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page
339. make a do _____on	<i>n.</i>	a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
340. co _____us among scientists	<i>n.</i>	general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole
341. dem _____te a difference	<i>v.</i>	to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
342. lo _____e a missing pet	<i>v.</i>	to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
343. p ____r group	<i>n.</i>	a person who has the same age, status, or ability
344. the ar _____nt against capital punishment	<i>n.</i>	a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
345. as _____e an important role	<i>v.</i>	to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
346. Je _____h culture	<i>adj.</i>	of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
347. enc _____ng approval	<i>adj.</i>	giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring
348. no _____e achievement	<i>adj.</i>	worthy of attention or notice; remarkable or significant; deserving to be recognized or remembered

ANSWERS: 338. headline, 339. donation, 340. consensus, 341. demonstrate, 342. locate, 343. peer, 344. argument, 345. assume, 346. Jewish, 347. encouraging, 348. notable

349. em____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
350. feed a tr__l *n.* a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat
351. me____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
352. economic th__t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
353. a g__m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
354. freedom of re____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
355. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
356. 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: 349. employee, 350. troll, 351. mention, 352. threat, 353. germ, 354. religion, 355. obvious, 356. planet

357. un_____ne their adversary's reputation
v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
358. ex_____e sports
adj. very great in amount or degree
359. of_____e mode
adj. not connected to the internet
360. vi_____ly identical
adv. almost completely
361. di_____s solutions
v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
362. st_____e a blow
v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
363. st_____y style
adj. dull, uninteresting, or overly conservative; lacking in imagination or creativity; tending to resist change or innovation
364. po_____y alleviation
n. the condition of being extremely poor
365. a_m at a specific target
v. to try or plan to get or achieve something
366. pr_____le cause of a fire
adj. likely to happen or likely to be true
367. dem_____te mastery
v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
368. pr_____le in business
n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

ANSWERS: 357. undermine, 358. extreme, 359. offline, 360. virtually, 361. discuss, 362. strike, 363. stodgy, 364. poverty, 365. aim, 366. probable, 367. demonstrate, 368. principle

369. a ticket va__d for two days *adj.* having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable
370. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
371. bo__y area *adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
372. st_____y power *n.* a state of readiness or preparedness, especially in anticipation of an event or situation; a backup or reserve option or plan available in case of need
373. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
374. act as a dec_____ker *n.* a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
375. corporate gov_____ce *n.* the act or process of governing or managing a political, social, or economic entity; the systems or principles that guide such processes
376. met_____gy for optimizing *n.* a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something
377. of_____e course *adj.* not connected to the internet

ANSWERS: 369. valid, 370. license, 371. boggy, 372. standby, 373. recreation, 374. decision-maker, 375. governance, 376. methodology, 377. offline

378. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
379. an ope_____ed discussion *adj.* without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
380. as oc_____on demands *n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done
381. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
382. finally come to fr_____on *n.* the realization or fulfillment of a plan, goal, or desire; the achievement or completion of something desired or worked for; the state of being fully developed or accomplished
383. ro_____e business *n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program
384. ge_____te \$100 a month *v.* to produce or create something; to make offspring by reproduction
385. a ra_____l cure *adj.* relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions
386. re____t to the original subject *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
387. increase ba_____th *n.* the amount of data that can be transmitted or processed at one time often used to describe the capacity of electronic communication or computing systems

ANSWERS: 378. germ, 379. open-ended, 380. occasion, 381. dialogue, 382. fruition, 383. routine, 384. generate, 385. radical, 386. revert, 387. bandwidth

388. fu____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
389. business ja____n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
390. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
391. the blue-blooded ari_____cy *n.* a group of persons with high social status
392. j__k the rope *v.* to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
393. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
394. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
395. r_b a glass window *v.* to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure
396. st___e for excellence *v.* to try very hard to do, achieve, or obtain something
397. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 388. fulfill, 389. jargon, 390. communicate, 391. aristocracy, 392. jerk, 393. forth, 394. absolutely, 395. rub, 396. strive, 397. decision

398. neckless sup_____ly made of pure gold
adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure
399. co_____te environment
adj. of or relating to a large company
400. coo_____on with strategic partners
n. the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
401. 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
402. political do_____on
n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
403. e__t a history book
v. to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
404. predictable st_____ne
n. the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
405. go___n a public enterprise
v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
406. his conclusion was ob_____s
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
407. ac_____ic probation
adj. associated with schools, colleges, and universities, especially studying and thinking, not with practical skills

ANSWERS: 398. supposedly, 399. corporate, 400. cooperation, 401. strike, 402. donation, 403. edit, 404. storyline, 405. govern, 406. obvious, 407. academic

408. con_____ial book

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

409. ed_____e public

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

410. Je____h history

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

ANSWERS: 408. controversial, 409. educate, 410. Jewish

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He lost the election by _____ votes.

adj. used to emphasize how insignificant or minor someone or something is

2. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

3. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

4. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.

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

5. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

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

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

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

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

ANSWERS: 1. mere, 2. garbage, 3. spectrum, 4. background, 5. crazy, 6. obvious, 7. firm

8. He is the kind of _____ who only works for his success.

adj. someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same class, profession, or situation as you

9. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

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

10. He has a flair for _____.

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

11. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

12. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

13. She received several _____ calls.

adj. having no known name, identity, or known source

14. 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

15. The two parties have reached a _____.

n. general agreement or accord in the judgment or opinion reached by a group as a whole

16. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

ANSWERS: 8. fellow, 9. operate, 10. mathematics, 11. mentioned, 12. Communal, 13. anonymous, 14. strike, 15. consensus, 16. planet

17. The test results were _____ and showed improvement.

adj. giving hope, confidence, or support; inspiring

18. The event required _____ attire, so he wore a suit and tie.

adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner

19. The company prides itself on using _____ grown ingredients in its products.

adv. in a way that is related to or in accordance with the principles or practices of organic farming or living; naturally; without the use of synthetic or artificial substances

20. There was no _____ of a problem.

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

21. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.

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

22. The newspaper published an _____ on the current state of the economy.

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

23. This company has invested heavily in Internet _____.

n. the activity of buying and selling things, especially on a large scale

24. There are many _____ issues in claiming a patent.

adj. likely to cause people to disagree and argue; liking to argue

ANSWERS: 17. encouraging, 18. formal, 19. organically, 20. hint, 21. graph, 22. editorial, 23. commerce, 24. contentious

25. Governments make rules, and police _____ them.
- v. to make sure that people obey a particular law, rule, or situation
26. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
- n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
27. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
28. After the airing of the TV commercial, many people accessed the website, and the _____ went down.
- n. a computer program or a device from which other computers get information; a person who serves food in a restaurant
29. The news of her promotion _____ her.
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
30. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
31. She is the president of a large international _____.
- n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
32. We all _____ him because he is a nobleman.
- v. to have regard for or respect for someone's qualities or the actions they have performed
33. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
- n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 25. enforce, 26. topic, 27. highlighted, 28. server, 29. excited, 30. survive, 31. organization, 32. admire, 33. concept

34. The trail through the forest was so _____ that our shoes became soaked.

adj. containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged

35. He made a generous _____ to the charity.

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

36. The _____ party was responsible for atrocities committed during World War II.

n. a member or supporter of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, which controlled Germany from 1933 to 1945 and carried out a genocidal campaign against Jews and other marginalized groups; someone who subscribes to similar racist or authoritarian beliefs

37. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

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

38. The grandmother _____ a warm sweater for her grandchild.

v. to make a garment or fabric by interlocking loops of yarn with needles or a machine

39. They _____ to make their dream come true.

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

40. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

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

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

ANSWERS: 34. boggy, 35. donation, 36. Nazi, 37. demonstrate, 38. knit, 39. strived, 40. intriguing, 41. rubbed

42. The price of these items is _____ so feel free to make an offer.
adj. capable of being discussed and agreed upon; able to be changed or altered through negotiation
43. The incident attracted _____ media coverage throughout the world.
adj. covering a large area; having a wide range
44. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
45. Most people who saw the film were dissatisfied with the _____ ending.
adj. without any limits or restrictions; allowing for a spontaneous response
46. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
47. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
48. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
49. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.
v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
50. The ship's _____ worked hard to repair the damaged sails before the next storm hit.
n. a group of people who work together, especially on a ship or airplane

ANSWERS: 42. negotiable, 43. extensive, 44. assumes, 45. open-ended, 46. poverty, 47. afford, 48. germ, 49. embarrass, 50. crew

51. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

52. The economic stimulation program would _____ a lot of new jobs.

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

53. 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

54. _____ all the parties signed the contract.

adv. almost completely

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

n. a written legal order or command

56. Highlight the sentences that you want to _____.

v. to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

57. _____ dropping wears away the stone.

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

58. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 51. appropriate, 52. generate, 53. develop, 54. Virtually, 55. writ, 56. delete, 57. Constant, 58. absolutely

59. The United Nations assists countries in building strong _____ frameworks and institutions.

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

60. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

61. We are developing a new _____ for assessing marketing measures.

n. a set of ways or principles of doing, teaching, or studying something

62. A popular uprising led to the overthrow of the _____.

n. a political leader who has complete power over a country, especially one who has obtained control by force

63. The court _____ a guardian for the child.

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

64. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

65. Many bookshops no longer carry printed _____ but some libraries still hold onto their collections.

n. a comprehensive reference work containing articles on a wide range of subjects or numerous aspects of a particular field or discipline, usually arranged alphabetically or thematically

66. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

ANSWERS: 59. governance, 60. controversial, 61. methodology, 62. dictator, 63. appointed, 64. enormous, 65. encyclopedias, 66. diverse

67. The _____ between businesses and universities created this groundbreaking product.
- n.* the act or situation of working together with someone towards a shared purpose, benefit, etc.
68. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
- n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
69. The lawyer's ____ for the case was \$10,000.
- n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
70. Having _____ parking has been very beneficial throughout the winter.
- adj.* under the surface of the ground; a secret group organized to achieve a specific purpose, such as overthrowing the government or occupying a force
71. The company's CEO made a _____ decision to offer employees more flexibility in their work schedules.
- adj.* characterized by careful and considerate thinking; showing consideration for the feelings and needs of others; reflecting deep or serious thought
72. She still _____ writes a short romance novel.
- adv.* now and then; sometimes but not often
73. After trying the new software, I _____ to the old version.
- v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
74. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
- v.* to give somebody a job

ANSWERS: 67. cooperation, 68. employee, 69. fee, 70. underground, 71. thoughtful, 72. occasionally, 73. reverted, 74. hire

75. The graffiti on the wall was an act of _____ that caused damage to public property.
- n.* the willful and malicious destruction or defacement of property that belongs to another person or the public; the act of deliberately causing damage or harm to something valuable or meaningful
76. I need to _____ this document before submitting it to my boss.
- v.* to prepare written material for publication by correcting, condensing, or otherwise modifying it
77. 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
78. The _____ donor's contribution to the charity greatly impacted the lives of those it served.
- adj.* well-meaning and kind; serving a charitable or philanthropic purpose
79. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.
- v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
80. The _____ leader had convinced his followers to follow him blindly, regardless of the consequences.
- adj.* characterized by extreme or excessive devotion or enthusiasm; marked by a relentless, sometimes irrational, dedication or zeal
81. Foreign TV crews and _____ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.
- n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

ANSWERS: 75. vandalism, 76. edit, 77. tradition, 78. benevolent, 79. undermine, 80. fanatical, 81. journalists

82. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

83. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

84. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

85. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.

adj. not established for commercial profit

86. Many charities focus on improving _____ rates in underprivileged communities.

n. the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively

87. The _____ at the airport caused a delay in my flight.

n. an event or occurrence, often unexpected or unplanned; something that happens

88. Her _____ for cooking is evident in every dish she prepares.

n. intense, driving, or overpowering feeling or conviction

89. The government established by the coup was more _____ than before.

adj. relating to the essential aspects of anything; far beyond the norm, mainly used of opinions and actions

ANSWERS: 82. probable, 83. specific, 84. locate, 85. nonprofit, 86. literacy, 87. incident, 88. passion, 89. radical

90. The army's _____ troop was no match for the well-equipped enemy.
adj. consisting of a disorganized or mismatched group of people or things, often of low social status or questionable quality
91. 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
92. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
93. The driver suddenly _____ the steering wheel to the left to avoid hitting the deer.
v. to make a sudden, sharp movement, or cause something to do this
94. A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on _____.
n. a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
95. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
96. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

ANSWERS: 90. ragtag, 91. process, 92. twisted, 93. jerked, 94. decision-makers, 95. traffic, 96. damn

97. My friend is a _____ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.
adj. of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
98. I am going to trim this _____ off.
n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
99. I received a parcel of great _____.
n. the quantity or size of something that is very large; the main part of something
100. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
adj. furthest or highest in degree or order
101. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
102. The _____ office has decided to lay off 10% of the workforce.
adj. of or relating to a large company
103. You can be more _____ and creative in your approach.
adj. able to change or be changed to suit new conditions or situations; able to bend easily
104. Her research team made an important _____.
n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
105. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.
n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

ANSWERS: 97. Jewish, 98. bush, 99. bulk, 100. ultimate, 101. elected, 102. corporate, 103. flexible, 104. discovery, 105. religion

106. I only trust certified mechanics from _____ auto shops to work on my car.

adj. having a good reputation or standing; trustworthy, reliable, or respected

107. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

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

108. They entered into _____ with the member of the ruling party.

n. a lot of discussion and argument about something, often involving strong feelings of anger or disapproval

109. This accident was something that happened _____.

adv. in an essential manner; in such a way as could not be otherwise

110. 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

111. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

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

112. The _____ of the movie was predictable but still entertaining.

n. the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story

113. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.

v. to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize

ANSWERS: 106. reputable, 107. discuss, 108. controversy, 109. necessarily, 110. professional, 111. principle, 112. storyline, 113. fulfilled

114. Everyone regarded the theory he advocated as _____ but was later proven correct.

adj. very silly or unreasonable and deserving to be laughed at

115. To find drunk drivers, police conduct _____ tests.

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

116. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

117. He could not _____ against temptation.

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

118. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

119. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

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

120. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

121. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

ANSWERS: 114. ridiculous, 115. random, 116. amazed, 117. struggle, 118. engaged, 119. standing, 120. empowered, 121. monitor

122. Her remarks _____ the debate.

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

123. The city installed security cameras to deter _____ from damaging public property.

n. a person who deliberately damages or destroys public or private property, often out of a sense of malicious or mischievous intent

124. He was banned from the online forum for being a _____ and causing trouble.

n. a person who makes inflammatory or off-topic posts on the internet; a supernatural creature often portrayed as a giant or dwarf that lives in isolated areas; (verb) to fish by dragging a baited line through the water behind a boat

125. Whether or not extraterrestrial life exists is still _____ among scientists.

adj. open to discussion or argument; capable of being disputed or doubted

126. We are attempting to _____ a list of qualified candidates for the position.

v. to create a book, a list, a report, etc., by combining various objects, articles, music, etc.

127. Please _____ me if there are any changes to the schedule.

v. to inform, alert, or give notice to someone about something, often formally or in writing

128. The general _____ the troops more strategically.

v. to share something among people in a different way

129. An excellent historian must possess an _____ mentality.

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

ANSWERS: 122. confused, 123. vandals, 124. troll, 125. debatable, 126. compile, 127. notify, 128. redistributed, 129. academic

130. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
131. We carefully examine each _____ transaction report we receive.
adj. making you feel that someone has done something wrong, illegal, or dishonest without any evidence
132. A legislative speaker should always be _____.
adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
133. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.
adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
134. I love using _____ tools to create engaging presentations and projects.
adj. relating to or involving the use or combination of several different media or communication formats, such as text, graphics, audio, and video
135. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
136. We made _____ modifications to reflect the views of both sides.
adj. very small in degree or amount
137. You can remove _____ messages with special software.
n. unwanted email, usually of advertising material sent out in bulk

ANSWERS: 130. threat, 131. suspicious, 132. neutral, 133. absurd, 134. multimedia, 135. Democracy, 136. slight, 137. spam

138. The newspaper article was revealed to be a _____.

- n.* a deliberately fabricated deception, often intended to trick or mislead people into believing something that is not true; a practical joke or prank

139. She studies gardening on a _____ basis.

- n.* a usual or habitual way of doing things; a set sequence of steps, part of a larger computer program

140. He included a _____ from the book in his essay.

- n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

141. The judge made an _____ decision after reviewing all the evidence.

- adj.* not favoring one side or party over another; fair and unbiased in judgment or opinion

142. Despite his popularity among the _____ he was unpopular with the general public.

- n.* a group of persons with high social status

143. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

- adj.* very great in amount or degree

144. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

- n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

145. Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of _____ reform.

- adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

ANSWERS: 138. hoax, 139. routine, 140. quotation, 141. impartial, 142. aristocracy, 143. extreme, 144. doll, 145. chaotic

146. The tightly woven _____ of her corduroy skirt was comfortable and durable.
- n.* a ridge on a textured woven fabric such as corduroy or a raised line or stripe on the skin caused by a blow, as from a whip; thick planks running along the sides of a ship for reinforcement
147. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.
- n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
148. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.
- adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
149. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
- v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
150. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.
- adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
151. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.
- n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
152. The study's main _____ is to identify risk factors for heart disease.
- n.* a goal, aim, or purpose that is intended or sought after; a goal that is based on facts, evidence, or unbiased reasoning rather than personal opinions, feelings, or beliefs; (adjective) of or relating something that is based on facts and not influenced by personal feelings or biases

ANSWERS: 146. wale, 147. decision, 148. miserable, 149. governing, 150. forth, 151. element, 152. objective

153. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.
- n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service
154. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
- n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
155. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
156. _____ a society is an organism.
- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
157. The event pretty much converted him from his _____ views.
- n.* a person who is skeptical of laws and governments and believes those are not necessary
158. She researched gender _____ in politics.
- n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
159. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.
- n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
160. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 153. license, 154. software, 155. opportune, 156. Essentially, 157. anarchist, 158. bias, 159. volunteer, 160. innovation

161. Thousands of people attended the protest _____ against the proposed policy.

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

162. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.

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

163. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

164. The _____ scientist made groundbreaking discoveries in the field of medicine.

adj. worthy of attention or notice; remarkable or significant; deserving to be recognized or remembered

165. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

166. Among young people, _____ pressure can be pretty influential.

n. a person who has the same age, status, or ability

167. The company's new _____ on remote work has made it a more inclusive workplace.

n. a set of rules, guidelines, principles, or procedures that govern decision-making or action, often used in the context of business or government; a course of action or plan of action adopted or followed by an organization or individual to achieve a goal or objective

ANSWERS: 161. demonstration, 162. organ, 163. vast, 164. notable, 165. cluster, 166. peer, 167. policy

168. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.

- n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

169. We ____ for an overseas expansion.

- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

170. The university's _____ announced new policies regarding campus safety.

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

171. There was a _____ of silence about illegal police interrogation.

- n.* a secret agreement between two or more people to perform something harmful or illegal

172. Many startups face challenges in bringing their innovative ideas to _____.

- n.* the realization or fulfillment of a plan, goal, or desire; the achievement or completion of something desired or worked for; the state of being fully developed or accomplished

173. The experience was _____ and left a lasting impression.

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

174. He deals _____ with his employees.

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

175. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

- v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

ANSWERS: 168. monopoly, 169. aim, 170. administrator, 171. conspiracy, 172. fruition, 173. horrible, 174. fairly, 175. divide

176. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.

- n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

177. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.

- n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film

178. Her voice gradually increased in _____.

- n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

179. The _____ old professor refused to adopt any new teaching methods or technologies.

- adj.* dull, uninteresting, or overly conservative; lacking in imagination or creativity; tending to resist change or innovation

180. We always _____ all critical information independently.

- v.* to check that something exists or is true, or to prove that something is correct

181. 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

182. She is a major _____ to the local food bank, volunteering every week.

- n.* a person or thing that adds to the achievement, production, or growth of something (such as a project, organization, or publication); a donor or benefactor

ANSWERS: 176. recreation, 177. dialogue, 178. pitch, 179. stodgy, 180. verify, 181. foundation, 182. contributor

183. She wore her best dress for the special _____.

- n.* a time or event that is suitable or appropriate for something to happen or be done; a particular event or circumstance that requires or allows for something to be done

184. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

- n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something

185. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

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

186. The computer is _____ and cannot be accessed at the moment.

- adj.* not connected to the internet

187. The _____ of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

- n.* the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

188. The national election was held amid _____ security.

- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

189. I don't have the _____ to take on any new projects, as I'm already working on multiple assignments.

- n.* the amount of data that can be transmitted or processed at one time often used to describe the capacity of electronic communication or computing systems

190. The financial industry is notorious for using complicated _____ that confuses consumers.

- n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

ANSWERS: 183. occasion, 184. cores, 185. Entrepreneurs, 186. offline, 187. irony, 188. tight, 189. bandwidth, 190. jargon

191. Your credit card is no longer _____.

adj. having a reasonable basis in logic or fact; still legally or officially acceptable

192. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

193. The _____ government had been in power for centuries.

n. a form of government in which a country is ruled by a king or a queen who typically inherits the authority

194. He is _____ nominated for a Nobel Prize.

adv. according to what is generally assumed or believed without actually knowing for sure

195. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

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

196. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

197. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

198. The once-thriving city has _____ into a crime-ridden slum.

v. (of a person, animal, or plant) to become worse in health or physical condition

ANSWERS: 191. valid, 192. communicate, 193. monarchy, 194. supposedly, 195. argument, 196. digital, 197. educate, 198. degenerated

199. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.

adv. now or without delay

200. Not all teachers accept citing _____ as a valid source for academic papers.

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

201. The witness _____ the defendant of committing the robbery.

v. to charge or criticize someone with a crime or wrongdoing

202. I'm in _____ mode, awaiting the phone call from the job I interviewed for.

n. a state of readiness or preparedness, especially in anticipation of an event or situation; a backup or reserve option or plan available in case of need

203. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

204. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

205. The engagement of the two golf players became _____ news.

n. a heading at the top of a newspaper or magazine story or page

ANSWERS: 199. immediately, 200. Wikipedia, 201. accused, 202. standby, 203. inherent, 204. quoted, 205. headline